



Friday 17th May 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

This was Experience of Work Week for Year 10, with about half out on work experience placements and half in school doing a series of work-related sessions. The students in school had a rich experience from a range of employers and the students have engaged brilliantly so I hope that all students found the week beneficial. I am very grateful to all staff and parents who contributed to these arrangements, with particular thanks to Ms Martin, our Careers Lead, for her leadership of the week.

I also want to congratulate Year 9 for won the inter-year token competition and had their reward this afternoon, a year group pizza party. It certainly looked like the students enjoyed themselves. A special thanks to Miss Cooper, as it is no small feat to arrange pizza for 250 people!

High Expectations

On Monday, Mrs Ridsdale will lead assemblies for Years 7-10 reminding students our expectations for the remaining 8 weeks of the school year. The focus will be on four key areas and Mrs Ridsdale will write to all parents so that you are able to support us.

Shorts

Another reminder of our uniform expectations, we are allow **plain black long tailored school shorts**. This is the case all year so we will leave it to individuals to decide if it is warm enough for shorts.

Examples 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.

Year 11 & 13 Public Exams

Year 11 have had a brilliant first full week of exams.

If you need to contact us during the exam period for any support or have questions then please get in touch:

Year 11

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

Year 13

- Mr Constable (Head of 6th) – dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mr Whitehouse (Assistant Headteacher) – pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

PTA Update

Our brilliant PTA are holding a car boot sale on June 23rd to raise money for the school. They would like to hear from volunteers, either to support the event or to bake some cakes for them to sell on the day. If you think that you might be able to help then please get in touch via pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk. Thank you!

Careers Update

- This Youth Advisory Panel [podcast](#) discusses the pros, cons and some interesting facts about apprenticeships.
- WizeUp Financial Education offers a [help for parents](#) website.
- Apprenticeships information for [Jaguar Land Rover Retail](#) and [Virgin Media](#).

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes,

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