



Sixth Form eBriefing April 27th 2020

Message from the Sixth Form Team

Welcome 'back'. The two week 'break' over Easter probably felt a bit odd for everyone but perhaps it gave us all an opportunity to do something different.

It is now 5 weeks since you experienced school closure and hopefully some new routines are settling in. Although it's sad that school ended the way it did across the nation, the priority is keeping safe, staying at home and protecting the NHS so it can cope with the increased demand.

You need to prepare for next year and finish off this year. Your situation is very different to Year 13. You have year 13 entrance exams this week, and these will be used, along with other data, to give your predicted grade on UCAS references so that universities have a firm sense of your level and it strengthens their view of our predicted grades. The headline is that you need to engage in the work being set as best you can so you are not behind when school resumes. Teachers will also factor engagement into UCAS predicted grades and progression into Year 13. **If you are unwell, and unable to complete your school work, please email your subject teachers and also copy in sixthformoffice@theweald.org.uk to let us all know.**

Staff need to manage their lives as we settle into a new home-working pattern, so we will be replying to emails during 'office hours' **9.00am - 4.30pm weekdays**. Apart from safeguarding issues and emergencies.

Development

On a positive note, this unprecedented period provides an opportunity for using the time to develop yourself - learn a new skill such as cooking, read some books, watch some classic films rather than what you usually might watch, listen to interesting podcasts, complete an [online course](#) that interests you. Try to avoid letting the time slip away, so when someone asks, 'What did you do during the closure?' you have an interesting response. Year 12 take note - we've provided some super-curricular ideas with this newsletter.

FutureLearn Subjects Courses Using FutureLearn

Search online courses Sign In

COLLECTION

Courses for Keeping Busy During Social Distancing and Isolation

The coronavirus pandemic means many of us are social distancing or living in isolation. These courses will keep your mind active, inspire you to stay busy, and broaden your mind and skill set whilst isolating at home.

Important Notice



Please could you **ALL** to login to UniFrog and select your subject teachers.

When logging in you will straight away be presented with the option to select all your subject teachers through a drop-down menu. This is a 2-minute job but is necessary for your subject teacher to be able to write your reference. You must select ALL your teachers, not just your subjects. For the majority of subjects, you will have 2 teachers per subject

Even if you are thinking of not going to University your subject references will be used by the school to write any future reference for you, including Apprenticeships, employment, other educational establishments etc.

University taster days

The vast majority of universities are now running virtual taster days. Upcoming ones can be found here

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

and here <https://www.ucas.com/undergraduate/what-and-where-study/open-days-and-events/virtual-tours>

You can be an art expert!

Select a National Gallery online lecture to become an expert on an artist...or at least listen to one and know a bit more than you did before.



Here's one a good one on Vincent van Gogh - [click here](#)

[Choose other artists - click here](#)

Reading, Learning and Super-Curricular

Okay, so Netflix and Fifa will be two ways of passing time but when this period of 'stay at home' is over (in whatever form it is 'over'), we all need to answer the question, 'What did we do with the time?'

Researching your choice of course for university will be key at the moment so explore some of the super-curricular suggestions below.

It would be great to hear what all of you are doing in your time at home that involves learning or self-development: books you are reading, online courses you are taking, new skills such as cooking etc.

For your personal statement, but most of all because you are curious and enjoy learning.

ATTEND A VIRTUAL LECTURE

Gresham College records all of its high-quality lecture programme [LINK](#)

MASSOLIT works with academics from the world's best universities to produce high-quality videos - [details](#)

LONDON SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS (LSE) FREE LECTURES - [details](#)

- Free Lecture programme and podcasts.

UNIVERSITY OF WARWICK PODCASTS

- A wide range of podcasts from politics to engineering - [details](#)

MATHEMATICS FOR NATURAL SCIENCES WORKBOOK (UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE)

- Pdf document to download full of maths problems - provided by Faculty of Mathematics - [details](#)

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD - 'EXPLORE YOUR SUBJECT'

- Explore the resources or select a subject area such as Humanities or Social Sciences, followed by a specific subject (Classics, English, etc.) - [details](#)

UNIVERSITY OF OXFORD READING BANK

- A very attractively designed list of books to read with reviews and youtube clips - [details](#)

MILLENNIUM MATHEMATICS PROJECT

- University of Cambridge provide this helpful site with ideas to explore mathematics in greater depth - [details](#)

TEDTALKS

- Great entry level strategy as students can simply search by theme and then watch a video - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - BUSINESS AND ECONOMICS

- 'Bottom Line' huge array of topics. 30 mins podcast with 2-3 people interviewed on a business theme - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - LAW

- 'Law In Action' - lots of podcasts on law theme - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - PSYCHOLOGY

- 'All In The Mind' - huge array of podcasts for those interested in psychology - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - MATHEMATICS

- 'More or less; behind the statistics' - themed podcasts which debunks statistics in the news by exploring the evidence - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - POLITICS

- 'Political thinking with Nick Robinson' - political journalist, Nick Robinson, explores various themes - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - POLITICS

- 'Yesterday in Parliament' - kind of obvious really but great for politics students to keep up-to-date - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - NATURAL SCIENCES

- 'Inside Science' - obvious theme - great for science students. Might be some good ideas for EPQ perhaps - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - PHILOSOPHY

- 'Moral Maze' - Accessible discussion about morality. Might be some good ideas for EPQ perhaps - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - PHILOSOPHY

- 'The Public Philosopher' - Harvard philosopher Michael Sandel examines the thinking behind a current controversy - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - SOCIOLOGY

- 'Thinking Allowed' - Professor of Sociology addresses various themes and new sociological research - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - SCIENCE

- 'Life Scientific' - Accessible interviews of scientists on current themes and new research - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - SCIENCE

- 'Putting Science to Work' - scientists work out how science can best be put to work to solve a pressing problem facing society - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - HISTORY

- 'The Long View' - stories from the past are compared with current events. - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - GEOGRAPHY

- 'Costing the Earth' - fresh ideas from the sharpest minds working toward a cleaner, greener planet - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - COMPUTING AND TECHNOLOGY

- 'Computing Britain' - 75 years of UK computing history in developing the technologies we rely on today - [details](#)

RADIO 4 PODCASTS - ART (includes painters and playwrights)

- 'Only artists' - two artists talk about their creative work - the conversation is free-flowing. Choose the pair talking - [details](#)

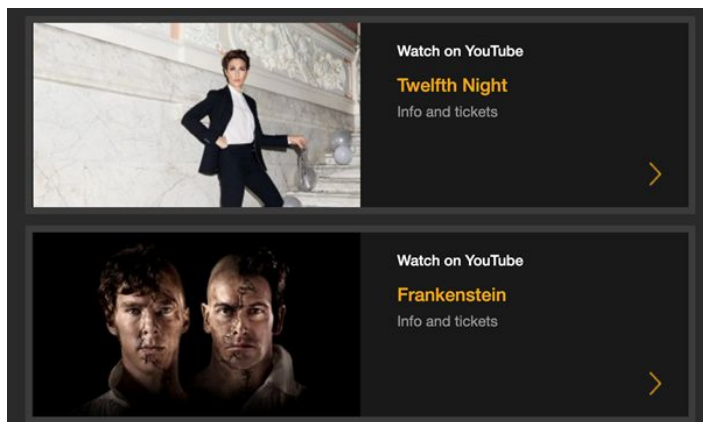
A bit of fun - TV Quiz - answers in the next issue



Free Theatre on-line



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That's all for this week. #stay safe #stayhome