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### 1. HOMESCHOOLING RESOURCES:

[TES](#) - a range of resources uploaded by teachers for teachers

[BrainPop](#) - offers animated videos on topics in Maths, Science and English

[Curiosity Stream](#) - 1000s of documentaries for secondary students

[Outschool](#) - live online classes for 3-18 year olds

[Twinkl](#) - entire schemes of work, lesson plans and assessments created by teachers

[Share my Lesson](#) - teaching resources for all US levels

[Khan Academy](#) - the world-famous, long established go-to Maths site

[Khan Academy for Kids](#) : free and fun educational app aimed at 2-7 year olds

[Scholastic](#) is a US site that offers free worksheets and activities

[All in one home-school](#) including a list of [thinking games by US grades](#)

[Crickweb](#) - free online education resources and games

[S-Cool](#) - revision practice at secondary level

[Teaching ideas](#) - seasonal ideas and resources

[Parents in touch](#) - downloadable worksheets for the primary years

[BBC Bitesize](#) - the BBC's free online study support resource for UK pupils

[BBC Skillswise](#) - English & Maths resources for adults

[Enchanted Learning](#) - early years resources

[Schofield and Sims](#) - Foundation, KS1 & KS2 resources from a leading educational publisher

[Allinonehomeschool](#) - the one stop homeschooling shop!

[Allinonehomeschool thinking games](#) by grade

[123homeschool4me](#) - access 1000's of free worksheets available to print

[Beanstalk](#) - fun and physical activities through interactive classes for toddlers and early years

[Tynker](#): coding for kids

[Udemy](#): over 100,000 online video courses for older children eg programming/data science

[Iready](#): online assessment and instruction for reading and Maths  
[Camp Corona](#) – crowdsourced resources, ideas, and links so support home-isolated families  
[TED Student Talks Programme](#) – engages curiosity in students as they discover, explore and present their big ideas in the form of short TED-style talks  
[Busytoddlers](#) provides inspiration for hands-on, play-based (non screen) learning  
[Belouga](#) – online educational platform with learning videos about the world  
[Country Reports](#) provides cultural, historical, statistical country information  
[Ed Habit](#) has been described as the ‘Pinterest for learning’  
[Fun educational activities for toddlers-12 year olds](#) from Oxford Owl  
[450 Ivy League courses](#) you can take online right now for free  
[Primary resources](#) – free worksheets, lesson plans and teaching ideas for primary teachers  
[Learning Resources](#) - Early learning toys eg play money/smelly pencils that spark curiosity  
[SmartTech](#) offer Smart Notebook lessons as well as educational games and activities  
[A 5 year memory book](#) – a diary in which to record a memory of the day

**Books:**

*9 Habits of Highly Effective Teachers*. London Continuum by Jacquie Turnball  
*‘The Emotional Practice of Teaching’*, Teaching and Teacher Education by A Hargreaves  
*What Every Parent Needs to Know: How to Help Your Child Get the Most Out of Primary School* by Miranda Thomas and Toby Young

**YouTube Channels:**



[Hip Hop Hen](#): accelerates learning to read using systematic synthetic phonics



[Crash Course Kids](#): a bi-weekly show that teaches science



[Science Channel](#): videos and news about outer space, technology and science



[Sci Show Kids](#): explores all those curious topics that make us ask “why?”



[National Geographic Kids](#): explore your world with weird, wild and wacky videos



[Free School](#): focuses on art, classical music, children’s literature and natural science



[GEOgraphy Focus](#): all things geography from country profiles to landmark features



[TheBrainScoop](#): shares the work and research of natural history museums



[Kids Learning Tube](#): educates kids through music and animation



[Geek Gurl Diaries](#): for girls interested in comp. science/programming/electronics



[Mike Likes Science](#): science inspired music videos



[Science Max](#): turbocharges science experiments you can do at home



[SoulPancake](#): for the joy spreaders, deep thinkers and change makers of the internet

### More international free learning websites:

[Starfall](#) - basic English reading and writing skills for preschoolers and kindergarteners

[Abcya](#) - educational games for pre-kindergarten to Gd 6

[Splashlearn](#) - fun maths practice for Gd 1-5

[Funbrain](#) - an educational browser game website with US curriculum-linked Maths puzzles

[Storyonline](#) - videos of celebrities such as Oprah Winfrey and Kevin Costner reading children's books

[Science Kids](#) - science facts, experiments and games

## 2. CURIOSITY BUILDING & REAL WORLD LEARNING

[Ted-Ed](#) - lessons worth sharing to spark curiosity and inspire young people

The [What on Earth?](#) Collection by Christopher Lloyd: home-learning kits that provide hours of fun, activities and learning and includes three fold-out timeline stickerbooks on History, Nature & Science

[Bigthink](#) - a collection of interviews, presentations, and roundtable discussions with experts from a wide range of fields.

[Bigthink article on learning how to learn](#)

Edward de Bono on Lateral Thinking [www.edwdebono.com/debono/lateral.htm](http://www.edwdebono.com/debono/lateral.htm)

[Luminosity](#) focuses on brain performance enhancement (memory and focus)

*Animalium* book by Jenny Broom (2014), a picture guide to more than 160 museum exhibits of animals and nature; watch the trailer [here](#)

[A Better World](#) - social, emotional learning that encourages students to become compassionate critical thinkers, understand diverse perspectives and be mindful leaders in our ever-changing world.

[Choices](#) - free lessons that connect your classroom to headlines in the news

[First News](#), an award-winning weekly children's newspaper with worksheets (app available)

[The Week Junior](#) - a current affairs magazine for children aged between 8-14 years written to engage young minds and encourage them to explore and understand the world around them.

[Aquila](#) - a monthly educational magazine for 8-12 year olds covering science, history and general knowledge that is beautifully illustrated and inspires self-motivated learning

[Newstink from the Red Cross](#) - topical teaching resources exploring current affairs from a humanitarian perspective.

[C-Span](#) provides free video-based materials for social studies teachers

[Borami](#) is an award-winning community of in-school play boxes/libraries which parents can take home to continue to develop their child's education

## 3. OUTDOOR LEARNING AND GREEN LIVING:

[130+ free outdoor learning activities for kids](#) from Outdoor Families Magazine

[Wild Learning at home](#) - ideas from a Wiltshire forest school

Lesson plans on Green Living from [YPTE](#) inspiring outdoor learning and play

[Tree Tools for Schools](#)

[PLT.org](#) - activities to do indoors and out that teach about nature and suggest ways we can lessen our environmental footprint

[33 National Park Tours](#) from the comfort of your armchair

## 4. VIRTUAL CULTURE:

Musicals, plays and operas are available to stream from the websites of various cultural institutions from [Shakespeare's Globe](#) to [the National Theatre](#) (streams on youtube), The [Royal Opera House](#), [Berlin Philharmonic](#), [Marquee.tv](#), [Met Opera](#), [Melbourne Symphony](#), [Broadway](#), [Ann Arbor Film Festival](#) and [Lincoln Center](#). At the time of writing [the London Palladium](#) was streaming shows like *The Wind in the Willows* accompanied by educational

activity packs for use at home or in school settings. And [here](#) are 76 other musicals, plays and operas you can stream for free online.

Many well known museums and galleries offer an array of learning resources on their websites to help inspire curiosity to those who can visit as well as those who can't! Some links to the learning resource pages of some popular London museums at the time of writing:

[Horniman museum](#)

[Natural History Museum](#)

[Science Museum](#)

[The British Museum](#)

[London Zoo](#)

[Hampton Court](#)

**More Virtual Field Trips online:**

[Skyline](#)

[Earth Cam](#)

[San Diego Zoo](#)

[Smithsonian's National Zoo](#)

[Tembe Elephant Park](#)

[Live Puppy Playroom](#)

[Monterey Bay Aquarium](#)

[Buckingham Palace](#)

[Attenborough's Great Barrier Reef](#)

[View The Best Parks In USA](#)

[Tour The White House](#)

**5. CREATIVE ACTIVITIES:**

**Write a Blog**

A great way to turn a reluctant writer into an active one is to start a blog (from 11 years with supervision) on a site such as [Wix.com](#). Those aged 13 years+ can use free blogsites such as [wordpress.com](#), [blogger.com](#) and [tumblr](#)

**Record a podcast**

By recording a podcast on [Garageband](#), students can practise their story writing, recording, sound editing and promoting. Younger children (from 9 years) can record straight to [Audacity](#) or [SoundCloud](#).

**Learn to type**

[Typingclub.com](#) (from 7 years) is an engaging way to start learning this valuable life skill.

**DIY Fashion (sewing):** Lisa Comfort's patterns for skirts, tops and dresses can be downloaded from her [Sewoverit.com](#) website. Students can follow online tutorials or join a live sew-along on her youtube channel.

**Block Printing Workshops**

[Molly Mahon](#) has a wonderful website selling block printer kits as well as new potato printing tutorials and other creative techniques.

**Cultivate a veg patch**

[Willow & Wild](#) offer gardening boxes on subscription for 3-8 year olds that include seeds, instructions and recipes.

**Make a Film**

For teenagers looking to animate their own illustrations or logos, [Skillshare.com](#) runs an animation course that teaches skills such as storyboarding, editing and exporting film to social media.

### **Art History Tours**

Children's Art History company [TheLittleGrandTour.co.uk](http://TheLittleGrandTour.co.uk) offer tours designed to open children's eyes to the world of Art from inspiring visits to the National gallery to the V&A.

### **Explore Origami**

If you enjoy art, design and maths, try exploring [OrigamiEst.co.uk](http://OrigamiEst.co.uk). The repetition is therapeutic and you will also learn to be precise whilst thinking carefully about geometry. Ideas can also be found at the [Origami Resource Center](http://Origami Resource Center).

### **Learn Cooking skills**

[LittleCooksCo's](http://LittleCooksCo's) award-winning healthy baking boxes contain pre-measured ingredients and teach sieving, grating and whisking (from 3 years). For older children, [Delia's online cookery school](http://Delia's online cookery school) is a great starting point for 7 years+. [Nomster Chef](http://Nomster Chef) and [Raddish Kids](http://Raddish Kids) are also popular.

### **Documentary-making**

Make a documentary or a 15 minute feature film with the help of [Lemonwedgefilmclub.com](http://Lemonwedgefilmclub.com) which runs a virtual film academy for 6-16 year olds.

### **Song-writing & recording**

Compose and record a song of your own using a free music creation studio like GarageBand or Audacity, using the built-in microphone on a laptop or iPad. Those getting more serious could invest in a professional studio such as Logic Pro X with a microphone and interface.

### **Make music**

Elevate your guitar skills to rockstar status with free lessons from [Fender](http://Fender) or become the piano dynamo you always dreamed of with [Diamond Piano](http://Diamond Piano).

### **Build a treehouse Grylls' style**

Build a den or a treehouse using plans on Instructables.com and in Bear Gryll's *Survival Skills handbook: Shelter building*. Teens can find an introduction to the design process, tools and materials via Lee Mothes' book *Keep Out! Build Your Own Backyard Clubhouse*.

**Create and run a Depop shop:** with appropriate supervision children can be encouraged to make some pocket money (and learn the value of money) by uploading their unwanted possessions on to sites such as Depop, eBay or Vinted or start an Etsy shop and sell creations.

### **Check mate!**

Learn and play chess with other kids at [Chesskid](http://Chesskid)

### **Learn the art of Storytelling**

For some advice on the art of Creative Writing and Storytelling, have a listen of the [podcasts devised by J R Wallis](#), author and Cambridge creative writing tutor who helps aspiring young writers to improve their storytelling skills.

### **Collage maker/Graphic design**

Create a colouring in book/ creative family tree with personal photos with [Ipiccy.com](http://Ipiccy.com)

### **Mindful Making**

Learn to knit, draw and make jewellery amongst other arts and crafts with [Creative Bug](http://Creative Bug)

### **Learn to meditate**

[FitMind](http://FitMind) and [HeadSpace for Kids](http://HeadSpace for Kids) introduce children to mindfulness and meditation with sleep stories and music. [Calm](http://Calm) and [Insight Timer](http://Insight Timer) can help with anxiety, stress and sleep whilst [GoNoodle](http://GoNoodle), [The Mindfulness App](http://The Mindfulness App) and [Aura](http://Aura) offer mindfulness videos. [Teeny breaks](http://Teeny breaks) is a Chrome extension showing you one mindfulness tip based on science every time you open a new tab.

## SUBJECT-SPECIFIC LEARNING RESOURCES

### 6. ENGLISH:

#### READING:

[Storylineonline](#) and [Savewithstories](#) offer stories read by legends such as Oprah Winfrey and Kevin Costner

[Amazon Audible](#) have a great range of children's stories to stream, many of them free

[Awesome Stories](#) – thousands of stories in various media formats with questions

[The World Of David Walliams](#)

[Rivetedlit](#) provides free teen books online

[World Book Online](#) – collection of 3,000 ebooks and audiobooks, many available for free

[The Book Depository](#), a UK based online bookseller offering cut-priced books

[London's Southbank Centre Book Market](#) (take your students for a browse?)

[The Charing Cross Road bookshop](#) - second hand bargains on a street famed for its bookstores

[Blackwell's](#) - Charing Cross Road has biggest academic section

[Foyles](#) - Charing Cross Road is flagship store

[Daunt books](#) (try the Fulham Road branch for friendly advice on recommended reading lists)

[Waterstones](#) (Piccadilly is flagship store)

[Love Reading 4 Kids](#) – Online Independent Bookstore

[Oxford Owl](#) - 250 free e-books

[What to do if your child is a struggling reader](#)

[How to encourage reluctant readers](#)

[How to work out the reading stage of a child](#)

[Foam Reading Comprehension Cubes](#)

[Accelerate](#) – free speed reading app on iTunes

[Scoop Magazine](#) – a subscription magazine committed to inspiring a love of reading.

Particularly good for Years 4, 5 & 6.

[Ruth Miskin Phonics](#) Read Write Inc.

100 Best Books from [Teachers First](#)

[Collected Poems for Children](#) by Ted Hughes with illustrations by Raymond Briggs

[Reading Eggs](#) – a highly interactive, online home education reading programme for ages 2-13 years.

[Electronic Dictionary Bookmark](#) (a great gift for inquisitive readers)

[Reading Strategies](#) & Literary elements for Gd 8 students & others

[Abi Elphinstone](#), published children's author and ex tutor of Bespoke Tuition offers chapter-linked lesson plans to her books

[First News](#), an award-winning weekly children's newspaper with worksheets (app available)

#### WRITING:

[Story Bird](#) helps to boost writing skills with writing prompts

[Random story title generator](#)

[365 daily writing prompts](#)

[Creative Writing inspiration](#) for 5-11 yr olds from Teaching Ideas

[Chelsea Young Writers](#) - Creative Writing workshops in Chelsea

[Descriptosaurus book](#) by Alison Wilcox – supporting Creative Writing for ages 8-14 years

[A 5 year memory book](#) – a diary in which to record a memory of the day

[Essay Writing Skill guidance](#) - online handouts about a variety of writing topics

[Writing prompts, student rubrics and sample responses](#) from North Carolina University

[Faber Academy](#) and [Arvon](#) - writing courses for adults

[Primary resources](#) – free worksheets, lesson plans and teaching ideas for primary teachers

[TES](#) - range of resources uploaded by teachers

[Teachit English](#) - English teaching resources for KS3, KS4 & KS5 written by teachers for teachers: lesson plans, teaching ideas, worksheets, games & interactives.



### ***VOCABULARY, SPELLING, GRAMMAR, HANDWRITING:***

[Grammaropolis](#), a great app for introducing parts of speech in a fun way to primary-aged students

[Sirlinkalot](#) is an award-winning animated spelling and grammar app

[Quizlet](#) - create customised vocabulary lists and flashcards

[Vocab Express](#) - a vocab learning app

[NY Times Spelling Bee](#)

Chukra [11+ Playing Cards](#)

[Penpals for Handwriting](#) is a complete handwriting scheme for 3-11 year olds

### ***ENGLISH AS A FOREIGN LANGUAGE:***

[TEFL training courses](#)

[CELTA training](#) in London

[My English Language](#) - resources for EFL students and teachers

[English Language resources for students and teachers](#)

[IELTS](#) -The International English Language Testing System is an international standardised test of English language proficiency for non-native English language speakers

[TeachitLanguages](#) - EFL lessons and games

[EFL lessons and games from TeachitWorld](#)

Exam English: [IELTS vocabulary lists](#)

## **7. MATHEMATICS:**

[Khan Academy](#) - the world-famous, long established go-to Maths site

[Khan Academy for Kids](#) : free and fun educational app aimed at 2-7 year olds

[Beast Academy \(Maths\)](#) : a challenging and complete US Maths curriculum for 8-13 year olds

[Hegarty Maths](#) - an educational subscription tool used by schools in the UK

[Resourceaholic](#) - Ideas and resources for secondary school Maths

[Drfrostmaths](#) - videos and a free bank of exam questions

[Mrbartonmaths](#) - GCSE & A Level Maths resources

[Piximaths](#) - KS2-KS5 teaching resources and revision materials

[Mathsbot](#) - GCSE resources

[UKMT](#) - Competitions to inspire a love of problem-solving

[Mathletics](#) - interactive Maths games, activities and challenges

[IXL](#) - Maths practice via interactive, fun questions for Reception-Year 13

[TT Rockstars](#) - Times Tables Rock Stars through fun video format

[Maths Genie](#) -a free GCSE and A Level revision site

[Corbett Maths](#) and [Corbett Maths Primary](#) - Videos, Worksheets, Revision Cards and past papers

[Emaths](#) - past papers, video tutorials and more

[My Maths](#) - a subscription-based maths website which can be used on interactive whiteboards or at home, operated by Oxford University Press. MyMaths is currently used in over 80% of secondary schools in the UK

[Maths Made Easy](#) - worksheets and past papers for all levels

[Online Desmos Graphing Calculator](#) - a free online tool to plot graphs, solve simultaneous equations and perform other tasks with variables

[Maths Whizz primary](#)

[Exam Solutions Made Easy](#) - GCSE/ IB/A Level/SAT practice & papers

[Maths Revision](#) - GCSE and A Level

[Primary resources](#) - free worksheets, lesson plans and teaching ideas for primary teachers

[Times Tables learning methods/materials](#) (Telegraph article)

[Hoo Ha Super Duper](#) Mathematical card games

[KO Box Times Tables](#) educational board game

[Teachit Maths](#) - Maths teaching resources for KS3, KS4 & KS5 written by teachers for teachers: lesson plans, teaching ideas, worksheets, games & interactives.

[Visual Math Learning](#) - free online video tutorials

[The Maths Factor](#) by Carol Vorderman matches the national curriculum for 4-11 years

[Maths Star](#) - worksheets and online tests for Years 1-6 UK

[Funbrain](#) - an educational browser game website with US curriculum-linked Maths puzzles

[MathWorkz](#) - Maths booklets designed for elementary level

[Bedtime Math](#) - free app offering a daily new maths problem for families to do together

[Cool Math Games](#)

[Teach Banzai](#) and [The AFSA Education Foundation](#) teach students about personal finance and money management

#### Books:

*How to do Maths so your Children Can Too* - Naomi Sani

*Learn Your Times Tables* - Hilary Koll and Steve Mills

## 8. SCIENCE:

[PhysicsandMathsTutor](#) - past papers and revision resources

[Chemguide](#)

[Twig](#) - Thousands of 3 minute Science films

[Spolem](#) - a collection of useful Biology links

[Khan Academy](#) - initially focused on maths, Khan Academy now supports the Sciences

[Teachit Science](#) - Science teaching resources for KS3, KS4 & KS5 written by teachers for teachers: lesson plans, teaching ideas, worksheets, games & interactives.

[Biology Guide App](#) - Revision notes designed for AS and A Level

[BiologyOnline](#) - articles, tutorials and dictionary

[Physics.org](#) - articles and interactive games

[The Scale of the Universe](#) - zoom from the edge of the universe to the quantum foam of space and learn the scale of things along the way

[Periodic Videos](#) - tables charting the chemical elements with a short video about each one

[The Naked Scientists](#) - Science questions answered with podcasts, articles & radio shows

*The Elements: A Visual Exploration* -app showing a 'living' version of the periodic table with 500 rotatable 3D images of the elements. Stephen Fry: "Alone worth the price of an Ipad!"

[Why is Science important?](#) - a collection of thoughts from leading scientists and public figures

[Educational Science games](#) - educational games based on Nobel Prize-awarded achievements

Resources from [The Association for Science Education](#)

[The Science Museum, London](#)

[Discovery Education](#) : a digitally enhanced site particularly good for STEM subjects

[BBC Science and Technology](#)

[BBC Nature](#)

[Discovery Mindblown](#) encourages children to ask big questions about Science and other STEM subjects.

[NASA](#) has an exclusive STEM program with interesting activities, games, videos and space exploration

The [entire media library of NASA](#) is now publicly accessible so you can view images, video files and sounds for free

[Space Center Houston app](#) offering virtual tours

[Astrostem](#) is a volunteer team that offer astronomy and space science education

[Michigan Science Center](#)

The [Exploratorium](#) is a funhouse museum of science, technology and arts in San Francisco

## 9. CODING/PROGRAMMING

[Tynker](#) : Coding for Kids

[Udemy](#) : over 100,000 online video courses for older children on programming/data science

[Code Camp World](#) - learn coding systems from drag & drop to JavaScript. Students can build websites in HTML & CSS and games

[Code.Org](#) - a non-profit organisation supporting computer science education

[Codecraft Works](#) - an educational technology company advocating a computer science, engineering, and cybersecurity curriculum



## 10. CLASSICS:

[William Whitaker's Words](#) is a great online Latin-English dictionary (app also available)

[Perseus](#) contains all classical materials along with word by word translations

Two no-nonsense old school Latin textbooks with plenty of exercises: [Jenney's First Year Latin First Edition](#)

[Freundlich's Latin Three and Four Years](#)

[The Loeb Classical Library](#) publishes classical texts with original text and English translation on facing pages

## 11. GEOGRAPHY:

GCSE & A Level [Geography Revision Guide](#) & Past Papers

[National Geographic](#)

[National Geographic Kids](#)

[The Royal Geographical Society](#)

[Geography all the way](#) - GCSE & IB 16+ Geography Resources

*Maps* (2013), a wonderfully illustrated book by Aleksandra Mizielinski & Daniel Mizielinski

[Digimap](#) - an online map service for education

Geography Focus App

[Teachit Geography](#) - Geography teaching resources for KS3, KS4 & KS5 written by teachers for teachers: lesson plans, teaching ideas, worksheets, games & interactives.

## 12. HISTORY:

[History Resource Cupboard](#) - KS3 downloadable lessons and schemes of work

[School History](#) - KS2, GCSE, IGCSE and A Level History revision resources for 11-16 years

Youtube: Discover [Ancient Rome in 3D](#) on Google Earth

[Digimap](#) - a website and app where historical OS maps can be viewed, enabling pupils to see how landscapes have changed over the past 120 yrs

The [What on Earth?](#) Collection by Christopher Lloyd: home-learning kits that provide hours of fun, activities and learning and includes three fold-out timeline stickerbooks on History, Nature & Science.

[Bunk History](#) - writes and thinks about the American past

[Teachit History](#) - History teaching resources for KS3, KS4 & KS5 written by teachers for teachers: lesson plans, teaching ideas, worksheets, games & interactives

## 13. POLITICS:

[Oxford Union](#) - View debating archives via the website or youtube

[Cambridge Union](#) - View debating archives via the website or youtube

[Intelligence Squared](#) - Intelligence Squared has established itself as the leading forum for live, agenda-setting debates, talks and discussions around the world.

## 14. LANGUAGES:

[AnkiApp](#) - a mobile and desktop flashcard app

[Grant & Cutler](#) - Foreign Language Bookseller in London

[Ilovelanguages](#) - links to over 2000 language websites

[thisislanguages.com](#) - authentic language videos

[German language guide](#)

[Spanish Slow News](#)

Book: *Spanish Verb Drills* by Vivienne Bey

[Lingoo](#) - language exchange holidays and homestays

[Duolingo](#) - a fun and effective app with daily tasks to help you learn a new language

[Fortune Cookie Mom](#) - for early learning Mandarin speakers

[Better Chinese](#) - a publisher of Mandarin curricula for students of all ages

[Chalk Academy](#) - child-led active learning for Chinese learners

[Basho And Friends](#) - songs, videos, lyrics and lessons for Spanish learners

## 15. ART

[Artsology](#) provides art based games and Arts investigations

[Artrageous](#) with Nate takes kids on video tours discovering creativity and art in an interactive way

[Doodles Academy](#) is an Art curriculum for Grades 1-5

[National Gallery's Art Zone](#) This app contains eight interactive activities inspired by works in the collection of the National Gallery of Art

[MetKids](#) - inspired by The Metropolitan Museum of Art and aimed at 7-12 year olds, The Met can be explored using an interactive map, you can travel more than 5,000 years of art in the time machine and get ideas for creative projects at home.

[10 Free University Art Classes](#) you can take online

[Canva](#) is a graphic design platform that allows users to create social media graphics, presentations, posters and other visual content

[Google Arts and Culture](#) have partnered with over 2,500 of the world's leading museums and galleries offering online virtual tours and online exhibition displays

[10 of the world's best virtual museum and art gallery tours](#)

[The Louvre](#)

[Van Gogh Museum](#)

[The Vatican](#)

[The Best Of Art Murals In NYC](#)

## 16. EXERCISE CLASSES ONLINE FOR KIDS:

Joe Wicks, 'The Body Coach' offers [5 minute workouts for kids](#) or [live 30 minute sessions](#) on his youtube channel on weekdays 9am during the covid-19 crisis

[Couch to 5k](#) is an NHS exercise initiative offering a running plan for complete beginners that guides and supports you from couch to 5k

[BBC supermovers](#) - curriculum linked resources that get children moving while they learn

[Cosmic Kids](#) - a YouTube channel offering online free yoga classes for kids around movies such as "Frozen" and "Star Wars"

[GoNoodle](#)'s child development experts have created these movement and mindfulness videos

## GENERAL INFORMATION:

### 17. SCHOOL INFORMATION

Types of School in the UK - <https://www.gov.uk/types-of-school/overview>

The National Curriculum - <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum>

The Good Schools Guide - <http://www.goodschoolsguide.co.uk/>

Local School search via postcode - <http://www.schools-search.co.uk/>

Independent School guide - <http://guideto independentschools.com/>

Ofsted, the official body for inspecting schools - <http://www.ofsted.gov.uk/>

### 18. UK EXAM BOARDS AND SYLLABI:

ISEB - <http://www.iseb.co.uk/>

AQA - <http://www.aqa.org.uk/>

Pearson Edexcel - <https://qualifications.pearson.com/en/home.html>

OCR - <http://www.ocr.org.uk/>

CIE - <http://www.cie.org.uk/>

IB - <http://www.ibo.org/>

CCEA, Council for the Curriculum, Examinations & Assessment - [www.ccea.org.uk](http://www.ccea.org.uk)

WJEC, Welsh Examination Board - <http://www.wjec.co.uk/>

SQA, Scottish Qualifications Authority - [www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)

City & Guilds - [www.cityandguilds.com](http://www.cityandguilds.com)

## 19. TUTORING: GROUPS, ADVICE & SUPPORT

[Disclosure Barring Service \(DBS\) Information](#)

[DBS Update Service applicant guide](#) (allows tutors to use their check for different employers/agents)

[Tax returns for the self-employed](#)

[Advice on bullying](#)

[The Tutors' Association](#)

[Bark](#) - online safety courses for kids

[Foundation for People with Learning Disabilities](#)

[SEN advice](#)

[AccessiByte](#) provides assistive technology to blind and low vision users.

## 20. DYSLEXIA:

**UK websites and resources for supporting reading, writing, spelling and touch-typing:**

- [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)
- [bdatech.org](http://bdatech.org)
- [madebydyslexia.org](http://madebydyslexia.org)
- [dystalk.com](http://dystalk.com)
- [www.nessy.com/uk](http://www.nessy.com/uk)
- [www.readandspell.com](http://www.readandspell.com)
- [www.readsuccessfully.com](http://www.readsuccessfully.com)
- [Helen Arkell Dyslexia Centre](#)
- [www.wordshark.co.uk](http://www.wordshark.co.uk)

**Useful books:**

- *The Parents' Guide to Specific Learning Difficulties: Information, Advice and Practical Tips*, by Veronica Bidwell
- *200 Tricky Spellings in Cartoons; Visual Mnemonics for Everyone*, by Lidia Stanton

## 21. TUTOR & STUDENT SKILL-BUILDING:

[Maker Mind](#) - a weekly neuroscience inspired newsletter offering science-based tips to make the most of your brain

Blog articles by The Exam Coach and others:

[How To Make A Revision Timetable](#)

[How To Conquer Test Anxiety And Subdue Exam Panic Attacks](#)

[How To Set Up Your Smartphone For Exam Success](#)

[How To Revise For Exams - 7 Study Tips Supported By Science](#)

[When Should You Start Revising For GCSE?](#)

[Key Stage 1 & 2 Test Papers](#)

[Student Self Assessments](#): rate yourself on your study habits and learning preferences

[VARK](#) self-assessment questionnaire

[How to make the most of your learning style](#)

[Visual learning strategies](#)

[More visual learning strategies](#)

[Aural learning strategies](#)

[Kinesthetic learning strategies](#)

[Reading/Writing learning strategies](#)

[Nesslabs](#) – an insightful and educational blog from a Neuroscience student

[“The Problem with Learning Styles”](#) (Scientific American)

[The Beginner’s Guide to Mind-framing](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

[Are Learning Styles a Neuromyth?](#) (Inside Higher Ed)

[30 mental models to add to your thinking toolbox](#) (Nesslabs blog)

[What I learned from Coursera’s ‘learning how to learn’](#) (Medium)

[Howard Gardner’s Multiple Intelligences Tests](#) (*aimed at adults based on Gardner’s model*)

[Myers Briggs based Personality Test](#)

Bernice McCarthy’s [4Mat](#)

Detailed [Assessment of Speed of Handwriting](#) (DASH) and other assessments

[Neale analysis of reading ability](#) (6-12 years)

[‘Showbie’](#): a free educational app that allows tutors to assign, collect and give feedback on pupils’ work

**22. PAST PAPER SITES:**

[Galore Park](#)

[SATS/National Curriculum Test Papers](#)

[Key Stage 1 & 2 Test Papers](#)

[AQA](#)

[OCR](#)

[Pearson](#)

[Scottish Qualifications Authority](#)

[Emaths](#)

[Xtreme Papers](#)

*A number of grammar and independent schools around the country publish sample or past papers on their websites. Other sites offer practice papers for stage-specific tests such as the examples below for 11+:*

CGP [free 11+ papers](#)

Eleven Plus Exams advice & [11+ papers](#)

[11Plus.co.uk](#)

[Exam Papers Plus](#) (*created by a tutor of Bespoke Tuition*)

[Question mix: 11+ practice](#)

[Bond 11+ practice](#)

[Practical advice about the 11+ exam](#)

[11plusswot](#)

**23. ONLINE TUITION:**

There are an increasing number of online platforms and tools out there to support virtual learning and all seem to have their pros and cons. Our advice would be to experiment with a few and discuss with individual student which platform they may already be familiar with eg [Zoom](#), [Skype](#) or [Google Hangouts](#). Many schools use [Google Classroom](#) which aims to streamline the process of sharing files between teachers and students. [Bramble](#)’s lessons are fully transcribed and searchable, so a student can search back on a lesson recording to find the exact point they wish to review.

Once you have selected your preferred live video space, you will then need to choose a means to document-share, such as [Googledocs](#) or [Dropbox](#), so that worksheets or presentations can be accessed and revisited by tutor and student. You may also need to research online whiteboards for certain subjects in order to share graphs, charts etc. like [Openboard](#), [Idroo](#), [Scribblar](#), [GroupBoard](#) or [Bitpaper](#). Live whiteboards allow students and tutors to make live amendments directly to their screen, visible to both. Digital drawing tablets and computer drawing pads have become a popular tool such as [Wacom Graphics](#) and the [Apple Pencil](#). If you a fan of apps, [Showbie](#) allows tutors to assign, collect and review pupils’ work, then provide detailed feedback using annotations, text notes and voice notes directly on to pupils’ documents.

## 24. USA SCHOOL/COLLEGE ADVISORY

[Commonapp](#) – the common application and profiles of all colleges that accept the common application (which is most of them)

[Collegeboard](#) – helpful information about SATs, SAT subject tests, PSATs and AP exams as well as test registration and practice questions

[Global.act](#) – information about the ACTs, practice tests, and test registration

[Colleges that Change Lives](#) – a college guide and organisation of smaller liberal arts colleges that emphasise the undergraduate experience and tend to have a more hands-on approach with greater access to advisors and mentors

[USnews](#) - The US News and World Report also publishes college rankings every year based on various criteria

[Bloomberg](#) – according to Bloomberg, US universities are shifting away from standardized tests to performance-based learning (research proposals, writing theses or real world projects)

### Books:

*Uni in the USA – The Good Schools Guide 2020* ed. Anthony Nemecek & Daisy Hill

*The Fiske Guide to Colleges* – the most commonly used college guide in the US, updated annually, containing a detailed profile of around 300 of the top colleges and universities.

*The Official SAT Study Guide*

*The Official ACT Prep Guide*

There are a plethora of SAT and ACT test prep books, such as Princeton Review, Kaplan, McGraw-Hill, etc. They contain more or less the same strategies and it's mostly a case of which formatting you prefer. Some are better for quantitative reasoning and worse for verbal or vice versa. It is usually a good idea to use a variety of these books so as to get the most well-rounded perspective on the test.

*Bespoke Tuition is a Private Tutoring Agency (rated A grade by the Good Schools Guide) offering personalised one to one academic support, both in-person and online, to students of all school and university ages. This collection of teaching resources has been gathered over the years, contributed to by our Tutors and Clients, from full time Home-Schooling Parents to Qualified Teachers and Education Consultants. Whilst we do not endorse all of them and recommend you do your own quality-checks, the resources have been lovingly recommended by those in the education sphere and we hope that you find them useful. Educators are advised to customise all teaching resources to suit their individual students.*

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