



# Wigston Academies Trust

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are conscious that this is a strange time for our students, families and staff. Teachers will continue to set activities for students via the Showmyhomework (SMHW) wherever possible. Students were given a reminder of log in details this week and the information also went to you.

If you have any concerns regarding accessing resources via SMHW or having difficulties, please let us know via [admin@wigstonacademy.org](mailto:admin@wigstonacademy.org) and we will get back to you as soon as we are able to.

Attached to this letter, you will find a range of useful contacts for support for students and families as well as educational platforms, appropriate to their Key Stage. Some of these will be familiar to students; for example My Maths and others are useful for additional activities that are educational and will help to occupy students whilst they are at home.

Key Stage 3 students will be given an exercise book before they leave school to complete their activities in, if they do not have subject books at home.

Year 11 students who have applied to Wigston College to study A Levels or other A Level providers will have access to the transition packs for the subjects they have chosen to study, so they can begin to develop their skills for their next steps. The packs can be accessed on the Wigston College website: [www.wigstoncollege.org](http://www.wigstoncollege.org) using the links tab. Students going elsewhere should receive transition packs from their new provider, but any Year 11 student is welcome to use these packs.

Year 12 and 13 students can extend their learning by studying modules in preparation for university and degree level apprenticeships or choosing to learn something new using educational platforms as per the guide attached.

I hope that this will be useful during the closure period.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Ailie Pollon

Deputy Headteacher.

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)

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

All KS3 subjects



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.

**Maths:** Students have been reminded of their individual portal\_details in lessons

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. Multi disciplinary activities.

### **Geography:**

Geography Games

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

### **Art and Design:**

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

The National Gallery looks at paintings in the collection with suggestions how to use the paintings to develop work.

For example 'Bathers at Asnieres' by Georges Seurat sets questions to start thinking about the painting.

The Victoria and Albert Museum has resources for example based on the Islamic Gallery with Plant based design or patterns in Architecture.

Imperial War Museum Learning resources include British Art of the First World War.

Fashion and Textile Museum Learning resources gives a lesson plan to design a pattern repeat using block printing inspired by an exhibition.

- British Museum [britishmuseum.org](http://britishmuseum.org)
- Tate Modern [www.tate.org.uk](http://www.tate.org.uk)
- Victoria and Albert Museum [www.vam.ac.uk](http://www.vam.ac.uk)
- [National Gallery nationalgallery.org.uk](http://National Gallery nationalgallery.org.uk)
- National Portrait Gallery [npg.org.uk](http://npg.org.uk)

- Imperial War Museum [www.iwm.org.uk](http://www.iwm.org.uk)
- Fashion and Textile Museum [www.ftmlondon.org](http://www.ftmlondon.org)
- Courtauld Institute of Art [courtauld.ac.uk](http://courtauld.ac.uk)
- Design Museum [designmuseum.org](http://designmuseum.org)

**MFL:**

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

username: wigstonaca

password: bordeaux19

[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.