



Friday 28th February 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

The first week back has been very active, particularly for Year 11 as they have been sitting a wave of internal exams as they begin to prepare for the final push to the summer. They have been doing very well so far. As ever, my thanks to parents and carers for your support.

New Sixth Form Building

You may have been seen that our new Sixth Form building made the front page of Wokingham Today last week, thanks to huge support for a petition launched by a group of our parents to encourage WBC to keep the promises they made to us. Fired up by this, I have been approached by a group of Sixth Formers who want to give our students the opportunity to sign the petition (as terms of use for change.org are 16+). While I will always encourage students to engage with the democratic process, I am also mindful that they must be so from a position of being well informed. Therefore, I want to give parents and carers the option to exempt your child(ren) from signing the petition, if that is your wish. [The text of the petition can be seen here](#). If you would not like your child to sign the petition, please notify me and I will liaise with the students to respect your wishes. I have given the Sixth Formers permission to gather signatures next week (outside of curriculum time).

I will continue to keep you all informed of developments regarding the new build.

Year 7 Parents' Meetings & Early School Closure – Monday 10th March

As mentioned in my last letter, Year 7 will have their parents' meetings on Monday 10th March and so school will finish for all students at 12.20pm to facilitate this.

The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged for the earlier time, however, we cannot rearrange other shared bus services (so these services will leave at 3.30pm and, therefore, you may need to make alternative travel arrangements).

For parents that require it, we will be able to offer childcare provision until 2.55pm. Please email jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk by end of Wednesday 5th March to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm.

Spring Concert – Serenade Into Spring

You are warmly invited to attend this concert on Wednesday (5th March) which will start at 7.00pm in the hall. Please see attached poster for details.



Join the Ecosphere Team

Mr Whitehouse recently wrote to all parents to introduce the Ecosphere Team and encourage students to get involved. This initiative is a fantastic way for students to develop leadership skills, learn about environmental issues, and make a tangible difference in our community.

The Ecosphere team will work together to:

- Reduce our carbon footprint
- Increase biodiversity
- Future-proof our school against climate change
- Enhance education on climate change for all students and staff

Students can apply to join the Ecosphere team via [this link](#). The closing date for applications is 7th March.

PTA Quiz – Save the Date

The PTA will be holding their annual quiz on Saturday 10th May. More details will in due course.

World Book Day £1 Book Tokens

Students can use a token to get a free book or £1 off a full price title from 13th February until 23rd March 2025. Physical book tokens are now available to collect from the library. Alternatively, students can download a token using [this link](#). The book token barcode can either be scanned from a phone or printed out and shown in-store. Free book options can be seen [here](#).

Have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

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