



How to make the most out of Online Events and Resources

With a sudden abundance of online resources and events it can be difficult to navigate through and direct the young people that you work with to the relevant resources. Here are some tips to guide them through and to help them keep learning as well as some useful websites:

For Teacher and Advisors

- Think about where you are in the school calendar. Is there anything that would fit with what you would be doing now, e.g. preparing for work experience, interviews, any topic work, visiting university open days?
- Set aside time to find what you think might be useful, relevant and send links via Twitter, Facebook or direct emails but not all at once.
- Follow up after the set activity to encourage discussion and keep communication going with your students.

For Primary School learners

- Learning should still be fun
- Studying certain topic areas? Museums, Galleries are offering virtual tours and lessons
- Encourage exercise and outdoor learning.
- Send relevant links via Twitter, Facebook, Newsletters
- Stress that they don't have to do everything but to try and keep in touch

For Secondary school/Post 16 learners

- Encourage the students to follow you on Twitter/Facebook so that you can keep them updated and post links
- Before any set activity ask them to set aside time before and after
- Encourage them to make notes
- Don't overload, they may already be feeling overwhelmed
- Encourage them to keep in touch with you
- Could they watch/do something with someone else so that they can talk about it after?
- This is a great opportunity to mix up their studies and appeal to different learning styles
- University webpages are a good starting point for post 16 learners, especially for information regarding open days





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Useful websites

BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize> - Offering daily lessons for primary, secondary and post 16.

Futurelearn - <https://www.futurelearn.com> - Free to access 100s of courses, only pay to upgrade if you need a certificate in your name (*own account from age 14+ but younger learners can use a parent account*).

Seneca - <https://www.senecalearning.com> - For those revising at GCSE or A level. Free revision content plus paid access to higher level material.

Openlearn - <https://www.open.edu/openlearn/> - Free taster courses aimed at those considering Open University but available to all. Adult level, but some courses could well be of interest to young people.

UCAS - <https://www.ucas.com/advisers/guides-resources-and-training/guides-and-resources> - Tools and resources to help students, and their parents

Ted Ed - <https://ed.ted.com> - All sorts of engaging educational videos

The Kids Should See This - <https://thekidshouldseethis.com> - Wide range of cool educational videos

Crash Course - <https://thecrashcourse.com> - You Tube videos on many subjects

Websites for Young Learners

Red Ted Art - <https://www.redtedart.com> - Easy arts and crafts for little ones

The Imagination Tree - <https://theimaginationtree.com> - Creative art and craft activities for the very youngest.

Toy Theater - <https://toytheater.com/> - Educational online games. *Note: this uses the U.S. grade system but it's mostly common material.*

Crash Course Kids - <https://m.youtube.com/user/crashcoursekids> - You Tube videos on many subjects

DK Find Out - Activities and quizzes

<https://www.dkfindout.com/uk/?fbclid=IwAR2wJdpSJSeITf4do6aPhff8A3tAktnmpaxqZbkgudD49I71ep8-sjXmrac>

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.





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Mrs Mactivity - <https://www.mrsmactivity.co.uk/> - Printable learning resources

Scouts - <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors> - Ideas and activities to inspire young minds

Subject focused websites

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

National Geographic Kids - <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/> - Activities and quizzes for younger kids.

Big History Project - <https://www.bighistoryproject.com/home> - Aimed at Secondary age. Multi-disciplinary activities.

British Council - <https://www.britishcouncil.org/school-resources/find> - Resources for English language learning

Duolingo - <https://www.duolingo.com> - Learn languages for free. Web or app.

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.*

Blockly - <https://blockly.games> - Learn computer programming skills - fun and free.

Scratch - <https://scratch.mit.edu/explore/projects/games/> - Creative computer programming

Mystery Science - <https://mysteryscience.com> - Free science lessons

Crest Awards - <https://www.crestawards.org> - Science awards you can complete from home

Online events

Virtual Experiences - Numerous organisations, museums, zoos, theatres and educational institutions are sharing virtual experiences online – the list is endless! Explore the websites of somewhere that you were planning to take your class for a visit day or museums, galleries, theatres and professional institutions linked to your subject as they are all developing content.

Open Days and Virtual Tours – Many universities and colleges are hosting virtual events for students who would ordinarily have attended an Open Day or Applicant Day. These events include a virtual tour of the campus, the opportunity to check out the facilities and often an opportunity to meet academic staff and students online.

Live Chat Events – Whether it's about course content, clubs and societies, study support or work placements, the University of Chester is hosting regular Live Chat events, where students can pose questions to our experts.

<https://www1.chester.ac.uk/undergraduate/undergraduate-visits/live-chat-events>

