



Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

## Headteacher's Weekly Update

Thank you for your support with Christmas Jumper Day on Thursday. We raised £226 for Save the Children.

### Letter from Ofqual Regarding 2023 GCSE & A-level Examinations

The exams regulator, Ofqual, published an open letter to students today summarising the arrangements for the summer exams. The key messages are:

- That exam grading standards will return to the levels set pre-pandemic.
- There will be formulae and equation sheets for maths, physics and combined science to reduce the amount of information students need to memorise.
- Unfamiliar vocabulary will not be tested in languages GCSEs.

The full letter can be seen [here](#). With the return to pre-pandemic grading standards, it will be more important than ever that we keep Years 11 and 13 students focused on their preparations for the summer. If you require any support then please contact us (Miss Horne and Mrs Panesar for Year 11 or Mr Constable and Mr Whitehouse for Year 13, all of their email addresses are in the item below).

### 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](mailto:ehorne@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mrs Panesar (AHT for Year 11) – [lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:lpansar@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mr Constable (Sixth Form Leader) – [dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:dconstable@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)
- Mr Whitehouse (AHT for Sixth Form) – [pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk](mailto:pwhitehouse@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

### A-Level Celebration Evening (for last year's Year 13)

Students and parents from the 2022 Year 13 cohort (who left us this summer) are invited to attend the A-level Celebration Evening at 6.30pm on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December (in the old Sixth Form area). We hope to see lots of you there.

### Christmas Evening Events

<p><b>Christmas Production</b>            Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December            Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December            Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>'Trouble in Pantoland' tickets are available to purchase through <a href="#">ScoPay</a>. 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.</p>
<p><b>Christmas Musical Celebration</b>            Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December</p>	<p>7pm at St. Paul's Church, Wokingham. Mince pies in the Parish Room afterwards.</p>



## **Christmas Dinner Day – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December**

Tickets for the Christmas Dinner must be pre-booked and will be available during tutor time next week. Payments are through ScoPay and the cost is £3.80. Please can you ensure there are sufficient funds on your child's account if they would like to purchase one (free school meal children will be able to choose the Christmas dinner within their usual daily allowance).

## **Brooky's Christmas Fayre – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

Please send your children with a small amount of cash on Friday as Brooky's Business Buddies and the Sixth Form are running our Christmas fayre. All profits are to go to Cancer Research, a charity which supports an illness that has touched many of us. All the games and food will be 50p or a £1 each. We can also accept Apple Pay and Google Pay but cash is preferred. Last year we made over £700 and it would be lovely if we could beat that.

If any of you are good bakers and feel like sending in some festive cakes for us to sell, we would greatly appreciate it. Please bring to H2.7 on the morning of the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Likewise, we are doing a Christmas stocking stand, if you have any unused miniature toiletries/make up/jewellery that you could donate please bring to H2.7 during the week leading up to the 16<sup>th</sup> December.

## **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 20<sup>th</sup> 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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