



Friday 17th April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

I hope that everyone enjoyed a good Easter break and that the students are feeling refreshed and ready for the term ahead. It has been lovely to hear some of the wonderful things that the students got up to while talking with them at the queue for the canteen – some very exiting holidays were had!

Year 11 and 13

It was fantastic to see such high attendances at the Easter revision sessions during the holiday. The next few weeks are the most vital for our students in Years 11 and 13 and we will be working hard to ensure that they have the best possible preparation. We continue to offer the after-school revision sessions and so attendance to these is strongly encouraged. We hope that the students are getting the balance right in their own time between revision and activities to support their mental health and wellbeing.

If you need any advice or support during this period then please reach out to us:

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Local MP Visit

Earlier today we were visited by our Wokingham MP Clive Jones. Clive is a former Emmbrook parent and governor and has a long-standing relationship with the school, so he was keen to meet with current students in order to hear their views. As always, our students were excellent ambassadors and asked a number of excellent questions!



Year 9 Girls Competition Success!

Last term, a group of Year 9 girls were working with Reading FC Community Trust as part of the Premier League Inspires Project. They have designed a social action project to improve mental health and wellbeing of the community and their idea is a colour run promoting self-esteem. The girls went up against local schools and made it to the final!



Excitingly, the Reading first team will be wearing t-shirts designed by the girls at their game on Saturday during the warm up. The girls and their families are going to the game, please look out for it online or if you attend the game.

They will be going to Everton Stadium at the end of this month to present their ideas against over 50 other clubs. Good luck to Amelia, Ruby, Amy, Ella and Sherifa!

Year 10 Boys Football Success!

It was a real pleasure to see the Year 10 boys return to school on Wednesday evening as the County League champions having defeated Forest 2-1 (goal scorers: Liam & Alex). This is an outstanding achievement! They are clearly a very talented team as their next game will be in the semi-final of County Cup. Well done to all of the students and Mr Archer as their coach and good luck for the next match!

Book of the Month

As part of our Year of Reading, our Book of the Month for April is *The Wild Robot* by Peter Brown. This beautifully written story follows a robot learning to survive in the natural world. With short chapters and an accessible style, it is great for students who enjoy adventure or animal stories. Borrow a copy today and discover what happens when nature and technology collide!

Relationships, Sex and Health Education Policy Update

From September 2026, all schools will be legally required to update their RSHE curriculum and have an up-to-date written policy in place. As parents and carers, you are one of the most important stakeholder groups; you can offer rich and diverse insights into school life, ethos and culture. Once the draft policy is ready, I will share it with you for comment and question.

New content (from 2026) includes AI literacy, while personal safety now extends to topics such as knife crime and conflict resolution. There's a much stronger focus on tackling misogyny, incel culture, and their influence on attitudes toward women and girls, as well as recognising how these issues can negatively affect boys and young men. The guidance also explores the impact of pornography and introduces more detailed learning about menstrual and gynaecological health, including conditions like endometriosis and menopause. Finally, there's a greater emphasis on equipping pupils with the skills and confidence to access healthcare services when they need them. The draft policy will be ready in a few weeks.

Safer Schools Partnership

We are working closely with our local police team as part of the Police and Crime Commissioners wider plan to strengthen community policing and increase visibility within local areas. This partnership is proactive and preventative, not reactive, and focuses on building positive relationships that support the safety and wellbeing of young people. By having a more visible police presence, schools and the police can work together to educate, support, and reassure students and families. This approach reflects a return to a "bobby on the beat" style





of policing, helping to foster trust, familiarity, and a stronger sense of community. Please find attached information which provides further details.

Have a brilliant weekend!

Best wishes,

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