



Friday 22nd September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

The weather has definitely turned autumnal this week and we are certainly looking forward to the opening of the new dining hall. I am pleased to share that contractors remain on schedule for handover at October half-term.

School Photographs on Tuesday

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday to take photographs of students in Years 7, 9 and 11 (plus all students who do not yet have a photograph on our system). There will be more information about how you purchase photos (for those who wish to).

Early Close for Open Evening on Wednesday

One last reminder that school will end at 12.20pm this Wednesday to allow us to set up for the evening. The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been 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 the end of today.

Lost Property

We have a growing mountain of lost property in Student Reception, some of which is quite valuable (including phones, airpods, glasses). We will start to donate items to charity so please encourage your child to check for lost items ASAP.

Student Wellbeing

In her new role as the Director of School Welfare, Mrs Guinn is now the senior leader responsible for mental health and wellbeing. Should you have any concerns for your own child's mental health please contact her (sguinn@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

Careers Provision

I am pleased to introduce our new Careers Coordinator, Barbara Martins. Her role is to support our students, providing guidance and advice in careers pathways and their options. Through this journey we want our students to feel supported by the school and at home. It can be overwhelming for students, parents and carers to know how to find information and make careers decisions. Each week she will be sign posting bite size information on events, webinars, podcasts, websites that you can use to explore pathways in further education, apprenticeships, T-levels, employment etc.

Careers opportunities this week:

- Clearing and enrolments **Parent Webinar** (in preparation for Open Events). An experienced team of Schools Partnership Executives will be hosting a short webinar on Tuesday 26 September (19:00-19:30), to help parents prepare for attending an open event. The webinar will explain the differences between the types of qualifications available for students after Year 11, the courses and subjects available at Berkshire colleges, and end with the opportunity to ask questions. [Please click here to register.](#)



- [Reading College](#): open events on Weds 4 Oct (16:30-19:30); Sat 18 Nov (09:30-12:30); Weds 28 Feb (16:30-19:30); Weds 1 May (16:30-19:30)
- [Bracknell & Wokingham College](#): Sat 7 Oct (09:30-12:30); Weds 22 Nov (16:30-19:30); Weds 6 March (16:30-19:30); Weds 8 May (16:30-19:30)
- Clearing and enrolments appointments will continue to the end of September for Activate Learning colleges – [please click here for availability](#). We would suggest any students who have just finished Year 11 and not enrolled on a course yet visit the college during one of the sessions (walk-ins only).

I hope you all have a good weekend!

Best wishes,

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