



**28<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all keeping well.

As we start the second week of school closure, I wanted to take some time to celebrate some of the wonderful stories I have heard this week about Year 8.

A good number of year 8 students have been taking part in Miss Andrews' Creation Station; I have loved seeing the amazing art pieces on Instagram that Year 8 pupils have created, and if you haven't watched the video on Emmbrook Facebook with Mr. McSweeney, I would watch that – his effort was pretty epic. I would also urge any pupils that are doing creative things to pass the time to let their tutor and myself know, as we do miss them, and would like to share these stories with the school community, to give people a boost.



Not forgetting the pupils that are attending school this week; the Year 8 pupils have been praised highly by all the teaching staff they have interacted with, and their conduct and work produced has been exceptional. A massive well done to them.

Additionally, I have received a vast array of correspondence from teachers complimenting pupils on their efforts with the work set for them on ShowMyHomework, and I have seen an awful lot of pupil correspondence with teachers. This is exactly the attitude needed, and will put them in an excellent position for when we are all back together in a classroom setting.

I hope that the variety of activities have helped to support wellbeing and mental health throughout this first week. The Year Leaders are a huge advocate for the 'Headspace' app and would encourage everyone to make use of it each day as part of a routine to support a healthy lifestyle and mind.

Finally, I would like to thank all of you, for your support with the remote learning tasks that have been set for your child. With your support, your child's teachers have been able to mark work that has been submitted, monitor progress and adapt future tasks to ensure all work is accessible and appropriate.

Next week will follow the same structure as this week as a standard school week – work will be set on ShowMyHomework and is to be submitted. The two weeks following, beginning 6<sup>th</sup> April, will follow the structure of a school holiday; work will still be set but at a lower rate as per holiday expectations if school were open.

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](mailto:sbaker@emmbrook.wokingham.sch.uk)

Best wishes,  
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