

# Ernest Bevin College and Sixth Form Centre



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Dear Families,

We are writing to update you as we approach the end of our second week of home school and the start of the Spring break. Well done to all those students who are engaging with the work set on Canvas and thank you to all of you for supporting them to do that! If you would like more information on how Canvas works, this video gives a useful overview: <https://vimeo.com/canvaslms>

Please note that an app is available for Canvas for use on smartphones etc. Please encourage your son to download the Canvas app onto his phone and you may wish to do the same. The developer is *instructure* and the app logo looks like this:



Microsoft Word and PowerPoint are also available as free app downloads for phones. This may be useful if you don't have computers available with these programs installed.

Thank you to all of you who have sent in feedback regarding Canvas. Canvas offers a huge amount of functionality and we are all on a learning curve regarding making the most of it.

As this is the school holidays, teachers will not be setting work or monitoring Canvas during this period. Students should catch up with any outstanding work from the first two weeks of closure, and we have also compiled a list of online activities during the holidays – see below and on our website here: <https://ernestbevin.london/index.php/parents/about-2/college-closure-resources/>

School will remain open for the children whose families are key workers, or those with other vulnerabilities. If your child falls into that category please send a message to [collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london](mailto:collegeclosure@ernestbevin.london) to let us know that we should expect them; please include the specific reason that they need to come in. We will not be open on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> or Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April. We are awaiting instructions from the government regarding re-opening.

Today, the government has published information about how GCSE and A-Level grades will be awarded. Please see this link for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/how-gcses-as-a-levels-will-be-awarded-in-summer-2020> Finally, a reminder that if you are concerned about the welfare of any member of our school community while they are not in school, please email: [dsl@ernestbevin.london](mailto:dsl@ernestbevin.london).

With very best wishes for a safe and restful Spring break.

Cate Swift and Patrick Sullivan

Vice Principals

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## **Resources for Families**

Parent Zone: Ten ways to safely entertain your kids at home includes tips on keeping young people safe online, as well cooking, gardening and board games

<https://parentzone.org.uk/article/10-ways-safely-entertain-your-kids-home>

Scouts: 100 things to do indoors: <https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/>

## **Live lessons**

Joe Wicks – aka The Body Coach – [is running PE Lessons](#) for all ages every day at 9am

Mr Bruff's [daily English lessons](#) for GCSE students.

[Coding for kids](#) daily lessons.

## **Additional resources to supplement CANVAS work**

BBC Bitesize: videos and online resources: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>

GCSE Pod: Ernest Bevin College subscribes to this GCSE video revision service. Year 10 & 11 students have a log in.: <https://www.gcsepod.com/>

Kerboodle: extensive resources for Science and MFL. Students have a login <https://www.kerboodle.com/>

Khan Academy: Not for profit organisation with remote learning resources: <https://www.khanacademy.org/>

Pobble 365: one picture one teaching resource a day: <http://www.pobble365.com/>

## **Reading/Books online**

Renaissance My ON access to children/teenage books linked to Accelerated Reader programme <https://readon.myon.co.uk/>

Many Books, 50,000 free e books: <https://manybooks.net/>

Audible: Kids can stream this collection of stories including titles across six different languages for free whilst schools are closed: <https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

US based eBooks free library: <https://digilibraries.com/>

Wandsworth council's e-library - free books and a monthly book club suggestion <https://gllibraries.overdrive.com/>

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## Language/Travel/Geography

Duolingo: Learn a language for free: <https://www.duolingo.com/>

Linguascope: Learn vocab through fun games Ask your teacher for the login: [www.linguascope.com](http://www.linguascope.com)

The Vatican Virtual Tours: view the Sistine Chapel

<http://www.museivaticani.va/content/museivaticani/en/collezioni/musei/tour-virtuali-elenco.html>

Rough Guides: travel guides to help you plan a trip anywhere in the world

<https://www.roughguides.com/video/>

National Geographic Kids: <https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/>

Time for Geography: <https://timeforgeography.co.uk/>

## Museums and Art Galleries

British Museum Online: <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-british-museum>

Natural History Museum: free virtual tours: <https://www.nhm.ac.uk/>

Tate Gallery: Games and quizzes and ideas for creative art projects: <https://www.tate.org.uk/kids>

<https://www.nhm.ac.uk/>

The National Gallery Virtual Tours: <https://www.nationalgallery.org.uk/visiting/virtual-tours>

## Theatre

Watch the Wind in the Willows Musical

<https://www.willowsmusical.com/>

The National Theatre will be showing a free play every Thursday evening at 7pm (check schedule for age suitability): <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUDq1XzCY0NIOYVJvEMQjqw>

## STEM

NASA Kids Club: lots of resources from the US Space Agency:

<https://www.nasa.gov/kidsclub/index.html>

Including Spot the Space Station: <https://spotthestation.nasa.gov/>

Minecraft; the education edition: <https://education.minecraft.net/>

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Steve Backshall Live Q& A about animals Monday to Thursday 9.30am:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eKHBVWM8Aio>

RSPB: Guide to spotting birds and wildlife: <https://www.rspb.org.uk/birds-and-wildlife/>

Design Museum: Discover Design: <https://designmuseum.org/discover-design>

TedEd: short animated educational videos: <https://ed.ted.com/>

Instructables: Have a go at making something over the holidays: <https://www.instructables.com/>

## History

History Channel with hundreds of TV programmes – you need to sign up for a free trial period

<https://www.historyhit.com/>

Museum of London: Learn about the history of London:

<https://www.museumoflondon.org.uk/museum-london>

## PE

Toilet Roll Keepy Uppy Challenge: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LRcQzT1jIVQ>

ECB Cricket: resources and video messages from England cricketers: <https://www.ecb.co.uk/>

## Computing

National Cipher Challenge: [www.cipherchallenge.org](http://www.cipherchallenge.org) are putting on a special cryptography challenge just for this period. It starts this Thursday 2nd April 9am. The aim is to crack the ciphered messages each week based on an espionage scenario. Sign up with an email account at