



Friday 26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

We are now two weeks into the summer exams and we have all been incredibly impressed by the students. The exam invigilators have reported outstanding conduct throughout. I took the opportunity to congratulate Year 11 in person yesterday, so please take the opportunity to congratulate your child!

Single Break and Lunch Trial

The students were informed this morning that after the holiday we will trial having only a single break and lunch for all students, rather than the split breaks for different year groups that we currently have. We know that there have been advantages to the split breaks, yet we can also see that there are downsides, so we will use this trial period to assess the impact of single breaks.

Therefore, from Monday 5th June, all students will follow the same timings of the day. Everyone will move to the timings currently used by Years 7, 9 & 11:

0825-0845: Registration
0850-0950: Period 1
0955-1055: Period 2
1055-1115: Break
1120-1220: Period 3
1225-1325: Period 4
1325-1350: Lunch
1355-1455: Period 5

We have deliberately chosen this time of the year to conduct the trial while there are fewer students in school (with Years 11 and 13 on exam leave).

We will seek the feedback of students, parents and staff to assist our planning for next year.

Half-term Revision for Years 11 & 13

We will again be offering a programme of revision sessions during this holiday. I am really grateful to the parents who contacted me after the Easter revision sessions to say how useful they were for their child and so I hope attendance will be high again. Sessions will run Tuesday-Friday and parents in Years 11 and 13 have received direct communications about the programme. If you need any assistance then please contact one of my assistant headteachers:

- Year 11 – Mrs Panesar – lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Year 13 – Mr Whitehouse – pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

Supporting Years 11 & 13

If you have any queries during the exam period then please contact us:

- Year 11 – Miss Horne – ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Year 13 – Mr Constable – dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Exams Officer – Mr Weeks – sweeks@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk



Annual Wokingham Borough SEND Survey 2023

SEND Voices Wokingham's Annual SEND survey 2023 is now open. They run this survey annually to get a complete understanding of the SEND services for families in the Borough and the impact that the Wokingham SEND Innovation & Improvement work is having on families lived experience. It will also provide feedback for any Ofsted/CQC inspections that may happen.

A link to the survey is here: [Annual SEND Survey 2023](#). By completing the survey, you will have the option to be entered into a draw for one of 5, £20 Amazon vouchers.

The survey will run until 16th June and is for all families who live in the Wokingham Borough and who have a child aged 0-25 years with any special educational need and/or disabilities, to understand where services are working well and where improvements still need to be made.

SEND Voices Wokingham will also use the answers from the survey to prioritise their work.

Congratulations to Year 10!

It was fantastic to see Year 10 win the bonus non-uniform day today by being the year group to generate the fewest sanction points last week. Well done to them all! Year 10 have the potential to be excellent role models for the younger students when they become the most senior students in the lower school.

I hope that all of our students enjoy the half-term holiday and that students in Years 11 and 13 can find the right balance between rest, revision and relaxation. We return on Monday 5th June at 8.20am.

Have a lovely half-term!

Best wishes,

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