

Pre Course Material

Normally we would tell you to go and see as much theatre as you can

...those who see more theatre get better marks...

but, for obvious reasons, you can't do that this year. Except you can as there is more free theatre online than ever before and you should be watching as much of it as possible.

We would highly recommend you read "*An Actor Prepares*" by **Konstantin Stanislavski**. It is a book that changed the way theatre works. So much of what we see today is in some way directly linked to this book. Please also conduct your own research on Bertolt Brecht, Antonin Artaud, Samuel Beckett and Frantic Assembly. The Frantic Assembly website has some great resources and physical exercises you can do.

Must Watch Performances:

Wise Children on the **BBC iPlayer**. Watch this in conjunction with research on Brecht (and Emma Rice or Kneehigh Theatre)

The weekly **National Theatre** production on **YouTube**. Productions change every Thursday at 7pm.

Culture in Quarantine, also on **BBC iPlayer**. There are 9 **RSC** and **Globe Theatre** productions to watch. Have a go at them all! Also check this out

<https://www.rsc.org.uk/education/about-rsc-education/home-learning-with-the-rsc>

There are plenty of other websites to try out too.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's *The Show Must Go On*

<https://www.youtube.com/theshowsmustgoon>

Battersea Arts Centre

Battersea Arts Centre (BAC) are part of the BBC's 'Culture in Quarantine' series. There's innovative theatre, dance and spoken word. All easily accessible on the BBC iPlayer.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episodes/b094rfj6/performance-live>

Bristol Old Vic

'Pilot Season' is the Bristol Old Vic's inaugural collection of streamed work. The season features acclaimed Bristol Old Vic productions and will run from 29 May to 3 July. First up is *Messiah*, followed by *A Monster Calls* and *The Grinning Man*.

<https://bristololdvic.org.uk/at-home/bristol-arts-channel>

Chichester Festival Theatre

<https://www.cft.org.uk/cft-at-home>

Cirque du Soleil's #CirqueConnect

Some outstanding circus work.

<https://www.cirquedusoleil.com/cirqueconnect>

The Lion King

The Lion King's 'Getting Ready to Roar' documentary gives a unique insight into the intense backstage preparation of the show. The film is perfect for students interested in backstage roles.

<https://www.lionkingeducation.co.uk/video-hub/>

Frantic Assembly

Take a look behind the scenes of the Frantic Method with their new Frantic Digital teaching resource hub. The hub shares insights into the creative and rehearsal process. Also practical, creative tasks and fun, production-related warm-ups.

The site shares educational videos, teaching ideas and resources from past Frantic Assembly productions. Current content includes activities from Beautiful Burnout, Othello and The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time.

<https://www.franticassembly.co.uk/frantic-digital>

Hamilton

The smash-hit Broadway production of Hamilton will be streamed on Disney+. If you have an account, you can watch this full-length, stage performance from 3 July. There's also a 7-day free trial available for new users.

Jacksons Lane JL Shorts

A series of mini-films featuring some of Jacksons Lane's favourite supported artists. Artists will be posting a demonstration of what they do, followed by a simple, short exercise.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMaWRSw9DRoPexT2NeJ4GWw>

Kneehigh

Kneehigh Theatre Company's 'Kneehigh Cookbook' is a new hub sharing exclusive videos, documents, pictures and plans about their process and work.

For a fun activity, their 'Windows to the World' initiative aims to spark your imagination. From puppet making to poetry, one of Kneehigh's team will demonstrate a creative skill and set you a challenge every weekday at 9am on their YouTube channel.

<https://kneehighcookbook.co.uk>

Matilda the Musical

Get an in-depth insight into how to create a hit West End musical with the show's creators Tim Minchin and Dennis Kelly. Their teaching resources, educational videos and interactive games and activities cover character, plot, music & lyrics, dialogue and writing.

<https://uk.matildathemusical.com/schools/matilda-school-resources/>

Off the Ground Theatre

A local theatre company has two shows ready to stream - *Robin Hood* and a physical theatre piece called *Creature*.

<https://www.offtheground.co.uk/news-theatre>

The Old Vic

The Old Vic has launched a new education hub providing resources for teachers, students, parents and young creatives.

The site includes behind-the-scenes insights, careers advice, teaching resources and guides.

The Old Vic will also be streaming their past work, starting with their award-winning production of *A Monster Calls*. The show will stream, for free, on their YouTube channel from 7pm on Friday 5 June.

The show will be available on-demand until 11 June.

<https://www.oldvictheatre.com/join-in/education-hub>

The Royal Court

The Royal Court's new 'At Home' site includes free productions, writing exercises and resources.

<https://royalcourttheatre.com/royal-court-at-home/>

Sadler's Wells

Sadler's Wells has launched 'Digital Stage', streaming full-length dance performances and workshops online. Productions feature companies from across the world, highlighting many different styles of movement and dance.

<https://www.sadlerswells.com/whats-on/2020/sadlers-wells-digital-stage/>

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's 'Museum From Home' gives an insight into the life and work of Shakespeare.

<https://www.shakespeare.org.uk/education/home-learning/>

Shakespeare's Globe

<https://www.youtube.com/user/ShakespearesGlobe>