



Friday 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

It was excellent to see so many students and families from the older years attend the careers fair after school on Friday. We thought that it was a valuable opportunity to engage with employers and we hope that those who attended found it useful.

Year 11 and 13 Mock Exams

A huge well done to Year 11 on completing their mock exams. They have been utterly brilliant. Over the coming days the students will receive their feedback from teachers and it is so important that this advice is used so that students can learn from the mocks to strengthen their performance in the summer.

Now Year 13 will sit their mocks. If you would like any advice or guidance then please contact us:

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- Mr Whitehouse – Assistant Headteacher – pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mr Weeks – Exams Officer – sweeks@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

We will soon be launching the Easter revision programme and we hope that students will be able to participate as, from experience, we know that it can be a valuable provision.

Year 9 Parents' Meetings

A final reminder that Year 9 have their parents' meeting on Wednesday 4th February. Year 9 parents and carers have received direct communication about booking appointments and we are looking forward to these important meetings.

For all parents and carers, please be aware that in order to facilitate the meetings, **school will finish for all students at 12.20pm on Wednesday 4th February**. The E1, E2 and E3 buses have been rearranged for the earlier time, however, we cannot rearrange other shared bus services (so these services will leave at 3.30pm and, therefore, you may need to make alternative travel arrangements).

For parents who require it, we will be able to offer childcare provision until 2.55pm. Please email enquiries@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk by end of Monday 2nd February to notify us that we shouldn't release your child until 2.55pm.

Book of the Month

As part of our Year of Reading, students are being encouraged to explore *Awkward* by Svetlana Chmakova. It is a quick, engaging read that often appeals to students who don't usually pick up books.

Ask your child if they've seen it or would like to borrow it from the library.





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 great weekend!

Best wishes,

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