

## Easter Activities

### Suggested Activities to Keep You Occupied over Easter

With the Easter holidays upon us, you probably all need a well-deserved rest from online learning and google classrooms. So why not try some of the activities that have been put together by the staff in the school? With limited opportunities to go out and about as well as the need to keep active for your own wellbeing, these are some ideas to help you make the most of your time at home.

### Art

Make something creative out of any materials you have lying around and send a picture of this to your art teacher. An example is loo roll art that is proving to be a big hit on Twitter.



Try a colouring app. Adult colouring books are available in-stores *and* in mobile app stores, so no need to head to the store. [Colorfy](#) and [Happy Color](#) will help you get creative without any supplies needed.

Make a custom photo book. You don't need the talent of Michaelangelo to create a memorable photo book. A variety of online services can help you collect your photos into a beautiful keepsake.

Visit many of the great art galleries virtually. One of the best is the J Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles. With more than 6,000 year's worth of creative treasures, the Getty is one of the best places for art on the west coast of the US. Go from neolithic clay figures to Van Gogh's *Iris* and Renoir's *La Promenade* – just two of many artworks that feature in the virtual tour.

<https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-j-paul-getty-museum?hl=en>

You could spend some time honing your drawing skills by following these exercises,

<https://design.tutsplus.com/articles/i-want-to-draw-simple-exercises-for-complete-beginners--vector-20583>

## Computing and business

Fancy yourself as the next Hollywood producer? Why not put your camera skills to use and make a short movie over the holidays and submit to your class teacher? There are lots of apps to help with this (find the best 21 apps for editing film here <https://www.wyzowl.com/best-video-editing-apps/>) or you may be lucky enough to have a computer programme such as iMedia that will help you produce a professional film.

Your film could be factual; based on something you have learnt or the current situation. Or you could create a fictional film with a clear message.

If you want to get really advanced and give yourself a skill that will make you highly employable with the potential to earn megabucks, try developing your programming skills. This blog is a good place to start <https://hackr.io/blog/how-to-learn-programming>

## English

Make the most of the holidays and listen to some free audiobooks from audible.co.uk (Free 30 day trial). There are over 150,000+ titles available ranging from *Diary of a Wimpy Kid* to *Watership Down* and *Dragon Slayer*. Or you could listen to non-fiction including a massive range of biographies to find out more about your favourite celebrity or sports hero.

<https://www.audible.co.uk/>

The Royal Shakespeare Company also have a free 30 day trial of their Marquee TV where you can access over 400 dance, opera and theatre productions. Plenty of Shakespeare and other plays. The dancers among you might enjoy 'Three Graces' or finding out about 'Alice's Adventures', based on *Alice in Wonderland*.

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/news/watch-rsc-shows-from-home>

Dust off the old favourites and play a word related board game, but if you don't have these, online versions of Scrabble and Boggle are available. Get Scrabble here

<https://scrabble.hasbro.com/en-us>.

Or do you fancy yourself as the next great author? Enter the prestigious The Henrietta Branford Writing Competition. Use the link to access the site and enter.

<https://branfordboaseaward.org.uk/>

## Humanities

Get out of the house for your daily exercise and take photos of the geography and history around you. Best photo submitted to Miss Murtagh will win a prize. You could even add local history information that you research or labels or geographical features to your pictures – it would be great to have some for the school website and PLASMA screens.

With all travel restricted, don't let this stop you from visiting the amazing historical, geographical and religious sites of the world. Take a virtual tour of the following.

## Vatican Museums, Rome

<http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.1.html>

## Machu Picchu, Peru



Many details of how the Inca site was constructed are still a mystery. Built in the Andes at 2,430 metres above sea level around AD1450, Machu Picchu was created without wheels or animals to transport the huge stones up the mountainside. A series of 360-degree images on [YouVisit's virtual tour](#) explore various areas of the site. The tour also includes a voiceover guide with information on the architecture, history and resident alpacas. For a bird's-eye view, head to [Air Pano](#) for stunning interactive images, including from the summit of Machu Picchu mountain.

## Christ the Redeemer, Rio de Janeiro



Standing 30 metres tall on the summit of the 710-metre Corcovado mountain and visible from all over Rio, Christ the Redeemer is the world's largest art deco statue. As with some other entries on this list, this tour on [Google Arts and Culture](#) uses the [Street View](#) technology to allow visitors to "walk around" the site. As the sun sets behind misty clouds, the view from the end of the platform walkway looks out across the city, including Ipanema and Copacabana beaches and Sugarloaf Mountain, which is dwarfed from this great height. Or check it out at different times of day, [with these 360-degree shots](#) from above.

## Pyramids of Giza, Egypt

On the edge of the desert where the sand ends and modern Cairo begins, the pyramids of Giza were constructed around 4,500 years ago as grand tombs for the pharaohs. With walking routes around the site, this [virtual tour](#) shows the magnificent structures from near and far. This includes two of the largest pyramids ever built – the Great Pyramid (147 metres) and the Pyramid of Khafre (136 metres) – plus the Great Sphinx to the east.

## Maths

Leave Hegarty alone for a couple of weeks and enjoy many of the card games and board games that have a mathematical twist. Or try the numerous puzzles that can be found online. Free maths puzzles can be found at

<http://www.mathsphere.co.uk/resources/MathSphereMathsPuzzles.htm>

## MFL

Stuck at home, visit the major cities of France or Spain.

Grab yourself an online guide and see the sites of Paris, Madrid and Barcelona.

<https://www.youvisit.com/tour/barcelona?pl=undefined>

Or visit Valencia and Normandy virtually. <http://www.valencia-cityguide.com/tourist-information/virtual-tour/>

Rosetta Stone is giving free access for schoolchildren to use its language courses for the next three months, saving parents the usual £50 fee. Go to [rosettastone.co.uk/lp/freeforkids/](http://rosettastone.co.uk/lp/freeforkids/). This would be a great way to come back to school and wow your languages teachers with you amazing language skills.

Immerse yourself in the country of your choice by cooking a family meal from a Spanish or French speaking country. Followed by a film in Spanish or French with English subtitles. Get some ideas here <https://acis.com/blog/french-language-resources-25-french-movies-appropriate-for-students/>

Try and find a really obscure fact about France/Spain that you think your teacher will not know already.

Or listen to a Spanish or French song and try to translate it.

## PE and Fitness

Joe Wicks has become the most popular PE teacher in the world. Continue with your daily dose of exercise at his You Tube channel.

The NHS also has 24 free instructor-led videos covering aerobics exercise, strength and resistance, and pilates and yoga. They range from 10 to 45 minutes long, and are available at [nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/](http://nhs.uk/conditions/nhs-fitness-studio/). This will keep you fit and healthy.

## Performing Arts

Try to learn one of the online dance crazes that are everywhere at the moment. The Performing Arts Department would love to see your efforts!

Mr Knight challenges you and your family to learn a musical instrument or new song. Could you become the next internet sensation? Record your efforts and send them to Mr Knight. There may be a prize!

Can't get to the West End to see an amazing production over the holidays? Don't worry. BroadwayHD, has a seven day free trial where you binge on the 300 productions they have on hand. <https://www.broadwayhd.com/>. There's something for everyone from *Peter Pan*, to *Romeo and Juliet* and *Swan Lake*.

## Science

Fancy yourself as a budding scientist? Try out many of the home experiments that are on the internet. These are particularly cool and easy to make at home. Video your attempts and send to Miss Cole or Mr Brennan. The best home experiment wins a prize.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMcWCOOyTAg>

Miss Grierson dares you to attempt her top five!

1. Make your own lava lamp:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WayviQkusxl>

2. Non stop fountain

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K49QOM\\_B8dA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K49QOM_B8dA)

3. Investigating the effect of enzymes

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7t7v8w7EqTM>

4. Fermentation experiment (This comes with detailed instructions on my google classroom). Just need to make sure you don't end up home brewing alcohol!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FYCICHVT00M>

5. DIY Newtons colour wheel. This will help understanding that white light is made up of all colours

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z7BDab3N7w>

Normally visit the zoo over the holidays? Well don't let the lockdown stop you! San Diego Zoo is the place for you. It has the most live cams from any zoo in the world. You can see the tigers and polar bears all from the comfort of your armchair.

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

## Technology

See what you have in the shed or garage and create something from scraps. Let your imagination run wild. It may be a useful object you create or just an interesting sculpture.

Hold a bake off style family competition and send in a photo or video of the winning bake to the department.

Find some old scraps of material or clear out your old clothes to re-purpose into funky or fashionable items or a gift for a friend or loved one. Get inspired here

<https://www.pinterest.co.uk/Repurposing8279/refashion-repurposed-clothes/>