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IMBERHORNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s)

I am writing to you just prior to the Bank Holiday weekend. Many people, depending on commitments, are finding days merge together and a Bank Holiday weekend may feel a little different at the moment. A number of families will be observing VE day celebrations, marking this country's emergence out of a period of great hardship and difficulty, I hope you find any such celebrations uplifting at this time. I would like to take this opportunity to remind you that lessons will not run on Friday, it is right to pause activities and give everyone, students, staff and parents a break.

The English department have been successful with a recent request to access the National Theatre collection and will be providing students with log-in details. This means that they will have access to a wide range of plays, filmed by the National Theatre. This is a wonderful resource for the school and will be referenced by English staff, as appropriate, when setting work. Please be aware that some of the performances made available on this site come with warnings about content.

Last week I referenced a future return to school for students. We anticipate further details about when this might be and what such a return might entail; it is possible that such details will emerge over the weekend. In anticipation of the need for detailed planning across the school we intend to schedule a 'consolidation' day on Monday 18th May. On this day teachers will not be setting lessons, it is instead time for students to catch up with any incomplete work or undertake an enrichment task. Teachers and support staff, in different teams, will be using this day to undertake some planning and will therefore not be available to respond to student queries. We have much to consider, alongside very many practical considerations teachers will also be undertaking planning and adjusting schemes of work. We have had to adapt our programmes of study over the last few weeks and will need to think about how they may be further adapted to ensure all students are catered for and supported through this period of great change.

I continue to receive messages from parents offering their thanks and appreciation for what the staff are doing to support their children. I am very grateful to my colleagues who have shown great professionalism and commitment throughout this time. I know that arrangements have not always been perfect but we have tried to adapt and change according to your feedback. We want the very best for everyone but appreciate the obstacles that exist for some.

I wish you all good health and good cheer over the long weekend. I am taking a break from the regular Joe Wicks workouts that we do in school with the small number of students who currently attend. I amuse them if nothing else!

Yours faithfully

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