



24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful Easter break, and have been enjoying the glorious weather as much as possible.

As we are now the end of the third week of school closure, I wanted to take some time to celebrate some more of the wonderful stories I have heard.

Year 8 pupils are again, absolutely, smashing, Maths Watch. There have been 1192 assignment questions attempted, and 118 practice questions attempted, which is a huge amount. Well done. Special shout-outs go to Natalie Cimlova, Ashley Smith, Bobby Hanger, Elliott Barry and Daniella Nel for their top efforts regarding completing questions – they are the top 5 this week!



Year 8 tutors and I have received lots of nice emails and stories. William Yoxall has been smashing it, and made an outstanding apple crumble. Just on the start of the Easter break, Isla Clarke created a fantastic origami scene, and Acer Woolford made some outstanding chocolate desserts. We would love to hear about all the fantastic things that Year 8 pupils have been doing each week.

In terms of options, understandably a number of you have asked what is going on, now that we are on lockdown. Mr. McSweeney and the Senior Leadership Team have been discussing this at length, and will communicate to you (and me) very soon.

I appreciate that this is a really tough time, and home-schooling is a challenge. My son is in Year 8, and I am struggling to get as much as I would like completed with him. Time just seems to disappear! You are doing a great job, and the staff at Emmbrook really do appreciate your continued support. The Year 8 Team in particular, are very appreciative of your efforts, and having emails and stories from your children about their experiences during lockdown really does cheer them up.

If any of you were wondering about the case concerning the rotten cucumber, no-one has owned up to it. All I can say is, as per the chain of command, all responsibility lies with Mr. McSweeney.

If you have any questions about the work that is being set or require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at sbaker@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk and I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

Stuart Baker
Year 8 Leader



Origami design by Isla Clarke



Chocolate desserts by Acer Woolford



Apple Crumble by William Yoxall