



Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

I hope that all of the students had a fantastic summer break and have enjoyed their few days of 2025/26. It has been particularly pleasing to see the new Year 7 students settle so well.

The students have adapted well to the changed mobile phone policy. Thank you for your support in helping us to keep the school day free of mobile phone distractions.

GCSE and A-level Results

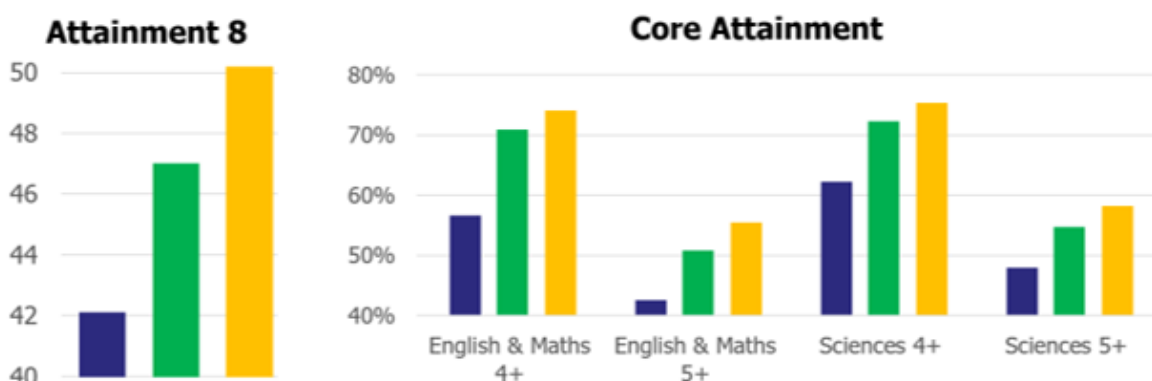
We were delighted with the results achieved by last year's students in Years 11 and 13 – both cohorts did brilliantly! We had expected great things from them but it is always nerve wracking until the final results come through. At both GCSE and A-level our results look to be above national benchmarks and continue the trend of strong improvements.

Year 11 Headlines

2023

2024

2025



Last year's A-level results placed us in the top 10 for Sixth Form's nationally and so it is wonderful to share that this year's results matched last year.

These results are a testament to the hard work of our students, strong teaching from colleagues and the vital support from parents. We expect to continue this good news story with the new Years 11 and 13.

New (and Returning) Staff

Having lost very few staff last year it seems odd to introduce so many new colleagues but this is the benefit of the increased funding we've enjoyed as the school has grown in recent years. We have 13 new colleagues starting this week:

- Ms Ali joins us as an English teacher.



- Miss Clitheroe is a returner of sorts having previously been a student here herself. She's also teaching English.
- Miss Coney is teaching Business & Economics.
- Mr Emerson is teaching History.
- Mr Evans is another returning former student, teaching Science.
- Mrs Grainger joins us as the Curriculum Leader for Food Technology.
- Miss Greig returns to teach History.
- Mrs Howes is joining as a new Deputy Headteacher. She will be leading on Curriculum and Assessment, as well as supporting Mr Tichband with Year 11.
- Mrs John is teaching Computing.
- Miss La Porte is our new EBSA Support Worker.
- Miss Perrett is our final returning former student, here to teach English.
- Mrs Sales is our new Curriculum Leader for DT.
- Mrs Tomlin is teaching Art.

Open Evening – Wednesday 17th September

We are at that time of year again when we will be welcoming Year 6 students and families to visit the school as they think about their school choices for September 2026. There will be tours every morning for the next four weeks. This year's Open Evening runs from 6pm on Wednesday 17th September. I hope that we will have the majority of students with us that evening to support the event.

As we do every year, **school will end at 12.20pm on that day** to allow us to set up for the evening. The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged to be at school for 12.20PM however the 202 and 244 cannot be rearranged as these are shared services (so students who rely on these services will need to make alternative arrangements or remain to catch the bus at 3.30pm). If you would like your child to stay at school until 2.55pm then please notify us by Monday 15th September via Jane Rimmer (jrimmer@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

If you would like more information about September 2026 then please visit our [website](http://www.emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk) or contact Mr Johnson (cjohnson@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk).

Year 8 Parent Information Evening

Over the year we commit to an evening for the parents/carers of each year group to visit the school and meet with staff (in addition to the online parents' evenings, more information on those next week). Next week is the first of these for Year 8. The event will be a talk in the hall from key leaders and then a chance to talk with those leaders. We expect it to last around 30 minutes. I hope to see you there at 6pm on Thursday 11th September.

Canteen Accounts

Please ensure that funds are added to accounts in advance so that students can purchase food. We made the decision today to allow a small number of students to go into overdraft as it was the first day but this cannot be repeated. Students can pay for purchases using their ScoPay accounts or with a bank card. As we are now a mobile free school, Apple Pay and similar cannot be accepted.



Bus Transport

School transport is provided by Wokingham Borough Council and, unfortunately, we have no control over routes or timings. We understand that a number of routes have been changed so please be aware. We have been asked to remind students that they must have their passes and can only use their allocated route.

Traffic and Safety

At the beginning and the end of the school day our site and local roads become very busy. For the safety of our students, I'd like to give the following reminders:

- Please do not drive onto the site to drop off or pick up students (unless with specific prior permission, e.g. if your child is temporarily using crutches).
- Please be considerate of local residents, avoid blocking roads or straddling pavements.

If you are bringing/collecting your child by car then we always recommend agreeing a meeting point on one of the roads a few minutes from the school and agreeing with your child that they walk from/to there.

Lost Property

Lost property for last term will be emptied on Friday 12th September after break. A number of valuables were handed into lost property throughout the last academic year; if you believe that your child may have lost something, please contact student reception and we will see if we can reunite you. Any items not claimed by Friday 19th September will be donated to charity.

Attached is a letter from the NHS that we have been asked to share with our parents and carers.

For new parents and carers, I will write a letter at the end of each week to keep you informed as much as possible (it is not normally this lengthy!). I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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