

## Recommended sites for looking and learning at your leisure

These recommendations are NOT for school work. They are all about your chance to explore what interests you and just learn at your leisure. Challenge yourself, have an open mind learn something new every day. There is something here for everyone

- ✓ No tests
- ✓ No marking
- ✓ No revision sites
- ✓ No stress, no pressure.

These sites are all about exploring, creating, picking up ideas.

**This is about education and wellbeing in their wide sense.**

General Interest			
	Resource	Link	Description
1	In Our Time	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/wvSdFMv6yP0m6W5J8xyhBh/the-in-our-time-listeners-top-10">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/wvSdFMv6yP0m6W5J8xyhBh/the-in-our-time-listeners-top-10</a>	Voted the 10 most popular podcasts in the series. Tell me why these work for you – if they do. Better for older listeners (KS4 or KS5)
2	Explore	<a href="https://explore.org/">https://explore.org/</a>	A site to get you thinking about Big Questions: is it OK to ban books? Do we need a Royal Family? Discuss, write a paragraph and post it, suggest your own questions to the site.
3	25 most popular TED Talks	<a href="https://www.ted.com/playlists/171/the_most_popular_talks_of_all">https://www.ted.com/playlists/171/the_most_popular_talks_of_all</a>	Some talks have been viewed over 50 million times. What makes an impression on you, and why? Possibly Better for older students (KS4 or KS5) but there is no harm in finding one for you.
4	BBC Teach	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach">https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach</a>	This site is easy to navigate by age group and subject: you can explore short features on everything from Biology to Computing, RS to PE
5	In Our Time	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/b006qykl</a>	897 podcasts available on literally everything. An astonishing cultural achievement. Listen, discuss, review an episode.
6	Open University Free Learn	<a href="https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue">https://www.open.edu/openlearn/free-courses/full-catalogue</a>	The OU is the best thing ever. Hundreds of free courses are on offer, from Health, Sports and Psychology to Nature and the Environment to Languages to History and the Arts. Definitely better for older students (KS4 or KS5)
7	MOOCS	<a href="https://www.futurelearn.com/">https://www.futurelearn.com/</a>	Recommended for Sixth Form students: Massive Open Online Courses have been enjoyed by millions of learners worldwide. Self-directed home study is offered by a range of top international universities, all for free.
8	British Museum	<a href="https://blog.britishmuseum.org/how-to-explore-the-british-museum-from-home/">https://blog.britishmuseum.org/how-to-explore-the-british-museum-from-home/</a>	11 different ways to benefit from the British Museum's collections: use Google Street View inside the galleries, or learn to write cuneiform...

9	The Kids Should See This	<a href="https://thekidshoudseethis.com/">https://thekidshoudseethis.com/</a>	Videos on everything from music to animation to nature to Maths. Are they fun and interesting? Highly recommended
10	National Geographic	<a href="https://www.nationalgeographic.com/">https://www.nationalgeographic.com/</a>	A world of learning and information within one site.
11	TOK	<a href="https://www.tokresource.org/">https://www.tokresource.org/</a>	120 TOK class activities – aimed at IB students but of general interest given their range of subjects and methodologies. Quite grown up issues on this site probably better for older studentss (KS4 or KS5)

### Science, Maths and Technology

12	STEM Learning	<a href="https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning">https://www.stem.org.uk/home-learning</a>	Free home resources and family activities in Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths eg design a moon camp using online design software or recreate the Great Exhibition at home.
13	NASA for students	<a href="https://www.nasa.gov/stem">https://www.nasa.gov/stem</a>	Resources, links, inspiration from this world and beyond.
14	iDEA Awards	<a href="https://idea.org.uk/">https://idea.org.uk/</a>	Learn coding skills and gain bronze, silver and gold badges.
15	Scratch	<a href="https://scratch.mit.edu/about">https://scratch.mit.edu/about</a>	Learn to program stories, games and animations.
16	How Stuff Works	<a href="https://www.howstuffworks.com/">https://www.howstuffworks.com/</a>	Big sites, lots of ideas – what interested and inspired you?
17	Planetarium	<a href="http://stellarium.org/">http://stellarium.org/</a>	A free open-source planetarium for your computer.
18	New Scientist	<a href="https://www.newscientist.com/">https://www.newscientist.com/</a>	A wealth of topics to research and explore.
19	Nobel Prizes	<a href="https://www.nobelprize.org/">https://www.nobelprize.org/</a>	Why are there Prizes in some subjects and not others? Who has been successful in a subject that interests you, and what has been their contribution?
20	Backyard Worlds: Planet 9	<a href="https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/marckuchner/backyard-worlds-planet-9/about/research">https://www.zooniverse.org/projects/marckuchner/backyard-worlds-planet-9/about/research</a>	Discover brown dwarfs or low-mass stars or even the ninth planet!
21	University of Cambridge	<a href="https://undergroundmathematics.org/">https://undergroundmathematics.org/</a>	Rich resources for students interested in fundamental ideas underpinning Mathematics
22	The Royal Institution	<a href="https://www.rigb.org/families/experimental">https://www.rigb.org/families/experimental</a>	A huge number of experiments to try at home.

English			
23	Writers Inspire	<a href="http://writersinspire.org/">http://writersinspire.org/</a>	University of Oxford site containing a host of lectures, eBooks and essays on a range of great writers. Savour.
24	Poetry by Heart	<a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5vBSkrtKGkPJCj86Nh1hC4w/learning-by-heart">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/5vBSkrtKGkPJCj86Nh1hC4w/learning-by-heart</a>	Can you learn and recite a poem?
Art and Creativity			
25	Pete McKee Cartoon Lessons	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8f8ag58jDs">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=q8f8ag58jDs</a>	Sheffield artist and cartoonist Pete McKee helps you draw cartoons. Can you find other 'learn to draw' sites and share them with me if they work for you?
26	Cooking and breadmaking	<a href="https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/feature/activities-kids">https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/feature/activities-kids</a>	Does what it says on the baking tin. Bake bread for wellbeing.
Philosophy			
27	Philosophy for Children	<a href="https://p4c.com/">https://p4c.com/</a>	Philosophy for Children is a non-profit cooperative but there is a charge for subscribing. Free sample sources, ideas, thinking. Alternatively...
28	Sapere: Philosophy for Children, Colleges, Communities	<a href="https://archive.sapere.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=289">https://archive.sapere.org.uk/Default.aspx?tabid=289</a>	Sapere provides free resources on critical thinking, logic, music and much more as part of its commitment to Philosophy for Children.
Keep fit at home			
29	Joe Wicks Body Coach	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYCLoPd4VxBvPHOpzoEk5onAEbq40g2-k">https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLYCLoPd4VxBvPHOpzoEk5onAEbq40g2-k</a>	Daily keep fit at home from the ubiquitous Joe Wicks.
Music and Art			
30	Berlin Philharmonic	<a href="https://www.berliner-philharmoniker.de/en/titelgeschichte/20192020/digital-concert-hall/">https://www.berliner-philharmoniker.de/en/titelgeschichte/20192020/digital-concert-hall/</a>	Over 600 concerts from this world-renowned orchestra have now been made available free. Please try one and review it for me.
31	National Gallery virtual tours	<a href="https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours">https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours</a>	3D virtual reality tours of galleries for active viewing and responding. Did any artists interest you?
32	Vatican Museums and collections	<a href="http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en.html#Inav_explore">http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en.html#Inav_explore</a>	Explore the Sistine Chapel and the Vatican in this digital tour without the crowds. Write me a TripAdvisor review.
33	Smithsonian Museums	<a href="https://www.si.edu/openaccess">https://www.si.edu/openaccess</a>	You'll have heard of the Smithsonian in Washington DC, not one museum but 19, including the stunning new National Museum of

			African American History and Culture. Open Access allows you to download and share millions of 2D and 3D items free.
<b>Learn a Language</b>			
34	Duolingo	<a href="https://www.duolingo.com/">https://www.duolingo.com/</a>	Free language learning via the website or app.
35	Rosetta Stone	<a href="https://www.rosettastone.co.uk/lp/freeforkids/">https://www.rosettastone.co.uk/lp/freeforkids/</a>	Language learning available free of charge for 3 months via the website or app.
36	UK Linguistics Olympiad	<a href="https://www.uklo.org/">https://www.uklo.org/</a>	Do you enjoy solving puzzles and cracking problems? This is a brilliant site where you can access past papers, graded according to difficulty, and decode words and sentences in every language from Braille to Welsh, from Afrihili to Witsuwit'en.
<b>Classics, History and Geography</b>			
37	Big History Project	<a href="https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home">https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home</a>	13.7 billion years: from the Big Bang to today and on to the future. Explore and enjoy.
38	Meanwhile, elsewhere	<a href="https://meanwhileelsewhereinhistory.wordpress.com/">https://meanwhileelsewhereinhistory.wordpress.com/</a>	A brilliant new site which asks you to research what was going on in China or Africa in 1500 or 1800, for example. Research and fill in a template and post it on Google Classroom.
39	Meanwhile, nearby	<a href="https://meanwhileelsewhereinhistory.wordpress.com/meanwhile-nearby/">https://meanwhileelsewhereinhistory.wordpress.com/meanwhile-nearby/</a>	What was going on in your local area at the same time as the national and international events you study at school? Fill in the template and post on Google Classroom.
40	Geographical Association	<a href="https://www.geography.org.uk/teaching-resources/Secondary-and-post-16-resources">https://www.geography.org.uk/teaching-resources/Secondary-and-post-16-resources</a>	Resources on flooding, tropical rainforests and all other topics are now free of charge.
41	Minimus	<a href="http://www.minimus-etc.co.uk/#">http://www.minimus-etc.co.uk/#</a>	Free resources from an ex-BGS teacher and lots of useful links to Classics resources.
42	Theoi Greek Mythology	<a href="https://www.theoi.com/">https://www.theoi.com/</a>	Greek Gods from Aglaea to Zeus. Write a short biography of your favourite, explaining what you admire.
43	Discover Anthropology	<a href="https://www.discoveranthropology.org.uk/for-teachers/teaching-resources.html">https://www.discoveranthropology.org.uk/for-teachers/teaching-resources.html</a>	So what is it – and what do anthropologists do? Write a defence of their discipline and post it on Google Classroom.
44	3D Geography	<a href="https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/japan-worksheets">https://www.3dgeography.co.uk/japan-worksheets</a>	Has a breadth of interesting facts, activities and worksheets to explore and do. KS3 level.
<b>Politics, Human Rights</b>			
45	United Nations	<a href="https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/">https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/</a>	Learn about 17 Sustainable Development Goals and how you might respond to global challenges.
46	Amnesty International	<a href="https://www.amnesty.org.uk/six-things-you-can-do-while-">https://www.amnesty.org.uk/six-things-you-can-do-while-</a>	Positive, simple steps you can take to inform yourself about human rights issues today.

		<a href="#">staying-home-during-coronavirus-pandemic</a>	
<b>Games</b>			
47	Learn to play chess	<a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SM2fcenx7KU&amp;feature=youtu.be">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SM2fcenx7KU&amp;feature=youtu.be</a>	Basic moves for complete beginners.
48	Learn to play Go	<a href="https://online-go.com/learn-to-play-go/">https://online-go.com/learn-to-play-go/</a>	Always wondered about how to play this ancient game? Learn the board and basics then move on to advanced moves.
<b>School sites</b>			
49	Cultural capital	<a href="https://vle.jpa.newcastle.sch.uk/cc2020">https://vle.jpa.newcastle.sch.uk/cc2020</a>	Our website has over 500 culturally significant things to explore, read and listen to
50	Curriculum site	<a href="https://vle.jpa.newcastle.sch.uk/curriculum">https://vle.jpa.newcastle.sch.uk/curriculum</a>	Our curriculum site has all the knowledge, vocabulary and skills needed for each subject in every year