



Distance Learning at Y Daith

Summer Half Term 2

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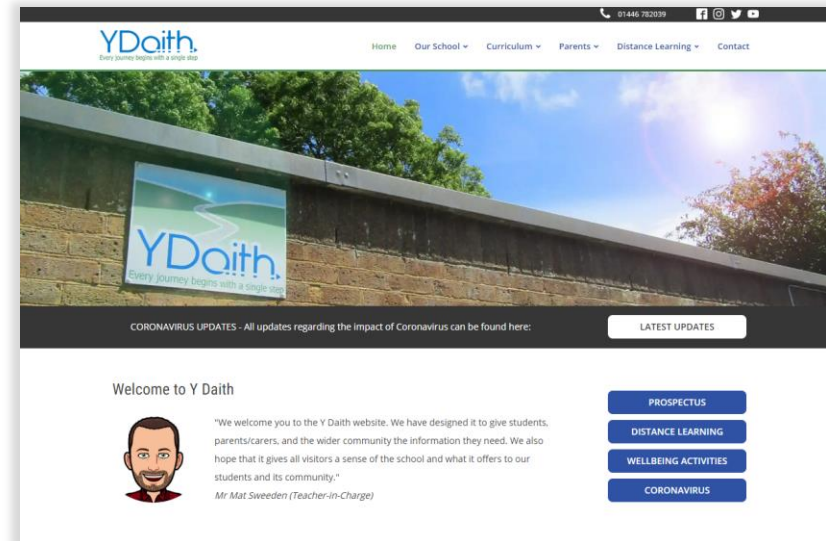
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At Y Daith our distance learning provision is primarily split between our **Core Subjects** delivered via Google Classroom, **Wellbeing Activities** consisting of mindful, creative and active learning and experiences, and our online **Nurture** groups.

We supplement this with twice weekly phonecalls and regular teacher blogs to ensure channels of communication remain open throughout this challenging period.

In the absence of “face-to-face” time we have redesigned our website in order to ensure that learners and their parents continue to feel included in our valued school community. This has involved the introduction of an extensive new **Distance Learning Hub**, a section devoted to latest updates and the introduction of teacher blogs.

ydaith.co.uk



Our Core Subjects

We'll continue to run our **Core Subjects** on Google Classroom this half term and as previously will also provide paper-based resources when needed.

Learners can log into Google Classroom or view our tutorial videos by visiting:

ydaith.co.uk/learning

Key Stage 3	
Health & Wellbeing	For the remainder of the summer term we will be covering issues surrounding internet safety. We will also be asking students to check out the Wellbeing Activities on our website and to send us photos of your chosen tasks.
Literacy	Between now and the summer holiday your literacy work will have a science focus. We will be looking at sight and light, and sound and hearing.
Numeracy	We will be finishing off our work on measure which will include temperature and time. After that we will recap our learning on fractions, decimals and percentages.
Basic Skills	Each week there will be a literacy and numeracy task that will focus on practicing skills you have already learnt. This will help to embed your knowledge and get you ready for next year!

Year 10	
English	We'll be preparing for year 11 by completing an exam paper together. Don't worry though - we'll be breaking it down into small chunks and showing you exactly how to do each section via a series of short videos. We'll also continue reading the gory story of Lord Loss.
Maths	Our Foundation and Intermediate Tier learners will be doing work around the probability scale, collecting data and pictograms. Our Higher Tier learners will be studying tree diagrams and probability using Venn diagrams.
Prince's Trust	We'll be completing a unit of work called Participating in Exercise which will include the health and social benefits of exercise, risks, how to stay safe, local facilities and how to live healthier lifestyle. We'll also be <i>doing</i> some exercise along the way!
Creative Media	The topics for this half term all contribute to our unit of work on Photography . We will be looking at some well known photographers and their work, creating photo montages and developing practical skills including framing and composition.

Year 11	
LiFE	Year 11 students will be completing the final 2 units of their Lessons in Financial Education qualification. These units are called Money Management For Your Generation and Your Future, Your Career .

A Suggested Timetable...

An advantage of distance learning is that it can be really flexible but although some people find that helpful others might prefer to have a routine. Below you'll find just one idea for how you might structure your week.

Just log on to Google Classroom each day and click on the appropriate subject for that weeks lessons.

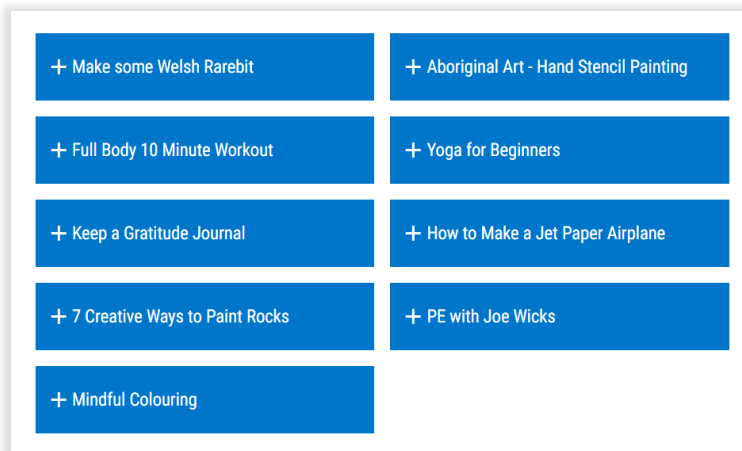
Remember to take plenty of screen breaks and get some regular exercise.

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Key Stage 3	Literacy	Health & Wellbeing	Numeracy	Basic Skills	Check feedback and respond
Year 10	English	Princes Trust	Maths	Creative	Check feedback and respond

Wellbeing and the Broader Curriculum

We recognise that sitting in front of a computer for long periods of time can be counter-productive to learning. We believe it's important for young people to engage with a wellbeing curriculum to better support them while distance learning.

Nine new **Wellbeing Activities** will be uploaded to the school website every Monday morning. These activities aim to encourage our learners to take part in activities and experiences that nurture **mindfulness, creativity** and **physical exercise**.



We recommend our learners choose a selection of Wellbeing Activities each week suitable to their age and interests.

Photographs or scans of any completed activities may be shared with us by email via the website.

ydaith.co.uk/learning/wellbeing-activities

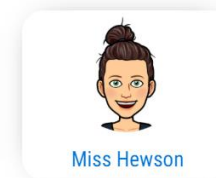
Communication and Feedback

Research has shown that distance learning is most effective when the personal relationship between teacher and learner is retained despite the lack of face-to-face interaction. For this reason our teaching staff will continue to make **twice-weekly phonecalls** to ensure continuity in the home-school relationship.

We will also continue to use video-conferencing software in order to maintain our **twice-daily Nurture groups** as well as **School Council** meetings.

Staff also maintain communication with our learners within the Google Classroom platform both formally in the form of **weekly feedback** on completed work and informally using the Google Classroom “Stream” feature.

In addition to this our teachers all maintain **blogs** on the school website to engage with learners regardless of whether they are accessing Google Classroom or preferring to use paper-based resources.



Taking care of yourself...

Lockdown can be tough, there's no doubt about that no matter who you are. We'll all be trying the following and we suggest you do too...

1. **Make time for yourself.** "Me time" is so often overlooked. Read a book/comic, listen to your favourite music, even try some meditation if you've not tried before (we recommend the Calm or Headspace apps).
2. **Find time each day for exercise.** Walking the dog, dancing around the kitchen or pacing your estate all count! We also post ideas to our website every Monday morning.
3. **Create a routine.** It might not be the same routine you had when you were in school but it should at least give you some structure for work and breaks.
4. **Be kind to yourself.** You're doing your best and that's what matters. Don't compare yourself to others and definitely consider taking some time off social media each day.
5. **Get some sleep.** Don't stay awake until the early hours - we all need good quality sleep to function at our best.
6. **Stay connected.** Don't be a stranger - you can always reach out to us through Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, email and Google Classroom 😊

Remember that we already have Nurture sessions running twice daily – we'd love for more to get involved. There are numerous ways of contacting us – see the final page.

How can parents support their child?

1. Ensure a **healthy balance** between screen time and other activities. Our Wellbeing Activities may help with this.
2. Try to create a **consistent daily routine** that includes time for schoolwork with a very clear cut-off point.
3. Encourage regular screen breaks and **opportunities for movement**.
4. **Reduce distractions** by creating a quiet environment and designated uncluttered area for learning.
5. Take advantage of the tutorial videos and Wellbeing Activities provided on the **school website** to help engage your child in distance learning.
6. Provide immediate **positive feedback** every time your child completes a distance learning task.
7. Take your child's lead and prepare to be **flexible**. Children don't learn when feeling stressed, frustrated or under duress. Allow breaks when needed.
8. **Contact us** if you feel we can offer support or guidance with any aspect of distance learning.



Please know we wouldn't ever want schoolwork to be a source of conflict. Life in lockdown is challenging enough and the last thing we want is to add an additional layer of stress or pressure. Like you, we'd rather your child feels safe and happy. Rest assured, when we're allowed to return it'll be our job to pick up where we left off.

How can I contact the school?

There are many ways that you can get in touch:

- Using the contact form on the Y Daith website
- Via the School Gateway app
- Via the school Facebook page (search for “Y Daith”)
- Via the “Stream” feature of Google Classroom

Or... if it's non-urgent you can always chat with us via:

- Our twice-weekly phonecalls home
- One of our many online Nurture sessions (twice-daily via Zoom)



Find more info on School Gateway at...

ydaith.co.uk/school-gateway