



Friday 15th December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

It has been a busy but rewarding week!

Monday's concert at St. Paul's was beautiful and really kicked off the Christmas season! The student players, singers and readers were exceptional, as was the staff and community choir.

Tuesday was Christmas Dinner Day and I am really grateful for the extra work that the catering team had to do to provide the special dinner.

We've also had the school production running over three nights this week. An absolutely brilliant show that was genuinely funny! The student performances were superb!

Yesterday was the annual Christmas Fayre. The Sixth Form student leaders did a fantastic job providing a number of fun stalls which I could see the younger students really enjoyed! £288 was raised for the [Me2 Club](#).

For the last day of term we had non-uniform day, which has raised £500.01 for the PTA. We also had the impressive donations for Wokingham Foodbank's Reverse Advent Calendar; thanks to all who donated and Miss Cairns for leading.

A sincere thank you to the whole Emmbrook community for your engagement and generosity!

Headteacher's Award

Each term I select a single student to receive the Headteacher's Award. This term's recipient is Audrey Fung in Year 12. Audrey has shown amazing effort in all of her lessons and has been diligently helping out with lower school lessons as a fabulous TA, sitting with pupils and even going home and creating little resources to help them! In addition, after our Ofsted inspection, she and her friend baked and then handed out cookies to staff.

Local Advisors' Awards

The Local Advisors (our governing body) select a teacher and member of the support staff for recognition each term. This term's recipients are:

- Support Staff – Mr Longmore: for the incredible support that he has given to the Site Team this term. Throughout he has been positive, professional and utterly helpful.
- Teaching Staff – Miss Taylor: for her tireless efforts, day in, day out to support the young people in her care. She achieves this while always being thorough, dedicated and humble.



Sixth Form Applications

It is not too late to apply for the Sixth Form – the online process can be a little tricky so if you need any help with your child's application then please contact our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

Year 11 Parent Bulletin

Year 11 parents should have received their bulletin by email that includes a summary of the work your children should be doing over the Christmas holiday plus any additional materials they could engage with to help prepare for the summer exams. If you ever need any support for your child in Year 11 then please don't hesitate to contact us:

- Miss Cairns (Head of Year 11) – rcairns@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mrs Panesar (Assistant Headteacher) – lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Science Toilet Upgrade in January

I am pleased to share that the Science Block toilets will be modernised in January. This means that we will have successfully delivered 4 new facilities within a year. While it might seem like a small thing, I know that having modern facilities makes a real difference to the wellbeing of students.

Lost Property

We're reaching that familiar point where the lost property cupboard is again full! If your child is missing any items (uniform, PE kit, coats, belts, shoes, water bottles, and so on and so on) then please encourage them to go to Student Reception as items will be donated on January 10th to make space. If items are named we will return them to the owner, so it is always a good investment of time to ensure that there are names on things!

The new term starts for all students on (the exceptionally early date of) Tuesday 2nd January at 8.20am.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Best wishes,

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