



Friday 12th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

It was lovely to see so many Year 8 parents yesterday. Thank you for your support.

Music Department News

- **Save the date! Senior Chamber Concert** (for students Years 9-13) takes place on Wednesday 15th October, 7.00 pm. More details to follow in due course.
- **Instrumental/singing lessons** (available to all students) you should have received an email/letter from Mrs Wellman yesterday giving information about tuition available. If this is of interest to you, please read these letters carefully and register your child for lessons as soon as possible. This is the prime time of the year to set up new lessons, group or individual.
- **Instrumental/singing lessons** will begin again from Monday 15th September. Please check your emails regularly for new timetables from your child's teacher!
- **Music Club Programme:** all music clubs will begin next week (from Monday 15th September). These sessions are all run by Mrs Wellman and Mrs Foyster, require no formal registering beforehand, and are free-of-charge. Your child just needs to come along to C13 at the stated time and we will register them in the session (most are run between 8.00-8.45 am). Everyone is very welcome! Please encourage your child to come along and give it a go. See attached schedule for details.
- **County Choir Auditions:** well done to those students who came along and auditioned for the county choirs yesterday. A really great response and we hope you will be successful in gaining a place!

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).





Canteen Teething Issues

As you will know we moved to a new caterer this year. The change of the catering provider always causes a few teething issues and please be reassured that we are working with them to make improvements. The most significant issue has arisen from the staff getting up to speed with the new tills and we can see that waiting times increased by around 10 minutes compared to last year. These times have already reduced by about half and so we expect to return to normal shortly. We have also seen that some options have been limited by the end of service and they are addressing this. If your child ever finds that there is nothing they feel that they can eat, please ask them to speak with me (I am on duty in there almost every break and lunch) or another adult.

Please be aware that the canteen is now cashless. This means that students can no longer bring cash for the paying in machine. Therefore, please ensure that [ScoPay](#) accounts are topped up in advance or that students have a bank card. As we are now a mobile free school, Apple Pay and similar cannot be accepted. Thanks for your support with this.

Please contact me should you have any concerns.

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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