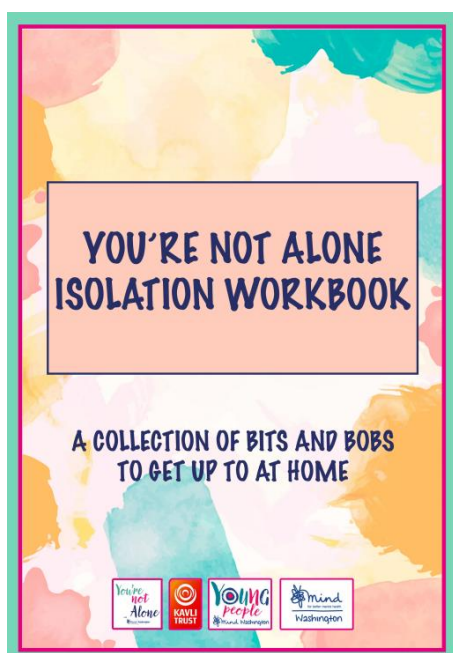# Virtual Enrichment

Edinburgh Castle

Historic Environment Scotland (HES) is offering a great way for everyone to appreciate the scale and magnificence of **Edinburgh Castle** – by creating a 3D model of the world famous and iconic fortress. The model gives the virtual visitor an immersive digital tour of the Castle and gives the chance to explore hidden areas.

You can log on and discover 40 different historic areas of the Castle including the historic siege cannon Mons Meg with its 20-inch-wide barrel, the statue of Field Marshall Sir Douglas Haig on the famous esplanade and St Margaret's Chapel, the oldest surviving building in Edinburgh.

HES have been working on the model of the Castle for seven years as part of the Rae Project. The Rae project – named in tribute to 19th Century polar explorer John Rae – is a Scotland-wide project working with cutting edge digital technology to create accurate 3D models of historic objects and historic places. The list of 3D projects also includes **Caerlaverock Castle** – the only fully intact triangular one of its kind in Scotland – the **Poltalloch Enclosure** in Kilmartin Churchyard plus many more historic sites.

Mindfulness and Wellbeing

'You're Not Alone' is a group set up, in collaboration with Washington Mind, to help develop creative ways for 11-25 year olds to cope with feelings of loneliness. The website has lots of news, blogs, articles and activities aimed at supporting people at times of loneliness.

They also currently have an Isolation Workbook [LINK to download booklet] which includes lots of different activities they feel young people can enjoy completing whilst at home. At the moment, the workbook is a digital download that will need printing by the individual. However, they are working towards being able to print and post the workbook directly to those who do not have printing facilities available.

Home Learning

The **'Interactive Classroom'** is a fantastic new resource, created by our Heads of Year, so that pupils can see and easily access topics of a more pastoral nature. The resource has interactive links that will enable pupils to find and use resources that they would usually see during their tutor time.
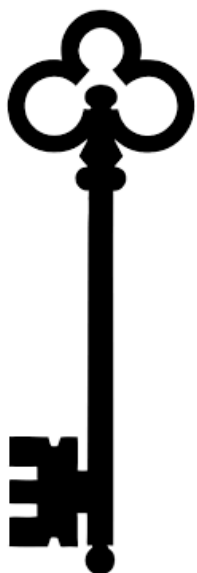
Each week, **from Monday 8th June**, the 'Interactive Classroom' will share the Academy's 'Theme of the Week' and, by clicking links within the PowerPoint, will also enable pupils to access tutor worship resources.

There will also be **topical news and information** under Notices, **interactive challenges** in the 'Challenge Boxes' plus a chance for us all to **celebrate** some of the many excellent examples of work we are seeing whilst pupils are learning at home.

The 'interactive classroom' resource will be emailed to pupils each week, from Monday 8th June, and can also be accessed via the student resources section in Foldr.

Key Tasks

Just a reminder that department areas have set **"key tasks"** for pupils to complete. These are pieces of work which will be used to provide feedback to pupils about their understanding of work set. **Pupils should aim to complete these and send them via their school email account to their class teacher**, (or to the teacher listed on the work should this differ in any way), **by the due date set.**

Key tasks can be found in the Student Resources area of Foldr, (the area where all work has been set so far), and are clearly shown via the following labelling:

YEAR XX Key 'Subject' Task DUE 'Date' 2020

Once received, teachers will then mark and provide feedback to pupils via the school email system.