



Friday 1st October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE: Weekly Update

The first month of the school year has flown by at pace! I am really proud of the Sixth Form, contributing bakers and particularly Hannah in Year 13 for organising the Macmillan Coffee morning last week which raised £308.26 – well done!

Covid-19

Cases of Covid-19 are growing across schools in the Borough. We are aware of outbreaks in a number of local primary and secondary schools. We have a relatively limited number of cases at present but the situation can change rapidly (as it has in other schools).

Please continue testing twice weekly. Remember to report your results to the NHS [here](#) (and ensure that you inform us of a positive result). If your child has Covid-19 symptoms or returns a positive LFT result then please **do not send them to school** and seek a PCR test.

Under the current guidelines, if your child is identified as a close contact of a positive case (by NHS Test and Trace) then they are advised to seek a PCR test. They may continue to attend school pending their PCR result.

If we were to experience an outbreak (5 linked cases or 10% of the school population) then we would consult with local public health officials and we may be advised to introduce enhanced measures (including the re-introduction of face coverings).

Enclosed with this letter is Stay at Home guidance from the Government.

Uniform Expectations after Half-term

I am grateful for the support we continue to receive to ensure that students meet our uniform expectations. We will continue to elevate our standards throughout the year and so I want to give advanced notice that after half-term we will reintroduce enforcement of jewellery, make up and hair colour rules. We are therefore giving all parents one month to prepare your child to support these rules, specifically:

- Black shoes
- Only one visible piercing in each ear
- Skirts are expected to be just above the knee and must be of a loose-fitting, pleated design
- We expect no extreme or unnatural cuts or colours of hair.

Please support the school by using the next few weeks to take action (for example with hair colour or piercings).



Flu & Covid-19 Vaccinations

As previously advised flu (Years 7-11) and Covid-19 (Years 8-11) vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 13th October. You should have received a communication from us with information about giving consent.

Open Evening

My thanks for your support with Open Evening. We had a record number of students here to support the event and I am really proud that visiting parents will have been able to see what a fantastic community we are. It was a tremendous night and I was particularly proud of Ashleigh and Mary, our Head Students from Year 13 and Imogen from Year 7, who all joined me on stage to give talks to the visiting students and their parents. Public speaking is potentially daunting and yet they all did the most amazing job and thoroughly upstaged me!

Black History Month

Black History Month is upon us this October and we are really looking forward to celebrating it. The national theme this year is 'proud to be'. One thing we are really 'proud to be' is a family (the F from our FAIR values) and we are hoping to incorporate this into the month as much as possible. There will be a variety of activities in and out of lessons and we hope that these will be informative, educational and offer plenty of opportunity to celebrate. I am very much looking forward to it.

This weekend is the London Marathon and I'd like to wish Mr Tracy, Mr Whitehouse and any other members of The Emmbrook Family participating all the best with the run – good luck!

Best wishes,

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