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Coronavirus School Closure- An Update

Importance of routine



Welcome back to the summer term. We would like to send out a huge thank you to all parents for the work you are doing at home, supporting your children as they try to keep up with some school work. We offer the following as advice and tips to help:

You are not expected to teach your child at home, but we are asking that you support their learning.

Have a routine, with key times in the day for different activities. This may include:

- Waking up at a reasonable time.
- Some physical exercise perhaps do the Joe Wicks workout each morning, or go for a walk, or spend half an hour outside, playing in the garden if you have one. In school, we start each day at 9am with the children of key workers by getting active with Joe Wicks on Youtube.
- Reading for pleasure reading is so important and can make a huge difference to how well children do in school, so building in some time for this each day would be very valuable.
- School work chunk it down into manageable blocks, and take breaks.
- Something different maybe baking, helping around the house, making something creative, looking at some educational websites (e.g. museums, wonders of the world...).

Internet access and laptop use

We are contacting families where internet access is an issue and children are not able to use a PC or laptop, with a view to loaning out some equipment for the duration of the school closure. If we have not been in touch with you and you would benefit from some support of this sort, please contact the school reception, open each day from 9am - 12pm.



Weekly Quiz Results

Once again we have been amazed by how many students have taken part in the Friday Quiz. It seems even more took part this second time. The results are as follows (I have also included the 1st place percentage for info and which tutor group got the highest in each year group).

| Year Group | 1 st Place | 2 nd Place | Top Score |
|------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-------------|
| 7 | Castle | Watermead | 73% (7.4) |
| 8 | Castle | Victoria | 75% (8.10) |
| 9 | Abbey | Castle/Victoria | 76% (9.5) |
| 10 | Victoria | Watermead | 79% (10.11) |
| 11 | Beacon | Bradgate | 83% (11.3) |

Looking for more resources for home learning



For English

Audible https://stories.audible.com/start-listen

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, all children's audiobooks are available for free while schools are closed.

English Mastery https://www.englishmastery.org/

For key stage 3, downloadable resource books providing 12 weeks of activities covering writing and poetry.

English and Media Centre

https://www.englishandmedia.co.uk/publications/

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, downloadable resources

covering a range of texts for key stage 3. GCSE resources are categorised by examination board.

Pobble 365 https://www.pobble365.com/

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, a new image is published each day as a basis for creative writing. Story starters, questions and drawing ideas are provided

Poetry by Heart https://www.poetrybyheart.org.uk/

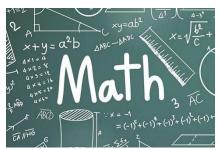
For key stage 3 and key stage 4, a wide selection of poetry covering different topics.

Seneca

https://app.senecalearning.com/courses?Price=Free&Age+Group=GCSE&Subject=English+Language For key stage 4, a range of downloadable resources covering the GCSE curriculum, categorised by examination board.

The Children's Poetry Archive https://childrens.poetryarchive.org/

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, an archive of spoken poetry recordings. Pupils can listen to poems being read aloud.



For Maths

Bowland Maths Resources https://www.bowlandmaths.org.uk/
For key stage 3, downloadable assessments on a range of subjects, including sample answers and assessment tips.

Corbett Maths https://corbettmaths.com/contents/

For key stage 4, a range of videos and downloadable questions categorised by topic and predicted grade.

Mathigon https://mathigon.org/

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, interactive maths resources that allow teachers and parents to track student progress and set activities.

Maths Kitchen https://mathskitchen.com/topics

For key stage 4, an interactive GCSE revision website. Resources are categorised by topic, including video lessons and practice questions.

Mathematics Mastery https://www.mathematicsmastery.org/free-resources

For key stage 3, downloadable guidance and resource packs for parents and pupils.

Nrich https://nrich.maths.org/

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, a range of activities. Some are interactive and some are to be completed offline. Activities are categorised by age range.

Nrich Core Maths https://nrich.maths.org/12524

For key stage 3 to key stage 5, games and puzzles as well as mathematical-thinking and problem-solving questions. Content is categorised by topic and age group.

Nrich 'Solving Together' project https://nrich.maths.org/solvingtogether

For key stage 3, this is a project that provides activities for parents and carers to try with children.

Top Marks https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games

For key stage 3, a range of interactive maths games categorised by age group.

White Rose Maths (home learning) https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/

For key stage 3, presentations and downloadable workbooks which are easy to use for parents. New material is being released each week.



For Science

BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, interactive resources covering the key stage 3 and key stage 4 science curriculums. Includes separate sections for biology, physics and chemistry.

Institute of Physics (IOP) https://spark.iop.org/supporting-schools-and-colleges-during-covid-19

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, a set of articles and resources designed to support teachers who are teaching remotely.

Isaac Physics https://isaacphysics.org/

For key stage 4 and key stage 5, online problem-solving activities and regular live video tuition to support teachers and students. The content focusses on physics but also covers some maths and chemistry.

Royal Society of Chemistry (RSC) https://edu.rsc.org/remote-teaching-support

For key stage 3, key stage 4 and key stage 5, a set of articles and resources designed to support teachers who are teaching remotely.

STEM Learning https://www.stem.org.uk/resources/curated-collections/secondary-and-level-science-0

For key stage 3, key stage 4 and key stage 5, an online resource bank, which links to resources on external websites. The site features a live chat function offering support from subject experts. New home learning resources are being developed.



PE and physical activity

Fitness Blender https://www.fitnessblender.com/

For key stage 3 to key stage 5, videos featuring a range of exercises and workouts. You can choose exercises by: degree

of difficulty, type, gender and whether equipment is needed or not.

#ThisIsPE https://www.afpe.org.uk/physical-education/thisispe-supporting-parents-to-teach-pe-at-home/

For key stage 3 and key stage 4, videos delivered by teachers focusing on the PE curriculum which are accessible on YouTube.

Mental wellbeing

BPS https://www.bps.org.uk/news-and-blogs

For key stage 3 to key stage 5, advice on dealing with school closures and talking to children about COVID-19.

Children's Society https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/coronavirus-information-and-support

For key stage 3 to key stage 5, information and support on different aspects of mental health and wellbeing.

MindEd https://www.minded.org.uk/

For key stage 3 to key stage 5, an educational resource for all adults on children and young people's mental health.

Rise Above https://riseabove.org.uk/topic/my-mind/

For key stage 3 to key stage 5, videos with tips on gaining confidence, dealing with anxiety and coping strategies from other young people.

The Child Bereavement Network http://www.childhoodbereavementnetwork.org.uk/covid-19.aspx
For key stage 3 to key stage 5, advice on supporting grieving children during the coronavirus outbreak.

General sites

If your child is keen to learn for themselves and wants to follow a general interest course or support their home learning, there are lots of websites out there. Here is a selection:

- BBC bitesize and BBC red button aimed at all years: bbc.co.uk/bitesize
- Amazon are providing free educational books to download for a month
- Duolingo: Learn Spanish, French and other languages for free aimed at KS3/4/5: https://duolingo.com/
- BBC Languages Free online lessons to learn and study with aimed at KS3/4/5: http://bbc.co.uk/languages

Random Knowledge

These sites spark discussion and general inquisitiveness

- HowStuffWorks Learn How Everything Works!: https://howstuffworks.com/
- Mental Floss: http://mentalfloss.com/uk
- Sporcle World's Largest Trivia Quiz Website : https://www.sporcle.com./



On-Line Museums, Galleries and Travel

- The Louvre : www.louvre.fr
- State Hermitage: <u>www.hermitagemuseum.org</u>
- British Museum: www.britishmuseum.org
- Musee D'Art Moderne: www.mam.paris.fr
- Van Gogh Museum: <u>www.vangoghmuseum.nl</u>
- Tate Museum: <u>www.Tate.org.uk</u>
- National History Museum: <u>www.nhm.ac.uk</u>
- The Great Wall of China: https://www.thechinaguide.com/destination/great-wall-of-china
- Nasa: https://exoplanets.nasa.gov/
- Virtual journey around the world: https://www.airpano.com/
- Yellowstone National Park: https://www.nps.gov/yell/learn/photosmultimedia/virtualtours.htm

Other Useful Sites:

These sites spark general interest and keep children active.

- On-line art classes: <u>www.Warhol.org/lessons</u>
- Joe Wicks workout free on you tube every day at 9am
- Oti Mabuse is offering free dance classes every night check out the details through her Instagram account
- Bear Grylls encourages you to enjoy the great outdoors: https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/
- Mylene Klass is sharing free music lessons through you tube
- Listen to Music with the Berlin Philharmonic: https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home
- Live National Theatre plays every Thursday on Youtube check out more on: https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/