



Message from Mrs Emerson:

Dear Year 8

First of all I would like to congratulate you on all the hard work which you put into your assessments, during the assessment week. As you know today is the end of term and therefore I would like to wish you a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Mrs Emerson

Home Challenge 18: HOUSE Badge



Task: Redesign your School HOUSE badge (C,D,E,M,S,W)

Since 1928 Bishopshalt has had a house system. The history of our school is very important to us and we would like students to redesign the house badges with the appropriate house colours. From September we are going to reinvigorate our House system with our new co-curricular plan and reward system and it is important that the house badges look good and are designed by you. Sixth Form will also be included in our House system and be allocated a house.

Click on this link: [Challenge 18: HOUSE](#) for the original House badges and to find out some information about our House history for inspiration. NB - Manor will change colour to ORANGE from September.

The best HOUSE (C, D, E, M, S, W) Badge wins.

The best badge for each HOUSE will be used in all the graphics, displays, website and publications for our school. This is such a great opportunity for the winner to put their mark on Bishopshalt's history and shape its future.

Deadline: Thursday 27th August.

Email your design to sduff@bishopshalt.school or upload it directly to our Google Classroom for home Challenges. The designs can be hand drawn or digital. ALL winning designs will need to be digitally formatted.

Good luck and get designing!

Challenge 19: FAMILY MUSIC QUIZ

It is the 10th anniversary of the music staff quiz and we thought this would be a great moment to share with our Bishopshalt families during your time at home.

Instructions for the quiz: You need to identify the song title and the artist/band who first released it. The clues are the first lines of mostly iconic songs but not the title of the song. In some clues you have been given the release dates for the songs.

Questions and Answer sheet: [Challenge 19: Family Music Quiz](#)

Please write your answer in the space provided. Good luck and get all your family together to help on this one!

Deadline: Email your answer sheet to Mrs P. Vincent on pvincent@bishopshalt.school by **July 26th**

Challenge 20: SCHOOL ANTHEM

Task: Write (and perform) our School Anthem

Concept: As part of embedding our House system across everything we do, we also want to be united by a school anthem. The idea is that we will sing our school anthem at key events, inter house activities, whole school assemblies, amongst other fitting occasions.







The lyrics should reflect who we are, our values and what Bishopshalt means to all of us.

Music/ harmony:

All songs are typically based on a poem. Some songwriters start with the lyrics and then will put them to music or a simple 4 bar harmony and in our case, this is what we would like you to do. We would like you to write your lyrics and even attempt to put it to music, which you feel suits the anthem.

Entries: This can be a group entry. You can get together with students in your form/ year or friendship circle to create your school anthem. Upload your entry to the Google Stream or email sduff@bishopshalt.school

The winning anthem will be chosen and developed against music when we return back to school in September. **Deadline: 3rd September**

 BETTER BISHOPSHALTER Remember you can always come up with your own BB tasks. Email Miss Duff with details of any you do sduff@bishopshalt.school	 Use the next 6 weeks to learn a completely new skill that you've never tried before. You can learn to do almost anything on YouTube! This could be something outdoors like skateboarding, or indoors like origami or playing the Ukulele.	 Talk to someone you know who might be feeling anxious or isolated. This could be over the phone, via Zoom / FaceTime or in person. Remember to ask them how they're feeling and if there's anything you can do to help. Stay in touch regularly over the summer - you never know, you might make a big difference to how they feel!
 Take over one of the chores in your family home for the whole 6 weeks (talk to your parents/carers first). This might be doing the washing up, doing the laundry, weeding the garden, feeding the cat, making breakfast etc. This is your chance to give back to your parents or carers.	 Develop a skill that you already have and work really hard at getting even better at it (e.g. if you're a runner, improve your time, if you like to paint, draw, sing, dance...etc work at improving the quality of your work.	 Talk to five adults who you know (or get to know) over the summer who have different jobs / careers and find out more what they do. Ask them what they like about their job, how they got into it and what qualifications they need. Put the information into a table and write down whether you think you might be interested in any of these careers yourself.

Summer Oracy Challenge: Lockdown experiences - making a historical record

After seeing some of your amazing oracy skills in action, we believe it is time to give something back to you! The following link shows a line up of incredible speakers who have pre-recorded their talks for you to watch and listen to. The talks are given by a huge range of people that hold senior positions in their professions. You can hear from Dan Snow on history, Stefan Stern on becoming a journalist all the way to Gisela Abbam who is the Chair of the British Science Association. See what you can learn about their different roles and about how they convey their oracy skills! Enjoy!

<https://www.speakersforschools.org/inspiration/vtalks/vtalks-video-library/>



Mrs Knight

A message for Parents and Carers - Summer Holidays!

After what has been an extremely unusual term for everyone, we have now reached the end. The vast majority of Year 8 pupils have worked really hard throughout the period of lockdown and we know how difficult it has been to stay motivated, so we've been very impressed with their diligence and perseverance under such challenging circumstances. We really hope that both you and they enjoy the next six weeks and have a well deserved rest from home schooling.

We look forward to welcoming all our students back to school in September.

Miss Berry (Assistant Head & Director of Studies for Year 8)