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Welcome!

We know that many of you will have already started doing many positive activities in advance of moving on to the next phase of your life.

The Sixth Form Team has put together the following list of potential activities as a useful checklist of things that you might like to do.

Keep in mind this question that we want to challenge you with before school ends:

When you're in a job interview in the future and they ask you: "Ah, so you were in the class of 2020 when the exams were cancelled, what did you do in those months you had?"

To give this a focus and an end goal, as well as something positive for you to look back on, **please can everyone submit to Mr Smith or Mrs Laidler either:**

A document or,

A short (2-5 minute) vlog or,

An audio recording,

showing what you've used your time to achieve.

Deadline: Friday 12th June. Get creative – sing dance, write a poem, draw, design!

The best entries will be awarded a £20 voucher!

PREPARATION FOR UNIVERSITY

For those of you hoping to go to university in Autumn 2020 then the following would be useful things to be considering so that you can make the best possible start:

1. Hone your skills in the relevant A Levels - this is particularly important if you are looking to study a course that directly builds on A Level knowledge.
2. Get the course reading list - hopefully the university will have already made this available to you, otherwise you may need to look online or email the department.
3. Look at the HE+ website which has resources for each subject [here](#).
4. Do a free course consider doing either something subject specific (use [Futurelearn](#) or the following general course from [Preparation for University](#)).
5. Brush up on your independent study skills so crucial at university using the [UCAS Study Skills Guide](#)



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6. Mentally preparing yourself: [Student Minds](#) have produced two excellent guides that help you to navigate the transition to university life: [Know before you go](#) and [Transitions](#) .
7. Student Finance 2020 entry applicants can start applying for student finance now, at Student finance: [how to apply](#).
8. Find out everything you need to know at the [UCAS student finance hub](#), [SFE Student Finance Zone](#) or [Ed Flack's Wize Up guide to Student Finance](#).



Accommodation

9. Ensure that you have applied for accommodation for your Firm choice university. Some advice from [UCAS here.](#)
10. For some further thoughts on the accommodation options available to you then read the guide from [Prospects: What you need to know about student accommodation](#)

Clearing

11. Get to know the Clearing process. If you feel that your grades are likely to be below those required by your university offers it might be a good use of your time to make sure you understand the process around Clearing. Make a list of potential courses and unis that you'd like to consider. Read:

[UCAS: What is Clearing?](#)

[Advice from the UniGuide: Ucas Clearing: Your survival guide](#)

Important

Staff will be available on Results Day to offer advice on options.

If you're considering a drastic change of plans or are feeling wobbly and need support, then please remember that you can always contact the Sixth Form Team. Don't sit there worrying! [Click here](#)

PERSONAL IMPROVEMENT

Your Well-being

[Science of Well-being from Yale](#)

12.This is Yale's most popular class ever and it is available free online. The topic is how to be happier in your daily life.

Personal Finances

13.Set up a Student Bank Account - [advice from Ed Flack here.](#)

14.Budgeting is a key aspect to successfully managing the money that you will have available to you. There is some [excellent advice on this here.](#)

Improve your Cookery Skills

15. Now is a great time to practise in the kitchen so that you are confident at being able to cook a number of meals. You could also use the time to compile some of the best recipes from your family. Make yourself a recipe book and share with your friends!



Increase your Cultural Capital

We are sure that you will be aware of a number of things that have been made free during the Coronavirus Lockdown. Here are some of these activities and it's a great chance to look into what cultural capital means for you.

16. Watch a Play. National Theatre Live are screening some incredible plays.

[Watch some amazing plays here](#)

17. Watch a Ballet. The Royal Opera House offer you [ballet performances here](#)

18. Discover a new city or culture with [Google Arts and Culture](#)

19. Here are 12 of the world's greatest [galleries and museums to visit](#)

20. Explore London's top art galleries from home by [visiting here](#)

21. Have you ever tried Opera? The Met Opera in New York have nightly broadcasts of World-class performances [LINK](#) and Glyndebourne Opera is in East Sussex [LINK](#)
22. Attend a virtual Lecture. Gresham College records all of its high-quality [lecture programme LINK](#). MASSOLIT works with academics from the world's best universities to produce [high-quality videos. LINK](#)
23. Live Classical Music [Chamber music](#) from around the world and [Berlin Philharmonic here](#)
24. Learn another language for free from the famous [Duolingo site](#)
25. Read/listen to Classic Books Free on [Audible including some classics HERE](#)
There are over [1000 free audiobooks here.](#)
26. Go to University. Try [Short University Courses from around the world here](#)
27. Still not found your passion? Try Chatterpack's - Zoo cams, podcasts, tour, challenge, concerts, prayer, mindfulness, dance, engineering, Tai Chi, economics, rainforest tours, virtual choirs and lots more! [It's fantastic... LINK](#)