



Friday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Weekly Update

It was lovely to see so many Year 9 students, parents and carers yesterday at the Options Evening. We hope that all who attended found it useful. If you need any further support, please contact us:

- Miss Horne – Head of Year 9: [ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
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We're very much looking forward to the PTA Year 7 Disco later on this evening!

## Year 12 Parents' Progression Evening

A reminder that we have the Year 12 Progression Evening at 4pm on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January. This will be an opportunity to learn more about university and apprenticeships. Year 12 parents and carers will have already received direct communication.

## Year 9 Parent and Carer Meetings

An early reminder that the next early closure day will take place on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> February to facilitate Year 9 parent and carer meetings with teachers.

## Wokingham Area SEND Inspection (Ofsted/CQC)

We have been informed by Ofsted that the Wokingham Local Area Partnership Ofsted and CQC SEND Inspection will take place from Monday 26<sup>th</sup> to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

Parents and carers are invited to share their experiences of SEND services in the Wokingham area by completing the [Wokingham Local Area Partnership survey](#). It is very important to share your feedback via the survey as this will help shape the key lines of enquiry for the inspectors. There is also a separate survey for [children and young people](#), giving them the opportunity to share their experiences directly too. The surveys close at 9am on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

There is also more information on the Area SEND Inspections [here](#).

Ofsted have asked us to share the following:

*Dear Parents and Carers,*

*Ofsted and the Care Quality Commission (CQC) are visiting your area, as part of an inspection. We will be looking at arrangements for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND).*



*We would like to hear your views about the support that your child receives. You can provide your views by completing an online survey at the following link:*

*[ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10410774](https://ofsted.smartsurvey.co.uk/p/AreaSend/10410774)*

*This survey is for parents/carers of children and young people with SEND aged 0 to 25. Your views are important to us and will help inspectors understand your child's experience of the SEND arrangements within your area. The survey will close at 9am on 20 January 2026.*

*The survey is voluntary, and you do not have to take part. The responses will complement the evidence collected by inspectors during the inspection. We do not ask for your name. If you complete this survey, you consent to the transfer of your information from SmartSurvey to Ofsted.*

*For more information about how CQC and Ofsted collect and use data during inspections please see their individual privacy policies: [CQC privacy statement](#); [Ofsted privacy policy](#).*

*Yours sincerely,  
Jo Petch  
His Majesty's Inspector*

## **Fire Service Consultation**

Our friends at Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service have asked us to help publicise that the Royal Berkshire Fire Authority (RBFA) is consulting Royal Berkshire residents and staff on Council Tax funding for the next financial year.

RBFA have asked us to share the following:

*RBFA is committed to delivering value for money across the services provided to local residents. However, due to significant budgetary pressure [as outlined in this letter](#), to maintain the current level of service RBFA is proposing a £5 increase for 2026/27, based on a Band D precept, to £91.31.*

You can take part in the consultation by [completing this online survey](#). The deadline is 9am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2026.

## **Preventing Winter Illness in Schools**

As the colder months approach, we can expect to see increases in common airborne viruses. The Department for Education has recently published this blog article: [Top tips on how to keep your child healthy at school](#). It gives practical guidance to schools and families to help keep everyone healthy, support healthy learning environments, and reduce illness-related school absences.



Have a brilliant weekend!

Best wishes,

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