



Friday 24th March 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

It was a real joy to see our talented Year 7 and 8 students performing at the Spring Concert on Wednesday evening. It really was an uplifting occasion and lovely to see so many parents and families in the audience.

Easter Revision Sessions for Years 11 and 13

Next week we will publish the programme of Easter revision sessions. The sessions will be provided by staff and all students are encouraged to attend. They will be highly valuable opportunities provided for students to have focused time in the holiday. Some subjects will be running their sessions in the May half-term as they will be closer to the exams for those subjects. Please look out for the email next week and support your child to attend as much as possible.

New Management Information System (MIS)

The operations of The Emmbrook School are supported by a software system that holds all of our data, including information on students and the timetable. We currently use a package called SIMS, however, over the Easter holiday we will be switching to a system called Arbor. This means that our staff will be adapting to a new system and there will be some changes as we embed the software.

For parents, you may find that the Parent App does not offer the same range of functionality after Easter. I am sorry for any inconvenience this could cause. In the coming weeks we will launch the new Arbor app to parents and over time we will get to a point where you are able to do more through the new app than is currently available through the SIMS.

Magistrates' Mock Trial Competition

We were delighted that our students performed brilliantly at the first heat of this annual competition on Saturday. Feedback from the judges was very strong and we can be proud of our students. The team now advances to regionals (and it is certainly the first time in my nearly 20 years at The Emmbrook that I remember a team achieving this). My thanks to Mrs Moon and Mr Panesar for their outstanding support and leadership.

Noodle Pots Banned

It's come to my attention that some students have been bringing noodle pots (of the add boiling water variety, e.g. Pot Noodle) to school. I have taken the decision to ban such noodle pots following an accident this week; it is dangerous to have students moving around the site with boiling hot pots. I appreciate your support in this matter.



PTA Quiz

My thanks to the PTA and all those who attended the quiz on Saturday night. As well as being great fun it raised £680!

Final Day of Term

A last reminder that we will finish at 12.20pm on Friday 31st March. WBC school transport services have been rearranged for this time; students travelling home by other means will need to make alternative arrangements on that day.

Next week is the final week of this term. I hope you all have a fantastic weekend.

Best wishes,

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