

# Broadcasting's future

*From the Managing Director of BBC Television*

Sir, May I reply to Mr Peter Anghelides (March 8) on the subject of *Dr Who*. The programme has not been axed. The Doctor is having a short rest and will return, improved and revitalized, in autumn next year – only eight months later than originally planned.

As for the suggestion that this brief rest, after 21 years, is “a publicity stunt” connected with the BBC’s licence fee application, I hope your readers will accept my unequivocal assurance that there is no connection whatever between the two.

The BBC does not stoop to tactics of the kind imagined by your correspondents.

Yours sincerely,

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