



# Tunbridge Wells Girls' Grammar School

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Dear Parents,

## RE: Activity Days Years 7&8, 6th and 7th of July.

Lessons will change from the normal pattern for Years 7 and 8 on the 6th and 7th of July, to provide pupils with activity based learning away from screens.

### Year 7

6th July - STEM Day, with a mixture of four activities including elastic band cars, building a coding machine, helicopter seeds experiment and tessellation drawing. This will require pupils to join a new Google Classroom, the code for which is **72reice**. Pupils will have received contact regarding material needed already, but a reminder that they will need some recycling (bottles, paper, card etc), elastic bands, scissors, tape or glue and colouring pencils/pens for the day.

7th July - Activity Day - pupils can choose activities from the selection below to make up five hours of tasks. They do not need to do them all. The length of time for each activity is indicated, to help pupils choose what they wish to do. Tasks will be administered from 8-8.30 on the morning of 7th July, through the normal Google Classrooms and Drives. We do ask that pupils upload a photo or video (task dependent) of what they have completed. We would love to display photos of your completed tasks from both days on the school website or in school, so look out for those in the future.

Subject	Activity	Suggested Time
Art	Create your own individual artwork inspired by one of the paintings at the Tate Britain. Pupils should have watched the BBC "Museums in Quarantine" programme already. Pupils now complete their own personal and visual response.	1-2hours
Computing	Back to the 20th Century - Interview a parent or grandparent to find out how they lived their lives without modern technology.	1 hour
Drama	Design an entry for the BBC One Show competition "As You Write It". See this link: <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1SCKS8VmFFGvyggKbqGGyds/as-you-write-it-your-play-on-stage">https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/1SCKS8VmFFGvyggKbqGGyds/as-you-write-it-your-play-on-stage</a>	2 hours
DT	Continue with your work for the temporary theme park in Dunorlan Park.	1-2 hours
English	1. Cover art challenge! - Select a book you don't already know from the huge range available free on Audible Stories. As you listen, create a new cover design for the book. 2. Poetry by Heart - Summer Challenge! Choose a poem from the online anthology: learn the words and rhythm by speaking the poem aloud,	1-2 hours depending on length of listening time.

	practise reciting the whole poem, and then stage a performance in front of your family, pets - or even the bathroom mirror! 3. Lockdown limericks - can you capture some of the funny, silly or memorable moments from your time at home in a classic limerick verse?	2 hours 1 hour
<b>Geography</b>	1. Get out and explore your local area - create a photo tour and collage based on a theme, or create a map of your local area, or identify the problems in your local area and what the solutions might be. 2. Find a nice spot outside, sit back with your headphones and listen to a podcast. There are lots of great ones to pick from here: <a href="https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/?categories=Podcast&amp;utm_source=School+Members&amp;utm_campaign=e21185bae0-EMAIL_CA_MPAIGN_2020_03_25_09_19&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_term=0_bd6329754a-e21185bae0-">https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/?categories=Podcast&amp;utm_source=School+Members&amp;utm_campaign=e21185bae0-EMAIL_CA_MPAIGN_2020_03_25_09_19&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_term=0_bd6329754a-e21185bae0-</a> 3. If you have an Atlas at home - plot the birthday coordinates for you and your family. Use the month for latitude and day for longitude. For example, if your birthday is November 26, your coordinates could be 11°N, 26°E. Or, you can make four sets of coordinates for your birthday, depending on whether you use north or south latitude, or east or west longitude. What would it be like to have a party there?	1 hour 1-2 hours depending on podcast chosen. 1 hour
<b>History</b>	Use junk modelling to build your own castle. Make sure you look back to your notes from the start of Year 7 to help add realistic features.	2 hours
<b>Languages</b>	1. Create a German or Spanish board game with some of the vocabulary you have learned this year and play it with a family member 2. Hand write a letter or card in German/ Spanish and post it to a friend or a family member you have not seen for a while.	2 hours 1 hour
<b>Music</b>	Take part in the TWGGS lockdown song. This will then be produced as a virtual choir.	1 hour
<b>RS</b>	Meditation exercise - see details in Classroom	1 hour

## Year 8

Pupils can choose activities from the selection below to make up ten hours of tasks across the two days. They do not need to do them all. The length of time for each activity is indicated, to help pupils choose what they wish to do. Tasks will be administered from 8-8.30 on the morning of 6th July, through the normal Google Classrooms and Drives, unless indicated below. We do ask that pupils upload a photo or video (task dependent) of what they have completed. We would love to display photos of your completed tasks on the school website or in school, so look out for those in the future.

Subject	Activity	Suggested Time
<b>Art</b>	Create your own individual artwork inspired by one of the paintings at the Tate Britain. Pupils should have watched the BBC "Museums in Quarantine" programme already. Pupils now complete their own personal and visual response.	1-2hours
<b>Computing</b>	Design an App - Brainstorm an idea for an app and sketch out what it might look like	1 hour
<b>Drama</b>	Design an entry for the BBC One Show competition "As You Write It".	2 hours

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<b>DT</b>	Continue with your work for the temporary theme park in Dunorlan Park.	1-2 hours
<b>English</b>	<p>1. Script it! A local theatre company wants to turn the local park into a safe performance space during the summer. It is looking for young playwrights to script a 10-minute play with no more than three characters on the theme of "small acts of kindness".</p> <p>2. The Home Planet - You have been inspired by David Attenborough to narrate a "natural history" of family life in lockdown. Your task is to write the voiceover for the opening of the first episode.</p> <p>3. Poetry by Heart - Summer Challenge! Choose a poem from the online anthology: learn the words and rhythm by speaking the poem aloud, practise reciting the whole poem, and then stage a performance in front of your family, pets - or even the bathroom mirror!</p>	<p>2 hours</p> <p>1 hour</p> <p>2 hours</p>
<b>Geography</b>	<p>1. Get out and explore your local area - create a photo tour and collage based on a theme, or create a map of your local area, or identify the problems in your local area and what the solutions might be.</p> <p>2. Find a nice spot outside, sit back with your headphones and listen to a podcast. There are lots of great ones to pick from here: <a href="https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/?categories=Podcast&amp;utm_source=School+Members&amp;utm_campaign=e21185bae0-EMAIL_CA_MPAIGN_2020_03_25_09_19&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_term=0_bd6329754a-e21185bae0-">https://www.rgs.org/schools/teaching-resources/?categories=Podcast&amp;utm_source=School+Members&amp;utm_campaign=e21185bae0-EMAIL_CA_MPAIGN_2020_03_25_09_19&amp;utm_medium=email&amp;utm_term=0_bd6329754a-e21185bae0-</a></p> <p>3. If you have an Atlas at home - plot the birthday coordinates for you and your family. Use the month for latitude and day for longitude. For example, if your birthday is November 26, your coordinates could be 11°N, 26°E. Or, you can make four sets of coordinates for your birthday, depending on whether you use north or south latitude, or east or west longitude. What would it be like to have a party there?</p>	<p>1 hour</p> <p>1-2 hours depending on podcast chosen.</p> <p>1 hour</p>
<b>History</b>	Create a plan for your own time capsule. This is a planning activity so you don't need to actually make a capsule and bury it!	1 hour
<b>Languages</b>	<p>1. Run a French/German/Spanish café or shop at home- make a menu or label items and teach a family member the basic language you need to order things in a café or in a shop.</p> <p>2. Grab some post-it notes and label 20-25 items around your house in French/German/Spanish. Challenge: Make as many people in your family learn them!</p> <p>3. Hand write a letter or card in French/German/ Spanish and post it to a friend or a family member you have not seen for a while.</p>	<p>1-2 hours</p> <p>1 hour</p> <p>1 hour</p>
<b>Maths</b>	Take part in the Maths Olympics. This will require you to join a new Google Classroom to take part. Classroom code is <b>yam66tb</b> .	1-2 hours depending on chosen tasks.
<b>Music</b>	Take part in the TWGGS lockdown song. This will then be produced as a virtual choir.	1 hour
<b>RS</b>	Contemplation and philosophy exercise - see details in Classroom	1 hour

<b>Science</b>	1. Frontline Biology - design a high energy snack for frontline service personnel.	1 hour
	2. Astronaut Hovercraft Experiments - follow an exercise that Tim Peake did on the International Space Station.	1 hour

We hope this brings some welcome variety to your child's studies while cutting down on screen time and we very much look forward to seeing what the pupils complete.

Warmest wishes,



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