

Extended Learning – Free Resources

During these unprecedented times, a wealth of additional resources has been made freely available to the general public, including some content which would otherwise incur a charge. Some of them are specifically educational and aimed at students, others are generally educational in their nature and of interest to all, and some are purely for entertainment.

As we have provided a range of tasks and activities via our website over recent weeks, an increasing number of resources have been made available online from a variety of providers. While we might direct students to some of these resources over the weeks to come, we wanted to make you all aware of some of these wonderful free opportunities.

Whether as an extension learning activity for students who wish to do more, or simply as entertainment for the whole family to enjoy together, there is something here for everyone – but only if you wish to take advantage; there is no expectation that anyone must use these resources.

We hope you find them interesting – and if you find any others which you would like us to share with our school community, please let us know by e-mailing the school with the details.

Take care, stay safe – and enjoy these free resources...!

Oak Academy – a brand new online school with resources written and gathered together especially to support learning during the pandemic.

<https://www.thenational.academy/>

BBC Bitesize Daily – a huge expansion of the well-known BBC Bitesize resources, now including documentaries, online lessons and lots of educational clips presented by your favourite celebrities.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/mediacentre/latestnews/2020/education-teachers>

Audible – an online audiobook website, now offering free downloads of all children's books.

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

The Day Newsletter - a daily newsletter for parents and carers at home with children, helping to enrich learning with real-world knowledge and skills.

<https://theday.co.uk/subscriptions/the-day-home>

Pobble 365 – encouraging new authors by publishing a new image each day as a basis for creative writing, along with story starters, questions and drawing ideas.

<https://www.pobble365.com/>

Top Marks - a range of interactive maths games categorised by age group.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games>

Vooks – animated audio (picture) books.

<https://www.vooks.com/parent-resources>

Stem Learning – an online resource bank for Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths, offering support from subject experts.

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

Disney 10-minute Shake-ups – an NHS site with 10-minute physical activities, all connected to different Disney films.

<https://www.nhs.uk/10-minute-shake-up/shake-ups>

The Show Must Go On – live streaming of Andrew Lloyd-Webber musicals via YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon>

Open Library – create a free account and gain access to thousands of books.

<https://openlibrary.org/>

Google Museums Partnership – explore the collections of over 2,000 museums worldwide, via their digitised exhibits and 360° virtual tours.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner>

San Diego Zoo – lots of information and activities, and a wide range of live-streaming webcams.

<https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>

Open Culture – hundreds of free films, e-books, audio books, and online learning courses.

<http://www.openculture.com/>

NHS Fitness Studio – health and fitness advice from the NHS, with 24 instructor-led videos across a range of different exercise styles, ranging from 10 to 45 minutes in duration.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/>

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