

Student Home Learning Update Week 6 (w.c. 11.05):

Hopefully you all enjoyed the long weekend and took some time to celebrate or reflect on VE day. The themes of community and togetherness that this brought with it really helped me to feel positive and lifted my spirits last week. We were all incredibly impressed with the entries we received for last week's challenge to undertake a random act of kindness. It was great to see so many of you engaged in helping those around you to improve their experience of lockdown; this is a wonderful reflection of your emotional maturity and empathy.

This week's challenge is to write a letter or email to a friend or family member who you are missing during lockdown. Not only will receiving this brighten up someone's day, but keeping connected to those people who are important to us is really important for our own wellbeing. As always, entries to Mrs Davies please!

You teachers have fed back to me how pleased they are with the increase in your engagement in your work over the last few weeks; well done! It is really important, both for your learning and well-being, that you continue to stick to a good routine, allowing time for schoolwork, exercise, things you enjoy and rest. We will be contacting students in Year 7 & Year 8 this week to discuss how you are getting on.

In addition to your tasks set by your teachers and this weeks challenge, here are a couple of other things that you can be thinking about this week:

- Some of you will have read lots of speculation last week about any changes to lockdown requirements. It is really important that you continue to follow the advice, stay home, don't meet people outside your household and stay safe. There can be lots of mis-information and 'fake news' circulating, so please make sure you get your information from a reliable source; [BBC Newsround](#) is a good place to start.
- Mrs Davies mentioned the other week using [Duolingo](#) to learn another language. This is a really important skill to develop, and will help you in your other subject areas as well. Why not spend some time brushing up on your Spanish, or perhaps learning another language entirely!

I know lots of you had been enjoying the books you were reading during form time when we were in school. Later this week we will be launching with you a new way to access some great books online to help you continue to build your reading skill and vocabulary to help you unlock your learning in all of your subjects.

This Friday (15th May) is the International Day of Families. For all the challenges that lockdown has brought; one of the things that I have appreciated is the extra time I have got to spend with my family. This is a good opportunity for us all to reflect on how much we appreciate and value those in our families; maybe this week you could take some time to show your family how much you appreciate them through a not-so-random act of kindness!

I hope you all have a productive week!

Thanks,

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