



Friday 15th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

It was good to have the opportunity to meet with Year 8 and 12 parents yesterday evening. The Year 10 & 11 Parents' Information Evenings will take place on Thursday 12th October so I look forward to seeing parents then, when we will share information about achieving success at GCSE.

Tailored Shorts

Last week I wrote to advise you of the change to our uniform policy allowing **plain black long tailored school shorts** (and that we will continue to accept other dark tailored shorts, e.g. grey, navy blue, for the time being). I have only received positive feedback about this decision. However, I need to clarify that this change is in place all year. We will leave it to individuals to decide if it is warm enough for shorts. In this way we hope to avoid confusion or disputes over whether or not it is warm enough for shorts.

A reminder of the sort of acceptable shorts:



We cannot accept casual shorts. Therefore, please do not send your child to school with sports shorts, tracksuit style shorts or shorts with visible logos.

Parent Portal

The Parent Portal app is now up and running. This app provides parents with live information about your child's rewards and sanctions so I would strongly encourage you to use it to support your child's learning. You should have received communication about this from us at the start of the week. Please contact us (ITEnquiries@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) should you need any support.

No Driving on the School Site

We ask that parents do not drive onto the school site at the beginning or end of the day. This is to reduce the number of vehicles moving around the site for the health and safety of the students. If there are legitimate reasons that require students to be driven directly on site (e.g. the student has limited mobility) then specific arrangements can be made so please contact us.



Music Concert & Clubs

Advanced notice that the Senior Chamber Concert will be on Tuesday 17th October at 7.00 pm (this will involve students y9 and above). More details to follow in due course.

Music co-curricular clubs will begin next week. Please see the timetable posted on the school's Facebook, Instagram, screens and posters in school. Most clubs run from 8.00 – 8.45am each day and are free of charge. There is no need to sign up beforehand – just turn up on the appropriate day. The Music Department looks forward to seeing lots of students there! Any further questions or queries? Please contact Mrs Wellman or Miss Ashworth for more information (awellman@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk and nashworth@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

Student Librarian Opportunity

Applications to be a Student Librarian this year are open. Student Librarians will assist with the running of the library and helping to create library news boards and displays. Application forms are available in the library.

PTA AGM Postponed

Regretfully, the PTA AGM must be postponed. A new date will be shared shortly. Please email via pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk for more information.

Early Close for Open Evening (Wednesday 27th September)

As mentioned last week, this year's Open Evening runs from 6pm on Wednesday 27th September. I hope that we will have the majority of students with us that evening to support the event.

As we do every year, school will end at 12.20pm on that day to allow us to set up for the evening. The E1, E2 and E3 buses will be rearranged for the earlier time, however, other buses are shared services so cannot be rearranged and will depart at 3.05pm as usual (I am sorry for any inconvenience). If you would like us to supervise your child until 2.55pm then please notify Jane Rimmer (jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) by Friday 22nd September.

I hope you all have a good weekend!

Best wishes,

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