

Home Learning

This week, in a bumper edition of our Home Learning and Virtual Enrichment Update, [Curriculum Leaders](#) have chosen their favourite website(s) that they wanted to recommend whilst learning at home. [Each of the websites can be accessed by clicking on the **underlined** pink links](#) or directly on the images next to the description. Lots more suggested websites can be found within each subject area of Foldr too!

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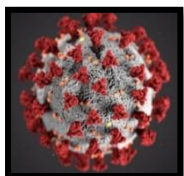
Mr MacIntyre recommends: [BBC Bitesize](#)

"The BBC's 'Bitesize' website has a section for most subjects – and the English area is very good". It has many resources for Key Stage 3 pupils that help develop both reading and writing skills. The materials cover a range of different areas, including fiction, non-fiction, Shakespeare, poetry and speaking skills. It also offers guidance for any Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar issues you might face. At Key Stage 4, materials are organised by exam board – you will need to select the 'Edexcel' link. Searching in the 'English Literature' section also brings up lots of materials for our GCSE set texts of 'Macbeth', 'An Inspector Calls' and 'A Christmas Carol'.



Mr MacIntyre couldn't resist a second recommendation...

If it is just extracts of texts to read and enjoy you are after, then signing up for free at [Love Reading](#) gives access to a range of extracts and novel openings that are especially good for younger readers.



And a third.....! [Etymology Online Dictionary](#)

The words we choose, particularly in unprecedented and difficult times such as these, are of supreme importance. This website allows you to find the history of words and where they came from so that you can make wise choices about the vocabulary you use.

Maths

Mrs Baxter recommends: [Corbett Maths](#)

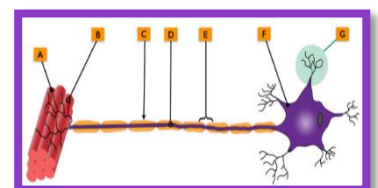
"In addition to MathsWatch, which we're using to set your work, Corbett Maths is a great resource." There are a range of videos, downloadable questions, categorised by topic and grades, worksheets, 5-a-day, revision cards and much more! The videos have excellent explanations which use similar methods to teachers at Venerable Bede. Both the worksheets and exam questions have solutions which will give you some instant feedback too!



Biology

Mrs Caush recommends: [Love Biology](#)

This website has lots of multiple-choice questions with instant feedback. You can track your scores as you complete quizzes and it is totally mobile friendly, so it's a great resource if you are trying to complete some work on your phone. You can access this fantastic resource anywhere, anytime!



Chemistry

Mr Caygill recommends: [Free Science Lessons](#)



This website is full of videos that explain things you might be stuck with. It's really good for any experiments that you need to understand or for getting a different explanation of a difficult concept. Just search for the thing you're struggling with and there'll be a video for it. The best bit is that it isn't just good for Chemistry.... It's great for all three of the sciences!!

Physics

Mr Burgess recommends: [23 Equations](#)

"My website suggestion has just turned into an app!"
However, it can be downloaded free from this website for a pc, or from google play or the apple store also.

The app allows you to learn and practise using the 23 essential equations that are in the Physics course. There are flashcards, constantly changing practice questions at various levels of difficulty and you can choose to test yourself on a single topic or even the whole course if you're feeling brave!



Religious Education

Mr Johnson recommends: [BBC Bitesize](#)

"A great website to use for RE is BBC Bitesize - it is full of clips and information that will enable you to dig deeper into your understanding of the major world religions and non-religious worldviews." It has two main sections – One for Key Stage 3 [\[LINK\]](#) and one that is specific to our GCSE exam board EDUQAS [\[LINK\]](#)... please note pupils focus on Christianity and Islam at GCSE.



Geography

Mrs Pallas recommends: [Cool Geography](#)

In this site there are useful resources to help you, no matter which year group you are in, study Geography at home. It is very good at helping you understand the world around us, your environment and the way that humans interact with their surroundings. Not only does it contain lots of key information, it also has revision tools, videos and much more. It caters for all pupils, of all abilities and contains the detail needed for pupils to be successful at GCSE.



History

Mrs Scott recommends: [BBC Teach](#)



You'll need to scroll down and choose from Video resources or Interactive lessons, you need to choose your age range and then History (but it is great for all other subjects too!). You will find topics you're currently studying along with some from later in the course. There are also many other periods of time that may interest you and you want to look into. This part of the BBC website compliments BBC bitesize, which a lot of you already use, and is currently offering daily lessons for all subjects - worth a look at too!

Spanish

Mrs Rubio recommends: [Language Gym](#)

You can practise grammar, vocabulary, reading, listening and translation through a range of exercises and games. Your teachers can also set you assignments that should be completed by a set date. For those who have not signed up yet, you can find your login details and invitation codes in Foldr.



Physical Education

Mr Atherton recommends: [PE Resources Bank](#)

There are lots of free resources on this website including the '5-a-day' exam questions series which has proved hugely popular. To support schools at this time, the website has extended the number of resources available, to include a 30 day challenge, activities to try at home and lots more.



Media Studies

Mr MacIntyre recommends: [BBC Bitesize](#)

The BBC's 'Bitesize' Media Studies page has many materials to help. The key areas we explore in the subject are the ownership and control of the media, how audiences are engaged and what choices have been made in the representations offered. All of these areas are on the 'Bitesize' page, with some further divided into different platforms such as newspapers, magazines and television. There is even a page dedicated to giving guidance for producing your own products, which is a key component of the subject.



Business Studies and Digital I.T.

Mrs Goodrick recommends: [Seneca Learning DIGITAL IT](#) and [Seneca Learning BUSINESS STUDIES](#)

Seneca Learning is an online learning platform with lots of information - You just have to follow the link to your course and register with your school email address to access the resources. The Digital IT section covers hardware, logical operators, communication, organisation and structure of data, system software, principles of programming, security and data management, impacts of digital technology, problem solving, algorithms and programming. The Business section covers marketing campaigns, finance, international business, decision making and principles of management. The combination of information sharing, video clips and key memory questions will help learning and provide lots of variety too!



Computer Science

Mrs Goodrick recommends: [Bitesize lessons on Programming](#) explaining what programming is in simple language and [Computational Thinking](#) which has explanations about what computational thinking is and then re-enforces the information with 2 fun videos & 3 online assessments.

Art, Design & Technology

Mrs Rutherford recommends:

Art: [Access Art](#)

This gives advice for pupils and parents as well as lots of activities and tutorials ideal for the whole family to complete at home.

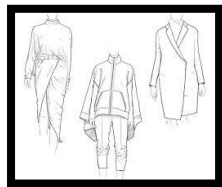


Food: [Food a Fact of Life](#)

There are a whole range of activities and information. There's a huge amount of information on the website but it's all really interesting, really informative and will definitely support learning around food, cooking, health and nutrition.

Health & Social Care:

[Medical Mavericks](#) opens up the world of Health and Social Care. The site includes workshop activities, information about careers in health plus lots more!



Fashion & Textiles: [Fashion Era](#)

This website gives vast amounts of information regarding fashion trends throughout history as well as tutorials and templates to aid fashion drawings.

Resistant Materials: [Technology Student](#)

This website covers all areas of Design and Technology but the Resistant Materials Section is particularly good with lots of information sections as well as quizzes and activities.



Music

Mrs Bonner recommends: [Little Kids Rock](#)

'Littlekidsrock' has a section which features basic lessons on learning to play the ukulele and back beats using body drumming to understanding chords on keyboard and guitar. There are lots of songs arranged for different instruments which cater for beginner, intermediate and advanced performers. You can even jam along to the tracks included! There are also lots of jam zone videos available to get you performing without needing a musical instrument too, plus links to other sites featuring various music games - lots of fun filled activities while still engaging in music from home!



Life Skills

Mrs Burgess recommends: [Barclays Life Skills](#)

This website has a huge wealth of information and lots of activities to try... information on how to master and develop problem-solving skills, ideas for staying safe online, tasks to help you master your resilience and improving your communication skills and lots, lots more!

