



Friday 19th January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

Our thanks go out to all of Year 13 parents who attended the parents' evening. After nearly seven years, it is strange to think it's that cohort's final parents' evening!

Year 9 Parents' Consultation & Early Closure Day

Advanced warning that Year 9 parents will have their chance to meet with teachers on Thursday 1st February. More information about booking online appointments will be sent directly to Year 9 parents.

To allow time for enough appointments, school will finish at 12.20pm on Thursday 1st February. The E1, E2 and E3 have been rearranged for this earlier time, however, the other services cannot be altered (as they are shared), so apologise for the inconvenience this may cause. We can supervise students until 2.55pm, so should you need this please email Jane Rimmer (jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) by 4pm on Monday 29th January to notify us.

Parent Local Advisor Election

Earlier in the week I sent out a letter advising we are seeking a parent local advisor to join the Local Advisory Board (the term we use for our Governing Body). Governance is such an important aspect of ensuring that The Emmbrook is well run, that students are getting great standards of education and care, and that staff are supported and developed.

When we asked last term, we didn't receive any nominations (which hadn't happened before). If you feel this is something you could contribute to then we would love to hear from you.

Sixth Form Pizza

From 11.30am on Tuesday 23rd January the Catering Team will be providing our Sixth Formers with a free pizza tasting experience in the Sixth Form area. All Sixth Formers are welcome to go along!

Sixth Form Applications

We have now reached the application deadline so any outstanding applications need to be submitted. The online process can be tricky so if you need any help with your child's application, please contact our Mr Constable (dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk), in his capacity as Head of Sixth Form.



Year 11 Prom

We are looking forward to the Year 11 prom on Monday 24th June. There has been some confusion about the location so, for clarity, it will be at Trunkwell House. This is the venue we've used for many years and it is perfect for the prom.

Careers Update

- For National Apprenticeship Week, 5th-11th February:
 - Adiza: [Parent Webinar - Apprenticeships](#)
 - UNIFROG: [Students virtual Apprenticeship Fair](#), 7th February, for information about apprenticeships and to network with top employers including BBC, NHS, Lloyds Banking Group, and the British Army.
 - For general help and information: [Amazing Apprenticeships](#)
 - The British Army: [Apprenticeships & Scholarships](#)
 - Virgin Media: [Apprenticeships](#)
 - Microsoft: [Apprenticeship Network](#)
 - CBRE: [Apprenticeship Opportunities in Real Estate](#)
- WCSA Oxbridge Information Evening: an online event for students in Years 10, 11 & 12 taking place on Wednesday 24th January. Should you want to know more about the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge then register for a place using [this link](#). You will receive a confirmation email and then the link to join online session.

PTA – Wokingham Half Marathon - Bag Drop

We are again helping with the Bag Drop at this year's Wokingham Half Marathon on Sunday 25th February and we need your help! It is good fun and a great way to meet other parents. If you're able to help, please sign up via [this link](#).

Wokingham Borough Council Local Transport Plan Survey

WBC have asked us to share the consultation for their new travel plan. For more information and to participate in this survey, please use [this link](#). The deadline is March 8th.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

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