

## Wigston Academies Trust

### Being a successful KS3 student.

We understand it is not ideal when students are absent or having to self-isolate, following student well-being guidance, students should aim to complete the activities for the lessons that they would typically have based on their timetable. The idea is not to have them attached to a computer screen for long periods of time, whilst keeping them up to date with their learning. Students can also use knowledge organisers to test their knowledge and create revision mind maps for topic tests.

Below are some useful links to support for parents if needed and also some useful educational links in case your son/daughter wishes to do additional studies or try something new.

#### Useful Links:

##### General support for teenagers including well being

- [www.projecteducation.co.uk/gcse](http://www.projecteducation.co.uk/gcse) offers links to GCSE chat forums.
- [www.bbc.co.uk](http://www.bbc.co.uk) &
- [www.childline.org.uk/explore/Pages/Explore.aspx](http://www.childline.org.uk/explore/Pages/Explore.aspx)
- [www.youthaccess.org.uk/](http://www.youthaccess.org.uk/)
- Chat Health Texting Service: Leicester City: 07520 61538 and Leicestershire & Rutland: 07520 615387
- [www.healthforteens.co.uk](http://www.healthforteens.co.uk)
- <https://www.kooth.com/> online counselling service

##### General parent support

- [www.parentlineplus.org.uk](http://www.parentlineplus.org.uk) confidential helpline for parents on 0808 800 2222
- [www.projecteducation.co.uk](http://www.projecteducation.co.uk)

#### IDEA TO ENGAGE STUDENTS AT HOME:

##### National Curriculum Subjects:

[www.senecallearning.com](http://www.senecallearning.com) most curriculum subjects can be found on this platform

**Bitesize for KS3:** <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/z4kw2hv>

On KS3 Bitesize, there are a wide range of activities, clips and mini quizzes that can be take for all National Curriculum subjects as illustrated below. This can be accessed via the link above.

##### Reading:

Students should be encouraged to read for at least twenty minutes every day. They could also practice their analysis skills by writing a book review that we can share on our displays at the Academy.

**Maths:** Students have been reminded of their individual portal\_details in lessons for my maths.

My Maths: [www.mymaths.co.uk](http://www.mymaths.co.uk)

Log in: Wigston 1

Password: Square177

### **Khan Academy**

<https://www.khanacademy.org>

Especially good for maths and computing for all ages but other subjects at Secondary level. Note this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.

### **Prodigy Maths**

<https://www.prodigygame.com>

Is in U.S. grades, but good for Year 6 and 7 students.

### **History:**

Big History Project

<https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home> - Aimed at Secondary age. Topics include; The Universe, The Solar System, Life and how to become a historian activities.

Imperial War Museum [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk) there are also really interesting activities for students and families using this link to the home learning hub. <https://www.iwm.org.uk/learning/home-learning-hub>

### **Geography:**

Geography Games

<https://world-geography-games.com/world.html> - Geography gaming!

### **Art and Design:**

Idea Students can follow the links to Teachers' notes or resources for some of the Galleries.

- British Museum [britishmuseum.org](http://britishmuseum.org) - virtual tours and you can view the gallery
- Tate Modern [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk) or in <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids> try out soap carving or learn different art techniques, test your art knowledge in quizzes etc.
- National Gallery [nationalgallery.org.uk](http://nationalgallery.org.uk) virtual activities to participate in, you can also do a virtual tour which may help with artist analysis in some of the ADT tasks
- National Portrait Gallery [npg.org.uk](http://npg.org.uk) – collections can be explored virtually
- Courtauld Institute of Art [courtauld.ac.uk](http://courtauld.ac.uk) – this link takes you to learning resources which may be useful for the art activities set on portraits etc.  
<https://courtauld.ac.uk/learn/secondary-learning-resources>

### **MFL:**

[www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com)

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[www.activeteachonline.com](http://www.activeteachonline.com) pupils have individual log in details from their teacher

[www.quizlet.com](http://www.quizlet.com)

[www.memrise.com](http://www.memrise.com)

### **Drama:**

Lessons that cover Stage Design and Stage Configurations – Learn about the different stage configurations and consider their advantages and disadvantages.

<https://burtsdrama.com/stage-designers-lesson-2-different-stage-layouts/?fbclid=IwAR3D3F8NfKHCUJ888u0jZre4WLKSEcOpQAvZHhHswiMhoOkgxsaRp2ecMg4>

Shakespeare's Globe – Hundreds of free learning resources to help you teach Shakespeare  
<https://teach.shakespearesglobe.com/library>

BBC Bitesize – Lots of resources for Drama GCSE resources but actually very useful for key stage 3 (particularly year 9 students)  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/examspecs/z4bfscw>

BBC Teach – Free curriculum-mapped videos for Drama  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/ks3-drama/zrjhcqt>

Matilda The Musical resources  
<https://uk.matildathemusical.com/schools/matilda-school-resources/>

Royal Shakespeare Company resources  
<http://interactive-learning.rsc.org.uk/>

### **Information Technology:**

**Scratch:**  
<https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/> - Creative computer programming

### **Ted Ed**

<https://ed.ted.com> All sorts of engaging educational videos

**National Geographic Kids**  
<https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> Activities and quizzes for year 7 and 8.

### **Twinkl**

<https://www.twinkl.co.uk> - This is more for printouts, and usually at a fee, but they are offering a month of free access to parents in the event of school closures.