



Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Weekly Update

Thank you for your support during this very warm week! The students have coped incredibly well overall and I have been so impressed by how everyone has pulled together to keep the days feeling focused and purposeful. As I said in my email yesterday, we can all be very proud of how well the students have coped this week, they have been amazing! I hope that the measures we've taken have felt sensible and reasonable.

I would also like to take an opportunity to thank our staff, who have been working hard in difficult circumstances. A really heroic effort by everyone!

I'm conscious that we are likely to experience more occasions when temperatures hit the high 30s in the future. My feeling is that this week may provide a blueprint for how we might cope with such occurrences. I am also conscious that had temperatures gone even just a little higher this week we would have needed to close the school, so this may yet happen in the future.

The forecasts for next week look like being in the low 20s. This means that we can return to normal next week.

Year 11 and 13 Leavers' Evening

Another reminder of the Year 11 & 13 Leavers' Evening on Thursday 2nd July (6pm). We're sorry that the RSVP link sent last week was broken. If you are attending, please RSVP using [this link](#). There will be some awards given during the evening and you will receive advance notification in the coming days if your child is an award winner.

ScoPay Refunds

If your child has left or is leaving the school and you require a refund on your cashless catering balance, please ensure that you follow the instructions below.

To request a refund directly from [ScoPay](#) for credit balances, you need to:

- Log into your SCOPAY account or app.
- Navigate to your child's cashless catering balance.
- If eligible, you will see a facility to request a refund for the full or partial balance. Once submitted, it shows as pending approval.

All refund requests must be processed by Friday 17th July 2026. After this date, and once your child has been removed from the school roll, refunds will not be possible so please take action!



Uniform

We will revert to normal uniform next week. I would be keen to hear views from students and parents regarding how we adapt the uniform during the summer. I am keen to avoid any outcome that might require parents and carers to buy any additional items. If you have a minute or two to share your thoughts then please feedback using [this link](#).

Soulscape Awareness Day

We are very lucky to have a huge amount of support from [Soulscape](#), a local charity who support young people. They are an amazing asset and they help us with students from Year 6 induction all the way through to Year 13. In order to help support their work, Friday 3rd July will be Soulscape Awareness Day and we will hold a non-uniform day to raise funds. To donate please use [ScoPay](#). Thank you.

Annual PTA Quiz

This year's PTA Quiz raised an impressive £960. All of this money will be reinvested by the PTA back into the school to the benefit of our students. Well done to all involved!

Summer Concert - 'The Power of Music'

You are warmly invited to this year's Summer Concert, entitled The Power of Music. This will take place on Wednesday 8th July at 6.30pm in the school hall.

Tickets can now be purchased via [ScoPay](#) (adults: £7.50, child/concession: £4.50). Please note that this will include a drink and a small snack. As The Emmbrook is now a cashless school, it will not be possible to purchase additional tickets or refreshments on the night via card/cash.

We hope that many of you will be able to join us!

Have a good (and very warm) weekend!

Best wishes,

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