

# Resources for Learning and Reading Online



All the resources listed here are currently free to access, with the exception of BBC television on IPlayer, which requires you to have a television licence to watch. Some resources are available as a limited time trial, or only for the duration of the current school closures.

If anyone needs help finding specific information, resources, or just wants some book recommendations, I can be reached via our school email.

Best wishes,

Miss Brooks



## Oxfordshire Public Libraries

The public library is richly equipped to support students with reading for pleasure and research. People can join Oxfordshire Libraries if they live, work or study in the area, so all St Greg's staff and students are eligible to join, and the service is free. To join, you will need to register [online](#). Once joined, a pin will be sent to your email address, giving you instant access to online resources. Library cards are not being sent out at the moment, but once it is safe, they will be delivered to your home address.

### Key Resources and Services



OverDrive is a free app which provides access to 1000s of free ebooks and audiobooks and can be downloaded on Android or iOS

[Click here for more information](#)



BorrowBox is another free app which provides access to over 11,000 ebooks and audio books, including many set texts.

[Click here for more information](#)

[Press Reader](#)- for today's newspapers

[RBdigital Magazines](#) - for 130 magazines

[Encyclopedia Britannica Online](#), including the student edition

[Oxford Dictionary of Biographies](#) and [Oxford Dictionary](#)

[Naxos Music Library](#)

Full details of all services and how to use them can be found [here](#)

## Resources Specific to the Coronavirus



[NHS](#) - Clear information and instruction from the health service



[Gov.uk](#) - The official Government page for information during the crisis



[The Coronavirus Newscast](#) - Daily BBC coverage of the pandemic



[Mind](#) - Guidance from the mental health wellbeing charity on how to take care of your mental wellbeing during the crisis

[Wash Your Lyrics](#) - generate a poster about hand washing with the lyrics from your favourite song

[How much toilet paper](#) - proof you don't need stock up THAT much

## Resources for **Study Skills** and **Wellbeing**



[Crash Course](#) - Entertaining educational videos, including series on Media Skills, and Navigating Digital Information

[A Soft Murmur](#) - Background noise to aid concentration or to relax

[Rainy Mood](#), [Simply Noise](#) and [Coffitivity](#) - other options for background noise

[F.lux](#) - This computer programme aims to reduce eye strain from screen time by dimming and reducing blue light dependent on the time of the day, helping you sleep

[Trello](#) and [Todolist](#) - popular time management websites/apps

[Workflow Timer](#) - an iPhone app for structuring your time

[Flora](#) - a cute app to help you stay focussed whilst you work

**Habit Trackers** [Done](#), [Habitica](#), and [Way of Life](#) are just a few of the many options out there for apps that track how you spend your time and progress towards other personal goals



# Resources for Reading for Pleasure

- [MyOn](#) - 5000+ ebooks available with your log-in details
- [Overdrive](#) and [Borrowbox](#) - ebooks and audiobooks from your local library
- [Project Gutenberg](#) - ebooks of texts out of copyright
- [Librivox](#) - audiobooks of texts out of copyright, read by volunteers
- [Pressreader](#) - access to magazines with your library card
- [RBDigital](#) - access to magazines with your library card
- [Book Trust Book Finder](#) - find out about the very best in a wide variety of genres
- [Goodreads](#) - students can write their own reviews of books they have read, find book lists, take part in quizzes and discover new books to read
- [Audible Stories](#) - Audible have made a selection of their children's audiobooks available for free, including literary classics, texts in French and Spanish, and folktales
- [Poetry Foundation](#) — contemporary and classic poetry
- [GoComics](#) — comics and webcomics
- [Comixology](#) — comics
- [The Beano](#) — access through PressReader
- [Tor.com](#) — science fiction and fantasy
- [Uncanny Magazine](#) — science fiction and fantasy
- [Fireside Magazine](#) — science fiction and fantasy
- [Guardian Long Reads](#) — longform articles on a variety of topics
- [World Book Day: World of Stories](#) — audiobooks
- [World Book Day Secondary Resources](#) — extracts and activities



# Resources for All Subjects - year 7 to 11



[Encyclopedia Britannica](#) - premium resource available through your library



[Q Files](#) - online encyclopaedia for kids, offering a free trial through to July

[Seneca](#) - cross curricular revision materials

[BBC Bitesize](#) - revision across the curriculum

[DKfindout!](#) — cross-curricular information, especially suitable for Year 7

[Gojimo](#) — free revision app for GCSE



[TedEd](#) — a curated version of TEDTalks for younger learners

[BBC Sounds: Documentaries](#) — audio documentaries on various topics

[We Can Change the World podcast](#) — interviews with inspiring young people

[Wikipedia](#) — although it is not reliable enough to use for everything, Wikipedia is still a great place to browse out of curiosity. If you are struggling to make sense of a topic, [Simple Wikipedia](#) can also be a very helpful tool.



## Resources for All Subjects - Sixth -Form



[JSTOR](#) — We subscribe to JSTOR, which offers access to more than 12 million academic journal articles across all curriculum areas, suitable for A Level study. The amount of resources available has been expanded due to COVID19. Username: stgregorygcss Password: oxford



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[Google Scholar](#) and [Google Books](#) — Many academic articles are available to search on Google Scholar, although the full text may not be linked — in these cases, try using the Open Access options above. Similarly, Google Books has a vast index of books, many of which are available to read in full, but some will only be available as samples or for limited access.



[FutureLearn](#) — academic short course MOOCs from universities



[Issues Online](#) - ebook journals covering a vast range of topics, all academically sound. Username: stgregory Password: 6128

[OpenLearn](#) — courses and materials from the Open University

[TEDTalks](#) — cross-curricular video lectures

[BBC Sounds: Documentaries](#) — audio documentaries on various topics

# Resources for Maths



[Parallel](#) — weekly maths puzzle challenges set by Dr Simon Singh

[Alex Bellos's Monday puzzles](#) — weekly maths and logic puzzles, with an archive going back to 2015

[Numberphile](#) — popular, accessible maths videos

[A Brief History of Mathematics](#) — a BBC podcast by Professor Marcus du Sautoy

[Matt Parker](#) — youtube videos from the 'stand-up mathematician'

[The Secrets of Mathematics](#) — lecture series from Oxford University

[Marcus du Sautoy's Five Shapes](#) and [Simon Singh's Numbers](#) — BBC podcasts

[More or Less](#) — a BBC podcast about economics and maths

[Dr Frost Maths](#) — a maths teacher's free resources and guidance for students

[Managing My Money for Young Adults](#) — a free course from the Open University covering taxes, budgeting, savings, credit, and more you need to know about money and personal finances

[CrashCourse](#) — entertaining educational videos, including a series on Statistics

[A Mathematician's Guide to Beauty](#) — BBC radio show about beauty and maths

[The Maths Show](#) — Matt Parker's short videos aimed at helping with GCSE Maths

[Planet Money](#) — another podcast about economics

[Succeed With Maths](#) — a two-day course from the Open University, designed for people who are looking to improve their confidence with maths

The Infinite Monkey Cage — although primarily a show about science, there have been several great episodes of this podcast that focussed on maths: [Randomness](#), [Infinity](#), [Numbers](#), [Love](#), [Big Data](#), and the [Origin of Numbers](#)



# Resources for English



[MASSOLIT](#) — curriculum-based short talks by lecturers in English, including Macbeth, A Christmas Carol, Othello, Keats and more (limited to during the epidemic) Username: [jcs009@jcsonlineresources.org](mailto:jcs009@jcsonlineresources.org) Password: JCSFoundation

[Our Corona Diary](#) — take part in a project to record this historic event by keeping a diary in any format —written, drawn, photographs, etc. — and in May, you can submit your favourite entries to be considered for publication in an anthology

[AudioPi](#) — podcasts designed for GCSE and A Level study of English Literature, English Language, History, Religious Studies, Sociology and Psychology. Email [info@audiopi](mailto:info@audiopi) to get your free trial

[E-Magazine Online](#) - English literature and language magazine offering high quality articles. Username: stgregory Password: thegreat

[My Shakespeare](#) — full-text, annotated, interactive editions of Shakespeare plays

[Authorfy](#) — videos about books, authors, writing and reading

[CrashCourse](#) — entertaining educational videos, including several series on Literature

[iPlayer: Literature](#) — all the BBC TV shows about books, in one place

[The Allusionist](#) — a podcast about language and communication

[The Cosmic Shambles Stay At Home Festival](#) — fun daily live shows with a variety of performers and experts in science, music, drama, comedy, books and more.

[FreeRice](#) — play vocabulary games to earn food charity donations

[Word of Mouth](#) — BBC podcast about language, hosted by Michael Rosen

[Start Writing Fiction](#) — a free course from the Open University, ideal for anyone who wants to become an author