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Dear parent/carer,

As we approach half term, it seems fitting to write to you in the hope that the weather gets a little kinder and we all have the opportunity to get away from our screens and enjoy some exercise and fresh air.

To that end, my team have put together a few suggestions of worthwhile half term activities to keep your children usefully employed, entertained, and educated! I hope you all enjoy the suggestions.

Although we have missed seeing the children in school this half term, I am incredibly proud of how well students, teachers and parents have risen to the challenges of online learning and I feel confident that - if your child has been working hard in their Teams lessons - they will not suffer a learning gap that that cannot be swiftly made up when we return to school, hopefully on or close to 8 March.

I will write to you again once we have clarity about our return to school, which we anticipate knowing on 22 February. In the meantime, may I wish you and your family a very restful, peaceful and healthy half term break.

Yours faithfully



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Principal

<p>Book recommendations</p>	<p>Key stage 3 (Years 7-9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Boy Who Made Everyone Laugh – Helen Rutter • After the War – Tom Palmer • The Knife of Never Letting Go – Patrick Ness <p>Key stage 4 (Years 10 & 11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Gilded Ones – Namina Forna • Every Day – David Levithan • Somebody Give This Heart A Pen – Sophia Thakur (poetry)
<p>Languages Cooking Challenge</p>	<p>The languages department challenge you to cook from a French recipe. Chocolate cake anyone? Pancakes? Head to @goldingtonacad (Twitter) or @Goldington (Facebook).</p>
<p>Geography Landscapes</p>	<p>Why not have a go at a landscape task?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Places we'll go • Sound mapping • Field sketches • Geography squish <p>Head over to Show My Homework to find out more!</p>
<p>Dance</p>	<p>BBC iPlayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dancing Nation • Matthew Bourne's The Red Shoes • Artificial Things by Lucy Bennett • Dracula by The Northern Ballet • Swan Lake (a 3-minute short dance film)
<p>Drama</p>	<p>BBC iPlayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master class with Simon Callow • Chekhov's Uncle Vanya • A Midsummer Night's Dream <p>For recommended, free-of-charge theatre productions ranging from mime to The Globe Theatre's 2019 production of Romeo and Juliet, please head over to Show My Homework to access the relevant links.</p>

<p>Art</p>	<p>BBC iPlayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craftivism – using crafts to make the world a better place • The Repair Shop • Masterclass with Anthony Gormley • Museums in Quarantine <p>All4</p> <p>The Great Big Pottery Throw Down</p> <p>Why not take part in The Great Big Art Exhibition by visiting: https://firstsite.uk/</p>
<p>Music</p>	<p>BBC iplayer</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Score: Cinema’s greatest soundtracks • Imagine, with Andrew Lloyd Webber • Musicals: The Greatest Show •
<p>P.E.</p>	<p>Fitness Challenge Week 3: How many press-ups can you do between Monday 15th February and Friday 19th February?</p> <p>Skill Challenge Week 3: Standing 2m away from a ball, how many times in ONE minute can you throw a tennis ball against the wall with one hand and catch it with the other hand?</p>
<p>History</p>	<p>Why not visit Bedford Cemetery? There is a great sense of history.</p> <p>https://www.fosterhillroadcemetery.co.uk/</p>
<p>Science</p>	<p>The National History Museum website has lots of lovely ideas to keep your child busy!</p> <p>https://www.nhm.ac.uk/discover/british-wildlife.html</p> <hr/> <p>Extracting DNA in your kitchen!</p> <p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BiJzzBtLB-c&feature=youtu.be</p> <p>For full written method can be found at:</p> <p>https://chembam.com/home-learning/dna-extraction-from-fruit/</p>