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School Resources **23/24**

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Outstanding advice from the UK's top education experts



The UK's Leading Provider of Live, Online Alternative Education

We bring students with behavioural, medical and mental health needs a pathway to achieve strong, recognised outcomes.

We work in partnership with schools, local authorities and pupil referral units to ensure learners receive the best support possible.

“My teacher has inspired me for maths, and school in general, again and made me feel like I could do stuff. She gave a massive boost to my self-confidence and I would really like to thank her for that.”

Christopher, year 11 student



Our provision is:

- Personalised to individual students' needs
- Academically focused with a broad balanced curriculum for KS3 and KS4 pupils
- Flexible and suitable for long and short term requirements
- Delivered by qualified and experienced teachers through our custom built platform
- Supportive; our teachers are experienced in delivering AP for students that may have high levels of anxiety or may have disengaged from learning
- Supported with user friendly portals, which give access to resources, recordings and a wide range of reports for mentors

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KEY STAGE 3/4

ACADEMY21 ONLINE ALTERNATIVE PROVISION



FLEXIBLE • LIVE & INTERACTIVE • COST-EFFECTIVE



TAKE A LOOK!

A flexible solution
to support
absent pupils

With absence rates rising, online alternative provision is a flexible solution that can help. Through Academy21's live interactive classes and pastoral support, pupils can access quality education which provides continuity, strong outcomes and a pathway to reintegration.

Balancing flexibility, excellent teaching and pastoral care, Academy21 supported over 4,400 young people with behavioural, medical, and mental health needs last year.

Trusted by more than 800 schools, pupil referral units, and local authorities, Academy21 is a pathway to strong, recognised outcomes and successful reintegration back into school. Our live classes are delivered by qualified, subject specialist teachers experienced in working with anxious and withdrawn children. All subjects are supplemented with a library of learning materials, including interactive activities tailored to each student's learning pathway.

With flexibility built in, you can use Academy21 in any way that suits your school. Our online provision can serve as a short-term solution for fixed-term exclusions or students awaiting permanent placements. For others, it's an early intervention lifeline that keeps persistently absent pupils engaged.

From temporary respite for students struggling with EBSA, to long-term support for pupils who cannot return to mainstream schooling, Academy21 can be adjusted to your needs and called upon whenever you need it.

We work collaboratively with schools to help you get the most out of our services, with no minimum purchase requirements, fast set up (within

48 hours), flexible booking options (ranging from half-termly to annual) and mix-and-match subject timetables.

"Academy21 has been a lifesaver for our learners, we've seen how grateful they are for the support and the opportunities that have been opened up for them."

– Assistant Headteacher,
Greenwood School



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Academy **21**
Alternative provision online

NEED TO KNOW!

1

"Academy 21 has provided high quality provision in a range of subjects. We have students accessing the provision from Y7 to Y11, and have seen students on the brink of exclusion or school refusers re-engaging with their learning and progressing. I would recommend it to other schools."

– Nina, Assistant
Headteacher

2

"My teacher has inspired me for maths (and school in general) again. She gave a massive boost to my self-confidence, and I really thank her for that."

– Christopher, Y11 student

3

"Once Katy started, you could see she was learning and moving forward – it was uplifting to see her back in education. Academy21 enabled her to get sufficient, good GCSE grades to move onto college. It was the most positive decision we could have made."

– Linda, parent

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LIFE-CHANGING RESIDENTIALS

ADVENTURE • RESIDENTIALS • OUTDOOR LEARNING • EXAM SUPPORT



TAKE A LOOK!

Dive into a
Conway Centres
residential...

For over 45 years, Conway Centres, Anglesey has provided adventure and educational residential visits to schools across the UK. Home to high adventure, engaging exam support courses and curriculum-linked programmes, Conway Centres, Anglesey is the perfect place for a secondary school residential.

With its private dock on the Menai Strait, vast woodlands, large art spaces and fully accessible facilities, Conway Centres, Anglesey offers activities and accommodation to support every young person – no matter their level of experience, ability or needs.

Conway Centres are experts in their field, providing unique residential experiences to support your young people to grow, mature, gain new perspectives and build skills, by enabling them to take part in experiential learning.

Conway Centres, Anglesey offers true adventure activities in the great outdoors. Whether your group are canoeing on the private dock with the Snowdonia Mountain range as a backdrop, climbing across the rock face on the Via Ferrata or immersed in cultural celebrations – every young person thrives at Conway Centres.

Anglesey can accommodate up to 250 students, making it perfect

for a whole year residential. Whether you want to support Y7 with their transition via a secondary residential trip, or wish to prepare your Y9s for their GCSEs via a Mental Health and Wellbeing Adventure programme, Conway Centres has ready-made programmes to support every year group.

Do you have something particular in mind? Contact our experienced team, who can create bespoke programmes that

are tailored to support your goals.

At Conway Centres, education is at the heart of everything we do. With Arts Exam Support courses led by nationally recognised subject leaders, and a Revision Adventure programme that combines adventure activities with revision sessions in between – when young people visit Conway Centres they take away far more than fantastic memories...



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 ConwayCentres

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1

Whether you want to study different and distinctive landscapes in North Wales to support your geography curriculum, or want to prepare students with their exams, Conway Centres can tailor programmes to support your chosen topics and goals

2

Back to school offer – overnight residential visits starting from just £129 per person over the next academic year; contact the Conway Centres team to book your adventure...

3

Come and visit the 'Best Residential Experience' in the School Travel Awards 2023, as voted for by schools: "The children have so much fun gaining in confidence, independence and self-belief in a relaxed and safe environment. I have staff who beg to come to Anglesey year after year. It's an enriching experience for everyone." – Bishop Heber High School

KEY STAGE 3/4

WRITING IN A CHANGING WORLD

SUSTAINABLE • ECONOMICAL • INNOVATIVE • QUALITY



TAKE A LOOK!

Sustainable writing instruments for both teachers and pupils

At Pilot, we aim to constantly innovate while sustainably limiting our impact on the planet. Transforming our pens to make them ever more eco-friendly is a genuine technological and human feat. We're continuing to refine our efforts and improve our standards via an action plan based on four essential pillars – our '4R's' of 'Recycle', 'Reduce', 'Refill' and 'Reclaim'.

RECYCLE – Limiting our use of plastic to a strict minimum. The extraction of raw materials needed to produce plastic represents 77.8% of a pen's carbon footprint, which is why, since the 2006 introduction of the Pilot Begreen range, we have preferred to use recycled plastic to make our pens.

REDUCE – We're all wrapped up in using less plastic. Since 2010, we have reduced quantities of virgin plastic by over 80% by using recycled plastic and FSC-certified cardboard. In 2020, we went even further. Our Begreen range is now available with 100% recyclable cardboard packaging.

REFILL – Change the refill, not the pen. Over 60% of our

products are refillable, which has enabled our end users to rethink how they consume. Using the same product several times, instead of throwing it away, is a gesture that's simple, economical and ecological.

RECLAIM – Less plastic in our oceans to reduce pollution. In partnership with the recycling

company TerraCycle, Pilot is adding reclaimed ocean waste to the recycled PET material used to manufacture the Iconic B2P range.

Pilot aims to offer a wide range of Begreen products to meet all your writing needs, at the same price and high quality as our standard products.



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PILOT

#writeyourworld

NEED TO KNOW!

1

Back in 2006 we launched our Begreen range – eco-designed products that are 85% refillable and manufactured with a minimum of 70% recycled plastic. This pioneering approach has allowed Pilot to become the first manufacturer worldwide to offer more environmentally-friendly writing instruments.

2

B2P – from Bottle to Pen! In 2021, for the first time anywhere in the world, we began making use of plastic waste reclaimed from beaches in the composition of our B2P range. These pens are made of at least 86% recycled plastic bottles, of which 2.5% are recycled ocean plastic.

3

At the start of 2023, Pilot continued to demonstrate its environmental commitment by partnering with the Marine Conservation Society – the UK's leading ocean charity. Pilot continues to make a charitable donation of 5p from the UK sale of every Pilot B2P Gel rollerball and B2P EcoBall.

KEY STAGE 3

V&A INNOVATE NATIONAL SCHOOLS CHALLENGE



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PROBLEM SOLVING • CREATIVITY • CRITICAL THINKING • DESIGN THINKING



TAKE A LOOK!

Build and celebrate
your students' design
skills

The world is changing, and design can help! V&A Innovate is an annual National Schools Challenge, asking Y7, Y8 and Y9 students at state-funded schools to work in teams to design a solution to a real-world problem.

Grounded in the V&A's collections and cutting-edge industry practice, V&A Innovate has been created with teachers and designers to equip young people at KS3 with the confidence and skills to develop solutions for real-world issues. V&A Innovate supports:

1. Developing interdisciplinary problem solving skills, creativity, critical thinking, collaboration and communication
2. Celebrating and advocating for design and creativity in your school

We're asking students to follow human- and planet-centred design processes in response to one of three challenge themes inspired by V&A collections – with this year's themes being 'Restore', 'Play' and 'Sense'.

We would recommend planning for a minimum of six hours to deliver a project, and running it over a term of

D&T lessons, over a day as a dedicated STEAM project or via an extracurricular club. Those teams chosen as finalists will then be invited to pitch their ideas in person to our expert judges at V&A South Kensington, London.

There is a wide range of free online resources to support delivery of the challenge that you can check out. Our teacher and student toolkits will guide you through the design process step by step, while our series of

films and animations – made with input from designers and curators – will bring real-world design lessons into your classroom and help to inspire your students' own design ideas.

The deadline for entries is **12th January 2024**, with the Pitching and Awards Day scheduled to take place on **19th March 2024**. To stay up-to-date on this year's V&A Innovate challenge, sign up for our Innovate emails at vam.ac.uk/info/innovate#email-updates.



NEED TO KNOW!

1

V&A Innovate supports delivery of the KS3 curriculum and scaffolds skills towards the NEA component of the D&T GCSE, with broad themes encouraging students to explore the role of design in tackling real-world issues

2

All students taking part will receive a participation certificate and feedback from the judging panel. Finalists will have their work displayed at the museum, and also be in with the chance of winning plaques, trophies and access to designer-led workshops.

3

Join our V&A Innovate online teacher sessions for an introduction to the programme and to hear tips from other teachers taking part. Book your free place by visiting vam.ac.uk/whatson/programmes/schools

KEY STAGE 3/4

SKILLS FOR LIFE

CONFIDENCE • RESILIENCE • COMMUNICATION



TAKE A LOOK!

Giving young people a strong start in life

Across 11 UK locations, our outdoor adventure education programmes offer young people a supportive space in which to build resilience, confidence and life skills that will support them throughout their personal, academic and professional journeys.

With the wellbeing of young people under the spotlight, educators are calling for a more holistic approach – one that values the four Cs of 21st century skills, namely ‘creativity’, ‘communication’, ‘collaboration’ and ‘critical thinking’. For 40 years, we have placed these learning outcomes at the core of our values, while also engaging with the latest research.

SKILLS FOR A FULLER LIFE

All our activities encourage the development of social and

personal skills that young people can take into their personal, academic and professional lives.

Through a combination of adrenaline-filled activities, team building exercises and practical skills, a Kingswood visit forms lifelong memories and enhances personal attributes, such as self-determination, emotional intelligence and lateral thinking.

“It was lovely to see the students flourish in all aspects, especially their confidence. Their personal and employability skills were hugely developed.”

– Teacher, Derby College, visited Dearne Valley in March 2023

BACKED BY RESEARCH

Our programmes are backed up by studies in sports pedagogy and adventure education, so we are confident about the positive impact of our programmes.

A study of 16- to 17-year-old participants in our Skills4Life programme revealed significant increases – with resilience up 36%, and psychological wellbeing up 23%.

Our unique Confidence Tracker tool additionally enables you to deliver high-quality, educational outcomes to evaluate your secondary school residential trip.

SUPPORT FOR TEACHERS

We aim to take the stress out of trip planning. Our ‘Trip Planner’ portal helps to bring everything together in one place, and we can also provide you with a host of supporting digital resources.

We offer a broad range of curriculum-linked activity packages for you to choose from, each matched to specific learning outcomes, encompassing everything from character development to effective revision. Our pre- and post-visit toolkits will help you link your trip to tangible results.

“We were very impressed with the centre, particularly the flexibility of the staff, the level of communication before the trip and the genuine concern that we would have a positive and valuable experience both before and during our stay.”

– Teacher, King Edward VI High School for Girls, visited Staffordshire February 2022

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NEED TO KNOW!

1

Each of our 11 centres offers unique benefits, with activity choices spanning water sports to archery, and accommodation choices ranging from dorms to ecopods, allowing you to find perfect fit for your students.

2

Our 4-night, 5-day residential is tailor-made, with Experience Experts working alongside you to help create a schedule aligned to your learning outcomes.

3

“Every single student has made memories and learnt skills that they will take with them through their entire life. I know they will all take so much away from this experience.”
– Teacher, Open Academy, visited Overstrand Hall in March 2023



KEY STAGE 3/4

HUE HD PRO

VISUALISER • BLENDED LEARNING • LIVE MODELLING • STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

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TAKE A LOOK!

The must-have resource in your teacher toolkit!

Inspire your students with the colourful and affordable HUE HD Pro USB classroom camera, which features 1080p resolution, a built-in microphone and LED lights for just £49.95 + VAT.



The HUE HD Pro is a multi-purpose USB camera that works straight out of the box and requires no training.

Compatible with Windows, macOS, Linux and Chrome OS – connect it to a computer and use immediately with any application that recognises a USB camera, such as QuickTime, Windows 10/11 and Chrome 'Camera' apps, and video conferencing applications for remote teaching.

A perpetual single-user licence of HUE Intuition software is included, which can be installed on multiple computers for use at school and at home.

HUE Intuition enables you to:

- Record videos
- Annotate images
- Capture photos
- Stream online
- Flip and mirror

Rotate the camera's flexible neck 360° for a multitude of uses: angle it straight ahead for use as a facecam, position it downwards to

view documents, or bend the neck in real-time while examining objects.

Teachers use the HUE HD Pro across the curriculum in many innovative ways every day, including to:

- Share students' work for peer editing
- Analyse and annotate texts
- Live model, mark and problem solve
- Demonstrate science

experiments

- Record video assessments
- Digitise paper resources
- Enable hybrid, flipped and blended learning

SPECIAL OFFER!

Receive a FREE HUE HD Pro hard carry case (worth £15.95 + VAT) when you purchase a HUE HD Pro visualiser. Hurry, only 100 free cases are available! Contact us for additional school offers.



NEED TO KNOW!

1

Plug & Play – connect to a computer and use immediately with any application that recognises a USB camera.

2

Versatile and portable – use it daily for any subject, in the classroom or at home.

3

High quality and long lasting – multi-award winning and teacher approved. Includes a two year warranty.

4

"I'd put a HUE visualiser on your need list. I use mine daily 6 years on"
– Nick Dempster (@ICT_with_MrD)





TAKE A LOOK!

Help your students get a good night's sleep

KEY STAGE 3/4

SLEEP CHAMPION TRAINING

SLEEP • WELLBEING • HEALTH • ATTAINMENT

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NEED TO KNOW!

1

Improve students' behaviour, attendance and development by helping them develop better sleep habits.

2

The course covers 7 modules – including The Importance of Sleep; Sleep Physiology; Causes of Sleep Issues; Identifying Causes of Sleep Issues and Good Sleep Practice – and includes a range of useful resources

Designed for professionals working in secondary schools, The Sleep Charity's Sleep Champion course gives you the tools and resources needed to support students with their sleep. Quality sleep has been proven to improve behaviour and development, with school attainment much more likely to improve when pupils get a good night's sleep.

Research shows that sleep patterns alter during puberty, meaning youngsters often don't fall asleep until much

later at night. This can often result in difficulties waking in the morning and long-term sleep deprivation, which impacts upon their education.

This course outlines the reasons for these sleep issues, and provides practical strategies for supporting youngsters in improving their sleep patterns. Also included are useful resources for starting conversations with young people, information you can share with students and families, and a

downloadable assembly presentation.

Sleep is an essential part of our health and wellbeing, and all schools would benefit from having a Sleep Champion on their team. The course is taken online and takes around

1.5 hours to complete, followed by a one-hour live session with an expert. You will then receive a two-year license to deliver the programme, with a refresher course available at the end of that period.



TAKE A LOOK!

For all your reward, identity and recognition needs

KEY STAGE 3/4

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REWARD • RECOGNITION • STOCK • CUSTOMISED • IDENTITY

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1

For times when you'd like something a little more personal for your school, we're here to help with our range of fully customisable products – perfect for any occasion or outing.

2

With over 100 stock options available and same day dispatching, we can provide that extra touch when celebrating special achievements.

Badges and lanyards are essential for identifying students and staff. They can also be used for rewarding achievements, displaying school spirit or highlighting special events. Our products can be custom made to order or purchased from stock. Customised orders can be designed to include the school logos, colours and text of your choice, to name a few examples. Our stock lanyards which can be used to hold ID cards, keys, or other

small items – and stock badges are available in a wide variety of standard designs, which are tailored to identify and reward specific achievements. Perfect for any school, they're a cost effective and speedy option, with free delivery on all stock orders valued over £50. Custom badges and lanyards are a great way of promoting your school and showing pride in your community. Ordering from Best Badges Ltd is easy and

convenient, with competitive prices and our friendly customer service team always on hand to answer any questions you may have. Contact us today to place your order!



KEY STAGE 3

SUPPORT READING FOR PLEASURE IN YOUR SCHOOL

READING • LITERACY • BOOKS • RESOURCING

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TAKE A LOOK!

Get your Y7s
and Y8s excited
about reading

Bookbuzz from BookTrust can play a big part in helping schools meet their reading for pleasure objectives. How? By providing an engaging way to get students reading regularly and by choice.

As the UK's largest children's reading charity, our mission at BookTrust is to get every child reading regularly, and by choice.

We know the benefits that reading for pleasure brings to

educational outcomes and mental health. Our research also shows that when students choose what they want to read, they are more likely to develop a reading habit.

Bookbuzz is our national reading for pleasure programme for Years 7 and 8. Students can choose a book from a list of 16 titles to read and keep.

For just £3.30 per student, Bookbuzz provides the following:

- A new book for every student to choose and keep – all specifically curated for Y7 and Y8, so you can be assured of their quality and suitability.
- Two sets of all 16 Bookbuzz books for your school – that's a total of 32 extra books for your library and/or classrooms.
- A guide on how to use Bookbuzz, plus an accompanying video featuring input from the authors, to inspire your students and spark discussions.

Create a reading buzz in your school and join over 1,000 secondary schools that have already signed up to Bookbuzz 2023. The closing date is **Friday 22 September**.

NEED TO KNOW!

1

"It has motivated me to read more often and choose books that I wouldn't usually choose to read."
– Bookbuzz student

2

"I would recommend Bookbuzz because it generates genuine excitement with the students, and is often the beginning of a library habit that they will hopefully stick with."
– School Librarian

3

"Getting books into the hands of students who may not have books at home was the best part about Bookbuzz."
– School Librarian



KEY STAGE 4

NEW KS4 CAREERS RESOURCES FROM THE NHS

CAREERS EDUCATION • FREE RESOURCES • /HEALTHCARE



TAKE A LOOK!

Free KS4 careers resources from the NHS

Prepare your students for the world of work and help them step into the NHS with free careers resources for Key Stage 4. Offering five topic areas to choose from, the resources help students develop key careers skills and discover the wide range of NHS roles available.

Designed with accessibility in mind, the NHS' new KS4 cross-curricular resources have been peer reviewed by teachers and experts and conceived with flexibility at their core, enabling you to use them in their entirety, or adapt them to suit your students' needs.

Each topic area includes a range of careers- and PSHE-related activities that are easily linked to other subjects, including English, drama, citizenship and health and social care.

What's on offer?

The Key Stage 4 resources provide you with everything you'll need to deliver interactive and impactful lessons that will build your students' confidence. Each topic delivers a distinct set of learning outcomes, with support from teacher guidance, worksheets and slides. The five topics covered are:

1. My interests, skills and future choices

Students reflect on their personal interests and choices, before identifying different skills

and matching these to various NHS careers.

2. Work-related skills

Explore the qualities and skills needed for a range of NHS roles via engaging skills activities and role play exercises.

3. Verbal / non-verbal communication

Learn how to prepare for an interview with the help of resources that include body language prompt cards and emotion wheels.

4. Helping young people deal with their problems

Students use factsheets to identify common issues faced by young people, and create an engaging campaign to help people deal with those issues.

5. Preparing for the world of work

Students learn effective writing techniques and receive tips on how to create the perfect CV for a specific job.



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STEP INTO THE NHS



NEED TO KNOW!

1

The NHS KS4 resources allow students to discover more than 350 jobs in healthcare - from accounts assistant to paramedic - some of which may surprise you

2

Topic four of the NHS KS4 resources provides students with factsheets to help identify common issues they may face, such as poor mental health and stress

3

The resources have been created with flexibility at their core, letting you pick which work best for you and your students

4

Our resources can help bring classroom learning to life for young people, enabling them to connect what they learn now with the careers they'll be pursuing in the future

KEY STAGE 4

GCSEPOD

GCSE • EXAMS • REVISION • ASSESSMENT



TAKE A LOOK!

Elevate your teaching and transform your students' performance!

GCSEPod is the ultimate digital learning solution. Bringing together curriculum-led content, homework and assessment, while also tracking student progress, the GCSEPod software reduces teacher workload and is proven to help students achieve one grade higher on average compared to non-users.

GCSEPod is designed to make the biggest impact on as many students as possible – which is why this year, they're giving away free access to all STEM subjects.

That's right. They're looking to grant 200 schools full access to all of their award-winning STEM content and assessment materials, entirely free of charge! Your whole GCSE cohort will be taken through an expertly crafted, 9-week impact program to see by just how much GCSEPod can raise attainment across all students – stretching and challenging your high achievers with topics such as statistics, whilst also helping even the most reluctant learners to develop their knowledge and skills.

SIGNIFICANTLY IMPROVE ATTAINMENT

Statistics show that students with the highest level of GCSEPod usage exceed their predicted grades. One school that used GCSEPod

saw its most engaged students gain approximately six grades higher than their non-using peers, irrespective of their ability.

BUILD STUDENT KNOWLEDGE

GCSEPod provides students with the flexibility to revise at their own pace and level, and the freedom to revise anywhere they wish, at any time, with all the information they need available from one location.

TRANSFORM TEACHING EFFICIENCY AND PRODUCTIVITY

Teachers can set homework via GCSEPod, so that students can build upon their understanding in lessons and address any

knowledge gaps – in turn helping to build students' confidence ahead of their exams.

REDUCE TEACHER WORKLOAD

GCSEPod can save teachers valuable time by enabling students to access exam-style and ready-made assignments via an online platform, making marking quicker and more effective.

Teachers can rest safe in the knowledge they're directing their students towards trusted content. Authored by subject experts who are masters at transforming complex concepts into easy to understand revision bites, all GCSEPod content is fully compliant with the National Curriculum.



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GCSEPod is proven to help students achieve one grade higher on average than non-users, across 30+ GCSE subjects and all exam boards. It's therefore no surprise that GCSEPod is the number one choice, trusted by over 1,700 subscribing schools.

2

Set homework and lessons in seconds. Track results. Monitor usage. Stretch and challenge your high achievers AND provide intervention for those needing more support. GCSEPod brings together the key elements of content, assessment and data – giving a whole new meaning to individualised learning.

3

GCSEPod's STEM programme grants free access to an extensive selection of high-quality, curriculum-aligned STEM resources meticulously designed to ignite curiosity, foster critical thinking and make students' learning stick. If you'd like to join this favoured club, scan the QR code or visit the web address shown above.

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**TAKE
A LOOK!**

Innovative solutions
that transform learning
environments

Holy Cross College introduced Smart Lockers to improve its library experience, free up staff time and provide accountability for students. The Diplomat™ Pro allowed them to streamline their device management by replacing their manual laptop loaning with a self-service solution.

LapSafe

As an educational establishment, Holy Cross College has a long and rich history. Originally established in the late 1800s, Holy Cross has since been through quite the transformation, having seen a series of changes and developments over the years, ranging from major refurbishments to the introduction of transformative technologies.

LapSafe® met with the college's head of library, Jaqueline Ponka, to discuss some recent ways in which the library has been transformed – in part, following the adoption Smart Lockers provided by LapSafe®.

What system were you using previously?

"We had 20 laptops that were held in a cabinet behind the desk here in the library, and manually issued them to students. They were very popular, but it ended up being a very physical job, since we were constantly issuing, returning, issuing and returning.

There always had to be two of us at the desk because it was so busy. If we left the desk to help a student, there would soon be a queue of students with laptops



waiting when we returned. This led to constant interruptions. It was extremely time-consuming and physically demanding, but that was how we operated for around eight years."

Where did the idea come from to finally look at automating the system?

"The library manager and I had been saying from early on that we'd like to have a self-service unit. I'd attended a JISC IT event a few years back, where I saw a self-service unit on display. Then, during

the last academic year, we were asked if we'd like a self-service laptop unit to help in the library. To which I of course said, 'Yes please...'

It wasn't intended as a replacement for a member of staff by any means, and we've never looked at it like that. More as something that could physically help us, as manually loaning the laptops was hard work. We'd been asked if we could take more laptops by IT, and I'd had to say no because we couldn't physically cope. So when we were offered the self-service

option, I jumped at the chance!

Our IT Manager had attended BETT the year before, saw the Diplomat™ solution and brought back some LapSafe® brochures. He said it looked like a really good product, that it would integrate well with our Heritage library management system and seemed to do everything we wanted.

LapSafe® suggested that we visit Oldham Sixth Form College to see the Diplomat™ Pro in action. The library staff there were very positive about the system and happy to discuss how they had expanded their service.”

What advice would you give to other colleges thinking of automating their laptop loaning?

“Do it! I think the main advice is just to do it if you can, as it makes life so much easier. Talk to librarians at other colleges, and if possible, try to see it in action. Talking to someone you trust in the same position as you really helps.

If you’re setting up a new system from scratch and don’t loan out laptops already, I’d say go for an automated system straight away, rather than via the route we took of manual loaning first, which is hard work.

Make sure you have the space to later expand the service, as it *will* be popular – students will always want more laptops. We ourselves would be very happy to welcome visitors from any nearby colleges who might be interested in seeing how the system works here.”



“Almost immediately, we had more time to complete our work and more time to spend with students; it’s a much calmer environment for all of us in the library”

NEED TO KNOW!

1

Students feel empowered by taking responsibility for their own learning, without relying on staff to issue devices, thus encouraging accountability, group working and solo study skills. The streamlined service also encourages more fruitful interactions between students and staff.

2

LapSafe® is passionate about supporting students to excel in their futures, by helping the education sector bridge the gap of those with access to technology and those who do not, giving all students the start, they deserve.

3

The Diplomat™ Pro Smart Locker is the most popular solution of its kind used in education today, providing automated access to laptops, tablets and other devices. Streamlining services across learning environments via a cloud-based dashboard makes managing more devices even easier.



KEY STAGE 2/3/4/5

INSPIRE YOUNG MINDS AT WARNER BROS. STUDIO TOUR LONDON – THE MAKING OF HARRY POTTER

FILMMAKING • MAGIC • CROSS-CURRICULAR • AWARDS WINNING



TAKE A LOOK!

An award-winning education programme at the filmmaking home of Harry Potter

Where else can your students step onto authentic sets, learn behind the scenes secrets and relive the magic behind the *Harry Potter* film series? Delve deeper into filmmaking with a free cross-curricular lesson, subject to availability



Spend a spellbinding day outside the classroom by stepping into the iconic Great Hall set at Warner Bros. Studio Tour London. Board the original Hogwarts Express at Platform 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ and take in the grandeur of Gringotts Wizarding Bank, all before wandering down Diagon Alley. Earmuffs ready! Brand new for 2022, just like a Hogwarts student you can step into

Professor Sprout's greenhouse and pull out a potted Mandrake.

Explore two soundstages and a backlot filled with original sets, animatronic creatures and breathtaking special effects. Experience green screen technology first hand, learn how intricate prosthetics help transform actors into creatures, and marvel at the innovative artistry that

brings a director's vision to the screen. Behind the scenes secrets of the most magical film series of all time will be revealed, with learning opportunities around every corner.

As part of your school visit, take a deeper look at the art of filmmaking with cross-curricular lessons delivered by a team of qualified teachers in purpose-built classrooms. The learning offering includes a variety of lessons spanning Key Stages 2 to 5, and covers a range of curriculum areas including STEM, Art and Design, English, Business Studies and Film and Media. The learning programme was created to inspire the next generation of filmmakers, providing the link between the classroom and how it is applied to the filmmaking process and real-life jobs.

During each lesson, students will have the unique opportunity to see original props and costumes from the Harry Potter films up close. New for this academic year, Film and Media students can explore the fascinating topics of either storyboarding or mise-en-scene as part of their visit. Other available lessons include Movie Maths, Costume Distressing, Screenplay Stories and Movie Graphics. Each lesson includes pre- and post-visit resources to assist with lesson planning both before and after your visit.

All 45-minute lessons are free to visiting

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schools, and the Studio Tour is a Learning Outside the Classroom Quality Badge holder. Lessons are subject to availability, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Warner Bros. Studio Tour London welcomes all visiting schools with dedicated team members who will greet coach arrivals and present classes with wristbands and activity passports, the latter of which are used to collect stamps throughout the Studio Tour. Quiz trails are available to download from the website to add a further educational element as students wander through the film sets. Remember to try out one of the green screen experiences on offer, where students can ride a broomstick, just like in the films, and receive a free digital photograph. Printed photographs are available to purchase at a discounted rate as part of our school package.

“Take a deeper look at the art of filmmaking with curriculum-linked lessons delivered by a team of qualified teachers”

Lunch areas for groups are available outside near the coach park, in the Food Hall or halfway through the Studio Tour in the Backlot Cafe, subject to availability. Alternatively, Knight Bus lunch boxes can be pre-ordered before your visit for an additional cost.

The Studio Tour is an accessible attraction, with step-free access in most areas and lifts to reach the



classrooms. All lessons can be tailored to meet the varying learning needs of each class. There is a sensory room located within the Studio Tour for anyone who may require it - just ask a member of staff who will help you find your way.

For 2023, schools tickets will remain at a discounted rate on selected dates. Tickets otherwise cost £20 for a primary school student and £23 for a secondary school or college student, with free teacher tickets.

NEED TO KNOW!

1

See original props and costumes from the films up close during a free cross-curricular lesson in the art of filmmaking, subject to availability.

2

There are a limited number of school tickets available per day, which must be booked at least six weeks in advance, so please book early to avoid disappointment. Call the Schools Booking Team on 0800 640 4 750 to book early and secure your preferred date and time.

3

With so much to pack into one day, we can offer free teacher planning tickets to help you maximise your time at the Studio Tour.



KEY STAGE 1/2/3

KNOW YOUR BODY

HEALTH EDUCATION • VIDEO RESOURCES • FREE



TAKE A LOOK!

Free health education lesson plans by The Eve Appeal on anatomy, menstruation, HPV and cancer and FGM

A set of FREE, ready-to-use, high quality, video-based health education lessons designed for 7- to 13-year-olds covering anatomy, menstrual health, and HPV and cancer, with age-appropriate, research-led and interactive information. The package also includes 'Introduction to FGM' lesson plans for Key Stages 1 to 3.



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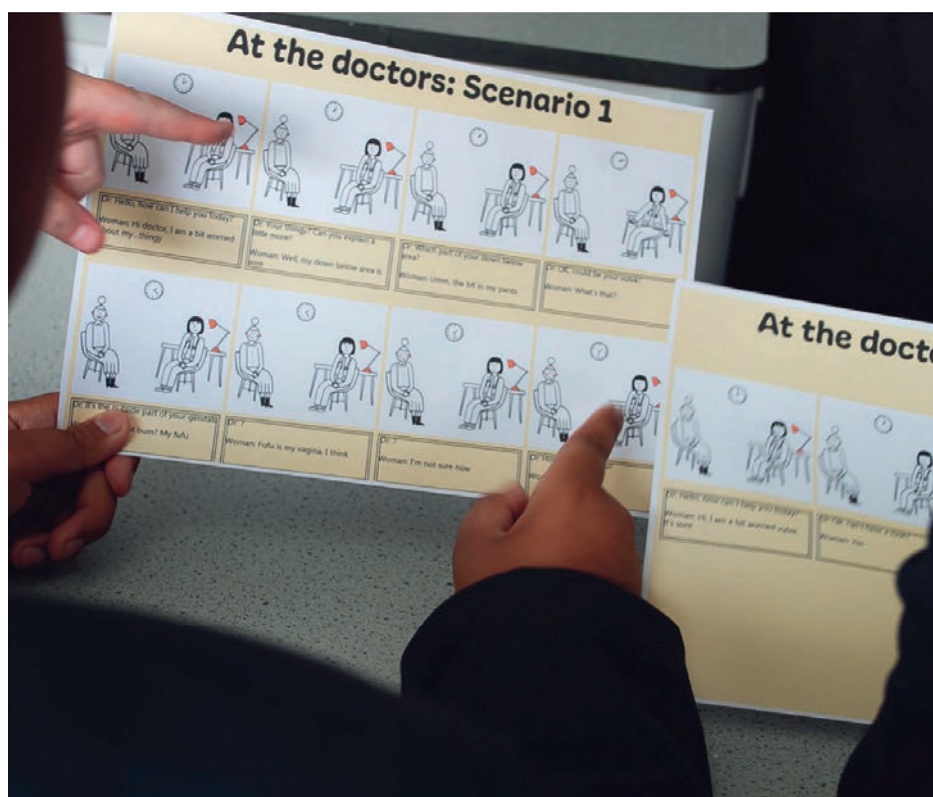
The UK's leading gynaecological cancer charity, The Eve Appeal, has launched the Know Your Body lesson plans on menstrual health, anatomy and HPV and cancer. Covering Key Stages 2 to 3, the programme also includes a set of introduction to female genital mutilation (FGM) lesson plans which have been designed in collaboration with the National FGM Centre and are split across Key Stages 1 to 3. All lessons follow a spiral curriculum, with links to the health and wellbeing topics of the PHSE Association's programme of study.

The lesson plans are all free to download and use. They equip schools and teachers with age-appropriate, interactive lesson plans that have been designed by specialists, and are easy to use and embed in class, following as they do the mandatory RSE duty, as well as the PSHE Association's standards for teaching.

The lesson plans are supplied in packs that contain guidance for teachers (which can be followed and/or adapted according to teachers' needs), a PowerPoint presentation, assorted activities and accompanying videos.

In a survey of over 1,000 young people recently conducted by the Sex Education Forum, only 35% rated the quality of their school's RSE as 'good' or 'very good', with 22% rating this as 'bad' or 'very bad'.

The Know Your Body lesson plans aim to foster prevention and plug the gaps in RSE for young people - knowing what's



A still from a Know Your Body workshop being delivered in Greater Manchester.

normal for you, spotting when things aren't, and knowing when to seek help.

60 women and people with gynaecological organs are diagnosed with one of the five gynaecological cancers every day in the UK, yet awareness of them remains shockingly low, with just 2% of the population knowing all five

gynaecological cancers - womb, ovarian, cervical, vulva and vaginal.

Since 2019, RSE has been a compulsory part of the curriculum for schools in England, including the topics of menstrual wellbeing and cancer screening. This is fantastic progress, but without dedicated funding or training,



Know Your Body launch event held on the 04/08.

schools are often left without the resources or expertise needed to teach these topics.

The FGM lesson plans are co-designed with the joint expertise of The Eve Appeal in gynae health, and the National FGM Centre in FGM prevention awareness and training. The government's statutory RSE guidance makes it compulsory for secondary schools to teach pupils about FGM and other harmful practices. While the duty to teach about FGM isn't mandatory for primary schools, we encourage all schools to teach about the topic at the earliest opportunity, from Key Stage 1, to identify and protect girls at risk earlier, and empower the next generation to speak out about the issue.

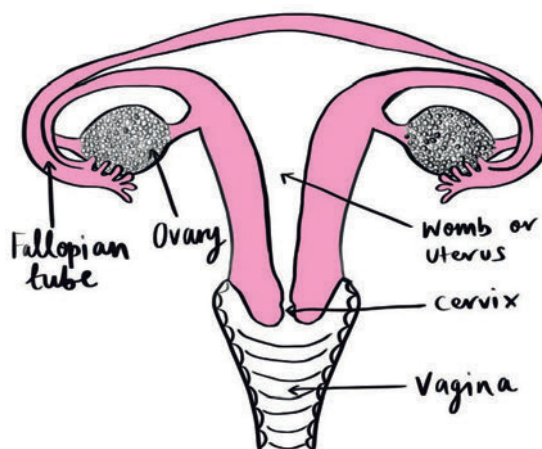
Know Your Body lesson plans have so far been piloted in 53 funded workshops held at some of the least-served schools in Greater London and Manchester, reaching over 1,100 young people.

Some key insights from the evaluation of the pilot's first phase include 88% of students reporting that their ability to name the internal gynae organs had improved, and 70% of students reporting that their understanding of how to keep gynae organs healthy has similarly improved.

78% of students reported possessing a better understanding of menstruation, while 62% of students felt they understood more about different period products. 60% of students further felt they knew more about what a 'normal period' looks and

feels like, with 78% reporting that they had improved their knowledge of how to keep healthy during a period.

An impressive 96% of students meanwhile felt their understanding of HPV to have improved, alongside 93% reporting that they understood better how HPV relates to cancer. 86% of students felt their understanding of the HPV vaccine options and choices available to them had improved, and 89% of students felt they now knew more about cervical screening.



An illustration from the Know Your Body resources.

“Schools are often left without the resources or expertise needed to teach these topics”

NEED TO KNOW!

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The Eve Appeal has launched free, research-led, video-based interactive 'Know Your Body' lesson plans on menstrual health, anatomy and HPV and cancer for Key Stages 2 to 3. Accompanying those are Know Your Body FGM lesson plans, designed in collaboration with the National FGM Centre, for Key Stages 1-3. All materials can be downloaded from knowyourbodylessons.org

2

The lessons cover the health and wellbeing component of the PHSE Association's programme of study, and have been piloted in 53 school workshops, reaching over 1,100 students nationally.

3

88% of young people who attended the workshops say they now have a greater understanding of the internal gynae organs, while 96% of students felt their understanding of HPV had improved.



TAKE A LOOK!

Tours of the Thames for scholars and thrillseekers alike

KEY STAGE 3/4

LONDON'S BEST VIEWS

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1

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2

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and modern sights of this fascinating city. With the option to sit on our spacious open upper deck or in comfortable indoor saloons, you're guaranteed a panoramic view of London's best sights.

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For a more adrenalin-filled

experience, why not book an exhilarating day out on the water with a River Thames speed-boat ride? On this fun-packed 50-minute ride, you'll see a series of famous London landmarks, from Westminster down to Tower Bridge, while

experiencing the thrill of taking fast-paced twists and turns en route to Canary Wharf and back.

On your cruise, make sure to keep an eye out for glimpses of Big Ben, the London Eye and the Tower of London as you return to Westminster.



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Better yet, you'll be helping the environment with every purchase! Not only does recycled plastic entail less energy use, reduced water consumption and lower CO2 emissions in its production, but when you purchase your furniture you can see exactly how many plastic bottles you'll be recycling. Just take our

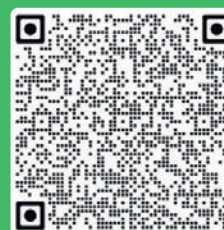
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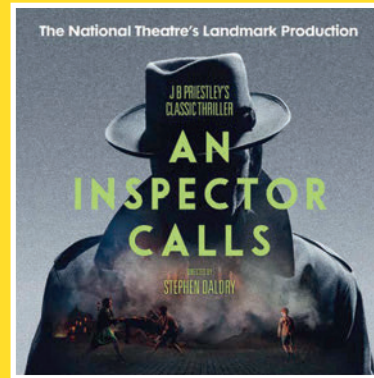
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KEY STAGE 3/4

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TAKE A LOOK!

A chance to see an acclaimed production of a seminal play

Stephen Daldry's multi award-winning National Theatre production of JB Priestley's classic thriller is about to commence a major 27-date tour of UK theatres. Winner of 19 major awards, *An Inspector Calls* has been hailed as the theatrical event of its generation

30 years on from its first performance at the National Theatre in 1992, Stephen Daldry's production of *An Inspector Calls* has won a total of 19 major awards, including four Tony Awards and three Olivier Awards, and has played to more than 5 million theatregoers worldwide. *An Inspector Calls* is the most internationally-lauded production in the National Theatre's history.

JB Priestley's brilliantly constructed masterpiece powerfully dramatises the dangers of casual capitalism's cruelty, complacency and hypocrisy. Stephen Daldry's epic production highlights the play's enduring relevance. Written at the end of the WWII and set before WWI, *An Inspector Calls* is a compelling and haunting thriller. The story begins when the mysterious Inspector Goole calls unexpectedly on the prosperous Birling family home. Their peaceful family dinner party is shattered by his investigations into the death of a young woman. Now world-renowned as one of

Britain's leading theatre and film directors, Stephen Daldry has received Academy Award nominations for his films *The Reader*, *The Hours*, *Billy Elliot* and *Extremely Loud and Incredibly Close*. His recent West End theatre work includes David Hare's *Skylight* at the Wyndham's Theatre and Peter Morgan's *The Audience* at the Apollo Theatre.

Featuring Ian MacNeil's ingenious designs, with music by Oscar-winning composer Stephen Warbeck and atmospheric lighting by Rick Fisher, this landmark production is guaranteed to have old fans rushing back to, and new theatregoers inexorably compelled by, the mysterious world of Inspector Goole ...



NEED TO KNOW!

1

The play is hugely popular amongst school groups as a GCSE syllabus text, so we advise booking early! Take advantage of generous school discounts, available at each theatre.

2

An accompanying education pack is available to download from the show's website. It contains a range of ideas and activities to supplement your theatre visit, and can be used with both GCSE English classes studying *An Inspector Calls* as a set text, and GCSE / A & AS Level drama or theatre studies groups, who may be seeing the play in the course of their theatrical studies.

3

The pack also includes an in-depth exploration of the play, featuring exclusive interviews with Stephen Daldry and his creative team.

KEY STAGE 3/4

SHARE A SMILE THIS WORLD SMILE DAY®

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TAKE A LOOK!

Change the world
one smile at a
time!

In schools up and down the country, you are sure to see plenty of smiles on the faces of pupils, whether that's in the classroom, canteen, or playground.

Sadly, this isn't the case for the one in 700 babies born globally with a cleft. In the UK, cleft surgery is carried out within the first 12 months of a baby's life by the NHS.

However, hundreds of thousands of children living in resource-poor communities around the world are not as fortunate, and don't have access to the lifesaving cleft treatment they desperately need.

An untreated cleft can lead to difficulties with eating, speaking, hearing, and breathing. Babies and their families can also experience isolation from their communities.

By raising funds for Smile Train UK this World Smile Day®, your school can help provide these children with the transformative treatment their families would otherwise be unable to afford, giving them the opportunity to live a healthy, productive life.

Every three minutes, another baby is born with cleft, a medical condition that can jeopardise their ability to eat, breathe, hear, and speak. By fundraising on World Smile Day®, 6 October, you can provide free cleft treatment to children globally.

To register your support to Smile Train UK on World Smile Day® and receive your free fundraising pack, visit smiletrain.org.uk/community-programmes/schools. The fundraising pack contains more information about our work and provides you with top fundraising tips. You can choose your own fundraising activities to suit your curriculum and raise as much as possible it's all about taking part.

We look forward to having your support on World Smile



Day® and working together to help change the world one smile at time!



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Smile Train is the world's largest cleft-focused charity, with a sustainable and local model of supporting surgery and other forms of essential, comprehensive cleft care.

2

On World Smile Day®, Friday 6 October, like every other day, around 540 babies will be born with a cleft. Clefts are a serious medical condition that can jeopardise babies' ability to eat, breathe, hear, speak, and so much else.

3

Choose fundraising activities on World Smile Day® that suit your curriculum and raise whatever you can – it's all about taking part. The funds you raise could make an immediate difference to a child whilst having a long-term impact on global health issues.

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