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Sixth Form Newsletter

Welcome to the first of our regular updates for sixth form students.

Two weeks have gone by since school closure and hopefully some new routines are beginning to settle in. Although it can feel quite unsettling, the priority is keeping safe, staying at home and protecting the NHS so it can cope with the numbers of patients requiring treatment. According to recent council statistics, 17% of Wolverhampton's residents are aged 70+ so it is **extremely** important for you to stick to the government guidance: wash hands regularly, one outside period of exercise and 2-metres distance between you and the next person outside (who isn't in your household).



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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.

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 - I've provided some super-curricular ideas with this newsletter. Year 13 can also research what's on their chosen degree course and start learning the areas which interest you most. I've already been contacted by several universities stating that they are keen that Year 13 continue to study so they are ready to access degree level work when they begin university.



Accessing School Work - Year 12 and 13

Class Charts is the main platform for accessing school work from your subject teachers. **Please log in every day at 9 am.** We are aware that some teachers are also using **Microsoft Teams** and sharing access to files on **OneDrive**. If you have any difficulties accessing school work, please email Dr Allen.

Latest information from the Department of Education

There have been no new updates, so these links are still the most up-to-date we have at the moment.

[BTEC Nationals](#) 25 March

[GCSE/AS and A Levels](#) 20 March

[AQA advice on awarding grades](#) 24 March

UNIVERSITY UPDATE

Although this year's summer schools at university have been cancelled and pre university access courses and mentor programmes put on hold, do check on-line as many institutions will be offering 'virtual' access as an alternative.

Remember that the deadline for firm and insurance offer choices has been extended to May 19th and Student Finance applications are open until May 22nd.

Please contact Dr Allen or the sixth form tutor team if you need and further advice or guidance with UCAS.

APPRENTICESHIPS

Apprenticeships are still being advertised and applications are still happening. Utilise this time to research and apply for some amazing opportunities.

The link below is for a Degree Apprenticeship with Amazon in Software Development. Check it out if it is of interest:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeship/1000005988>

You can also start your apprenticeship search here:

<https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Uptree opportunity

On **Friday 17th April** between **11am-12pm**, Facebook are holding an Apprentice Panel & Application Masterclass Online.

This session will be useful for any student that is interested in the tech industry or who is considering applying for [Facebook's Software Engineering Apprenticeship](#).

The agenda for the session is as follows:

- Panel talk with current apprentices, graduates & professionals
- Q&A session
- Insider advice for Facebook application process
- Top tips and tailored help for your application

Interested students can register online [here](#).

Health & Well-being

How to stay Active

Joe Wicks - 9am every morning on his youtube account

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

Useful links to support your Health & Well-being

Mental Health support :

[Young Minds](#)

[Kooth](#)

Meditation and sleep :

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

Relax - mindfulness and meditation app :

<https://www.calm.com/signup-flow>

Physical activities:

[Sport England : Join the Movement](#)




Musical activities :

[Song sheets for those with instruments](#)

[Activities for those without instruments](#)

Making the most of new opportunities...

Theatre filmed live and broadcast on Youtube every Thursday at 7pm. You can still watch it, if you missed it.

 <p>One Man, Two Guvnors Featuring a Tony Award-winning performance from James Corden as Francis Henshall in this hilarious West End and Broadway hit.</p> <p>Streaming from 7pm on Thursday 2 April. Available until 9 April.</p> <p>Find out more on YouTube</p>	 <p>Jane Eyre This bold and innovative reimagining of Charlotte Brontë's masterpiece uncovers one woman's fight for freedom and fulfilment on her own terms.</p> <p>Streaming from 7pm on Thursday 9 April. Available until 16 April.</p>	 <p>Treasure Island Robert Louis Stevenson's story of murder, money and mutiny is brought to life in this thrilling stage adaptation. Featuring Arthur Darvill as Long John Silver.</p> <p>Streaming from 7pm on Thursday 16 April. Available until 23 April.</p>
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Here's a trailer of the comedy 'One man, Two Guvnors'

[Click for trailer](#)

[IDEAS #Stayathome](#)

While you have time at home- think about trying a new cultural pursuit online. If we #Stayathome, the entertainment and learning can stream into our home instead. Lots of online services have enabled free access-take advantage of this unexpected opportunity.

[Watch a Play](#)

National Theatre Live will screen a NT Play every Thursday at 7pm. They will be available to screen for the following 7 weeks, It starts on 2nd April with James Corden in One Man Two Guvnors [LINK](#). The Royal Shakespeare Company has free full length broadcast here [LINK](#)

[Watch a Ballet](#)

Every Friday at 7pm a full-length ballet will be broadcast by the Royal Opera House [LINK](#) This week begins with Peter and the Wolf [LINK](#)

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Explore the world's greatest landmarks, culture and arts with Goole Arts and Culture [LINK](#)

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Here are 12 of the world's greatest museums and galleries [LINK](#)

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[Have you ever tried Opera?](#)

The Met Opera in New York have nightly broadcasts of World-class performances [LINK](#)

Glyndebourne Opera [LINK](#)



Live Classical Music

Chamber music
from around the
world [LINK](#) Berlin
Philharmonic [LINK](#)

Speak another Language

Learn a language for free [HERE](#)

Languages

Try a Short University Courses from around the world [LINK](#)

SUPER-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Be thinking ahead to applying to university (Y12) as these opportunities will help to shape 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.

FUTURELEARN (MOOC) - [details](#)

- A range of short online courses to deepen subject knowledge through this amazing MOOC site (Massive Open Online Community). Very useful for stretch and challenge and a students' personal statements. Free to access and complete each course though there is an optional payment for a certificate.

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](#)

MILLENIUM 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](#)

Sixth Form emails

Please note that as we settle into a new home-working pattern, we will be replying to emails during 'office hours' 9.00am - 4.30pm weekdays. Apart from safeguarding issues and emergencies, we won't be replying over weekends!



And finally,

Thought of the Week

*...and then the whole world
walked inside and shut their doors
and said we will stop it all. everything.
to protect our weaker ones
our sicker ones. our older ones.
and nothing. nothing in the history of humankind
ever felt more like love than this.*

Have a great Easter break,

Dr Allen and the sixth form tutor team.