



Removes and Middles Holiday Work and Activities

The new term will begin on 20th April with our Connected Learning platform - teachers will have set work for pupils to do on Google Classroom and they will be able to stay in touch with them via the workshops on Zoom.

In the meantime, there are plenty of activities which the pupils can be doing throughout the Easter holidays to keep learning and stay curious!

Please see the list of activities below that they might like to try out - they can aim to keep a record on their tutor group's Google Classroom.

TED Talks

There are a huge number out there to watch!

A couple of examples are given below but you might also like to try the following:

1. Find a TED talk on a topic that really interests you.
2. Watch the talk and then make a note of the following: one thing **new** that you learnt, one thing that **surprised you** and one thing that you would like to **find out more about**. You could then do some more of your own research too.
3. Post this information on to the Google Classroom to encourage others to watch the TED talk and contribute their thoughts and ideas.

The Danger of a Single Story

https://www.ted.com/talks/chimamanda_ngozi_adichie_the_danger_of_a_single_story?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

The History of the World in 18 minutes

https://www.ted.com/talks/david_christian_the_history_of_our_world_in_18_minutes?utm_campaign=tedsread&utm_medium=referral&utm_source=tedcomshare

35 'must-watch' TED talks for teens

<https://www.weareteachers.com/ted-talks-students/>

Visit a London Museum

The majority of London museums have excellent websites which enable you to take a virtual tour or explore the collections. Try visiting some of the following:

British Museum

Go to the British Museum website and scroll down to **'Explore the Collection'**

You will then have 6 categories to choose from - from there you can explore the collection, watch video clips and learn more about specific exhibits.

So for example if you choose 'Americas' you could visit the Mexico Gallery and learn about the double headed sea-serpent mosaic.

Or you might want to find out more about Greek and Roman sculptures, architecture and ways of life.

There is a huge amount of variety in this museum to explore!

Post a recommendation on Google Classroom for anything that you find that you think others may enjoy.

Science Museum

Find the **'Activities you can do at home'** link on the home page

Try doing one of the experiments/activities suggested and then make a short **video clip** of the results - the 'rocket mouse' looks like a good one to try!

Go to the **'Objects & Stories'** page where you can look through the 'Collection Highlights or 'Explore by Topic'

Choose 3 objects which interested you and then write a **fact sheet** for them.

Post on to Google Classroom so that others in your tutor group can learn about them too.

Natural History Museum

Go to the NHM website and click on **'Our Science'**.

Read through 2 or 3 of the **'Science News'** articles and then choose one to summarise: **write a short paragraph** summarising what you have learnt, emphasising why it is an important piece of news that you think others in your tutor group should learn about and then post on to Google Classroom.

National Gallery

An art gallery covering an incredible range of art from all over the World!

Go to the website and find **'30 must-see paintings'** - have a look through them and then **choose 3 paintings** that really grab you.

Before you read about each painting you have chosen, try to write a few sentences describing what the picture says to you - What is about? What message do you think the artist is trying to convey? How does it make you feel?

Then read the information given about the painting - read the 'key facts' and 'description' - any surprises? Have your understanding or thoughts about the picture changed?

From the 3 pictures you have studied choose the one that you like best and then post a **review** of it on the Google Classroom.

Learn even more about Arts & Culture:

Go to **artsandculture.google.com** and explore some of the many activities such as:

Big Bang: The Story of Our Universe - watch the video narrated by Tilda Swinton

Take a '**Closer Look**' at a famous painting

Take a virtual tour of Italy by visiting 'Italy: All roads lead to culture' or explore a wide range of museums around the World via '**Streets View**'

This really is a **fantastic website** jam-packed with a huge range of interesting activities - maybe you could **keep a journal** of the different things that you visit, explore and learn about during the course of one week and then post it on to Google Classroom. If everyone in your tutor group has a go, your tutor will be able to judge which is the most inspiring journal.

Interested in Coding?

Try this online course for free:

<https://www.classcentral.com/course/opensap-code-week-teens-get-coding-4157>

Classcentral.com has lots of other **online courses** that you might like to try such as:

<https://www.classcentral.com/course/learning-how-to-learn-youth-12569>

Try a Language

There are numerous apps available which can help you to learn a new or improve an existing language. '**Duolingo**' is a popular one and helps you to master the reading, writing and speaking elements of your chosen language, it's fun too!

Write a Diary/Vlog

Not solely the haunt of teenage movies gone wrong. Writing a diary or doing a video log can be an incredibly beneficial and reflective exercise, which can directly improve your mental health. Start small, setting yourself a target of a few lines for each day and you will quickly find it's a must do each day.

Read a Book

Reading is one of life's great pleasures. Choose one or two books, use the reading list on the Removes/Middles webpage if you are unsure what to read, and aim to finish at least one by the end of Easter. Go further and write/create a review of the book and post on to Google Classroom.

As well as reading fiction you might like to try reading some non-fiction too. For example keen chemists might like to try one of the following:

'The Disappearing Spoon: And other true tales of madness, love & history of the World from the Periodic Table of Elements' by Sam Kean

Or

'Periodic Tales: A Cultural History of the Elements from Arsenic to Zinc' by Hugh Aldersley-Williams.

Listen to some Podcasts

BBC Sounds has some great ones, for example: 'The Story of Tunnel 29':

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/extra/Od4dL9Lip2/tunnel_29

And for all you keen mathematicians:

The Maths department has put together some specific year group booklets for you to get your teeth into - you can find them in your usual Maths Google Classroom.