



Friday 2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

A big well done to Year 11 on completing their first week of internal exams so well!

We're really grateful to all of the Year 8 parents and carers who were able to attend the Information Evening yesterday. We hope you found it useful.

Sixth Form Open Evening – Thursday

A reminder to Year 11 students and their parents/carers that the Emmbrook Sixth Form Open Evening takes place on Thursday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm.

The evening is a fantastic opportunity to explore our Sixth Form, meet subject teachers and current students, and learn more about the wide range of A Level and vocational courses available. There will also be information about enrichment opportunities, pastoral support, university progression, apprenticeships, and life as a Sixth Form student at The Emmbrook.

Please note that subject areas will be available to visit from 6.00pm, with welcome talks taking place at 6.00pm and 6.45pm in the Main Hall.

Whether you are already considering joining us or would simply like to find out more, we look forward to welcoming you and helping you take the next step in your educational journey.

Have Your Say: Parent & Carer Engagement Survey

Today we are launching our Edurio Parent & Carer Survey and would welcome your feedback on parent and carer engagement, as well as your confidence in the school's strategic direction. Your views are important to us and will help inform our ongoing improvement work, ensuring we continue to provide the very best experience for every child and family in our community.

The survey is administered by Edurio, a trusted education survey provider. All responses are anonymous and confidential and will be reported only in aggregated form. **Please take a few moments to complete the survey using [this link](#).**

The survey takes approximately 15 minutes to complete and must be completed in one session. The closing date is 20 October 2026. Thank you in advance for taking the time to share your views. Every response will help us to better understand the experiences of our school community and shape future improvements.



We're also keen to hear from the students so they have been sent a link to the survey via Satchel One. We'd be very grateful if you would encourage your child(ren) to complete the survey, which they can access through Satchel One or via the following links (each year group has their own link):

- [Year 7 student survey](#)
- [Year 8 student survey](#)
- [Year 9 student survey](#)
- [Year 10 student survey](#)
- [Year 11 student survey](#)
- [Year 12 student survey](#)
- [Year 13 student survey](#)

Supporting Good Attendance

Good attendance is such a vital part of being successful at school. By regularly attending students feel a greater sense of belonging, strengthen their resilience and achieve better results. We understand that there will be times when students are too unwell to attend school. To help you with this, [please see this online resource](#) from the NHS about illnesses and school attendance.

Studybugs – Reporting Student Absence

If you haven't yet signed up, please take a moment to download Studybugs, an efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence from school. Through the app you will be able to report your child as absent due to illness and inform us of pre-arranged appointments.

Please download the Studybugs app from the [App Store or Google Play](#) or by scanning the QR code. Please ensure that you sign up with the email address you have previously shared with us.



Non-uniform Day – Friday 23rd October

Hello, my name is Oliver Swannell, I'm a Year 13 student and Head of Fundraising at The Emmbrook.

The first fundraising event this year was the annual Macmillan Bakesale, which took place on Friday 25th September. This year, we raised a huge £352.01, exceeding Macmillan's target by over £100! I would just like to say a big thank you as this will help people living with cancer.

The next fundraising event is a non-school uniform day on the last day before half term, which will be for the Robotics Club and Dance Live. Both are in-school extra-curricular clubs that any student is welcome to join. Donations can be made via [ScoPay](#).

Thank you for your continued support!



Book of the Month

As part of our Year of Reading, Our Book of the Month for October is *The Last Chance Hotel* by Nicki Thornton.

This fast-paced story combines mystery, magic and humour. A young boy is caught up in a thrilling whodunnit, where nothing is quite as it seems. Borrow a copy from the library today for a read that will keep you guessing right to the very end!

We hope that you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,

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