



Friday 2nd December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Weekly Update

My thanks to the amazing PTA for their fundraising efforts at the Wokingham Winter Carnival. Thanks to the chocolate donations we received from you, £856 was raised!

Sixth Form Applications Now Open

Following the very successful Sixth Form Taster Day last Friday, applications for a place in September 2023 are now open to Year 11. Year 11 parents will have received an email with all the instructions to apply. If you would like any help please contact us:

- Miss Horne (Head of Year 11) – ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mrs Panesar (AHT for Year 11) – lpanesar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mr Constable (Sixth Form Leader) – dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk
- Mr Whitehouse (AHT for Sixth Form) – pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk

GCSE Certificate Evening (current Year 12)

Students and parents from the 2022 Year 11 cohort (current Year 12) are invited to attend the GCSE Certificate Evening at 6.30-7.30pm on Thursday 8th December (in the old Sixth Form area). This year we are going to try something different and not do a formal presentation but instead have an opportunity to meet and talk. Students will be able to collect their GCSE certificates and subject prizes will be awarded. We hope to see lots of you there.

Christmas Events

Christmas Jumper Day Thursday 8 th December	We will be supporting Christmas Jumper Day . Students may wear a festive jumper in place of their blazer and school jumper for a donation of £1 via ScoPay . Students must wear the rest of their uniform (including the shirt and tie).
Christmas Production Tuesday 13 th December Wednesday 14 th December Thursday 15 th December	'Trouble in Pantoland' tickets are available to purchase through ScoPay . Performances begin at 7pm in the main hall. Ticket prices: Adult £7, Children £5 and a family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) is £20.
Christmas Dinner Day Thursday 15 th December	Christmas dinner filled Yorkshire pudding (Halal chicken and vegetarian options will be available), pudding & crackers for £3.80 (free school meal children will be able to choose the Christmas dinner within their usual daily allowance).
Christmas Musical Celebration Monday 19 th December	7pm at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham. Mince pies in the Parish Room afterwards.

Request for Pre-loved Uniform Donations

The PTA are always keen to receive uniform that is no longer needed so that they can support families. If you have any unneeded uniform items they can be donated for reuse in main reception or contact the PTA via pta@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk. Thank you.



Wokingham Youth Council – Opportunity for Students

There is an opportunity for up to four of our students to represent The Emmbrook at the Youth Council Forum. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to develop a range of valuable skills and contribute to the community over a wide range of topics including diversity, climate change, mental health, gender equality, education equality, volunteering, LGBTQ+, poverty, homelessness and social mobility. Mrs Bisset-Garside has emailed all students on their school accounts with information and students can contact the team directly themselves via sarah.desson@wokingham.sch.uk.

Action Against Hunger

Well done to the group of Sixth Form students (supported by Mrs Rimmer and Mr Whitehouse) who went to Cadence Design Systems in Bracknell on Wednesday to support their charity drive with Rise Against Hunger (<https://www.riseagainsthunger.org/>). They packed 21,000 parcels of food for schools in poorer parts of the world to encourage school attendance and participation, focusing on young vulnerable females.

Final Day of Term

A reminder that the final day of the term will be a half day. School will finish at 12.20pm on Tuesday 20th December. All WBC school transport will be available at 12.20pm; students who use public transport or are collected by car will need to make alternative arrangements.

Best wishes,

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