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Dear Parents and Carers,

I wanted to briefly write to you as we finish school for Easter and give you another update as regards teaching and learning.

Over the Easter holidays, staff will not be setting schoolwork and will not be able to respond to emails. If your child has struggled to complete work, please do not worry. We do not expect students to complete all the work set, and you are the best director of their activities.

With two weeks of setting home learning under our belts, we are now looking at how we continue into the Summer term, and departments are busy planning together to create the most logical content for your children. We are continuing to develop our SharePoint site, Teams, and using email, so expect to see things evolve after the Easter break.

During the 2 weeks with no additional home learning set by teachers, I thought it would be useful to give you some ideas for activities during the lockdown. I am sure you will have your own list of activities, but here are a few suggestions to occupy your children for the next two weeks.

- **Borrow and read eBooks from our new library service.** We are delighted to be able to offer students access to our new school eLibrary (see attached document for details of how to download the app). They can log in immediately and start borrowing ebooks and audiobooks straight away. eBooks can be read on any mobile or tablet as well as e-readers. The attached document gives a full guide, or visit <https://testbourne-hantssls.wheelers.co/> and your child can log in with their school email and password.
- **Complete a Science CREST award.** Mrs Romain has added a wealth of optional Science activities to Teams, and many of them would count towards a Science CREST award. Ask your child to look at the information on Teams, or contact s.romain@testbourne.school to find out more.
- **Learn something new.** From Triangle Dancing to Close-up Magic, Freestyle Football Tricks to Amigurumi Crochet, there are opportunities to find a WikiHow guide or a YouTube video to inspire anyone to learn a new skill. You could challenge your whole family to master one skill and show it off to family on your next video chat!
- **Explore the Great Indoors.** The Scout Association has turned its usual 'Explore the Great Outdoors' on its head and published 100 things to do indoors. There are activities ranging from finding out about Diwali, to making pizzas and practising bike puncture repair. Find out more here: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/>

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- **Watch some BBC live lessons.** Topics include sports commentary; behind the scenes with TV and radio; and Roles and careers in film production.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/live-lessons/secondary-live-lessons/zk9cwtv>

I hope you find some of these ideas useful. Enjoy a restful and safe break.

Yours faithfully,

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