



THORPE ST ANDREW SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM ORBIT NEWSLETTER



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Things have taken an unexpected turn since the last Newsletter! We realise that getting out and about is not possible, and all the libraries, bookshops and museums are currently closed. However, there is still plenty that an enquiring mind can do!

SCHOLAR Year 12 Subject Scholars

The Subject Scholars project has launched, with three groups convening and meeting together regularly to discuss topics from their respective fields. The three groups, **Science, Business and Economics** and **Humanities and Social Sciences** were convened by Mrs Kirby and Mrs Pickering, but meet as student-led groups, with their meetings summarised as posts on a bespoke Google Classroom.

scholar
/'skolə/
noun

a specialist in a particular branch of study, especially the humanities.
"a Hebrew scholar"

Similar: academic intellectual learned person professor

• ARCHAIC
a person who is highly educated or has an aptitude for study.
"Mr Bell declares himself no scholar"

The Humanities Group

discussed "is there such a thing as Free Will", which is a topic that has vexed thinkers for millennia!

The Science Group

is exploring a Chemistry topic.

The Business and Economics Group

are discussing the impact of CV-19 on the World's Economy.

The groups will all make final presentations in a celebration event when we finally come back together as a school community. We're really looking forward to finding out how they have got on with these challenging topics!

BBC RADIO 4 IN OUR TIME

This is a world-famous podcast series going back over 20 years. Browse the archive, and download 45 minute discussions by world leading academics, on the topic of your choice. The most recent is a programme about the Northumbrian engineers and railway pioneers, George and Robert Stephenson. They built some of the first railways, as well as bridges and other civil engineering projects. [Click here](#) to go to the archive, or on the picture to the right to find out more about "Geordie Stephenson" and the first railways.



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@PeregrineSkip
#museumfromhome

University of Cambridge Museums liked

Whipple Museum
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Talk of #Covid19UK has replaced our usual chit-chat about the #weather, so get your fill on our website! Explore our #collections & read about the history of #meteorology & the instruments used to study the atmosphere here: whipplemuseum.cam.ac.uk/explore-whipl... #MuseumFromHome #HistSci

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British Museum @britishmuseum · 2h

#MuseumFromHome and experience all your favourite galleries digitally with over 60 audio tours 🎧

Listen to our curators guide you through their areas of expertise – you might even discover some hidden gems: ow.ly/LwCF3qRnbe

Norwich Peregrines Retweeted

Mike Hoit @MikeHoit · 3h

For obvious reasons, there's no watchpoint for the Norwich Cathedral Peregrines at present. The solution: @Hawkandowluk volunteers watching the nest cam in shifts to log activities, so people can keep up with what's happening. Daily updates at hawkandowltrust.org/conservation/p...

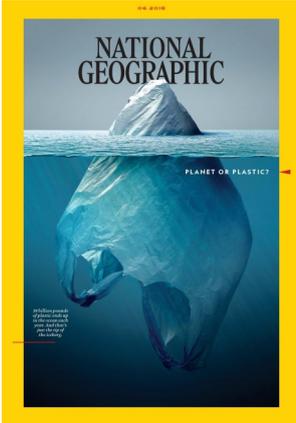
Royal Society of Chemistry @RoySocChem · Mar 25

Great storytelling of 'The Microscope' with @bbcbiteseize @BBCScotLearn #WordWaves #homeschooling #ScienceFromHome #HistoryFromHome

BBC Bitesize have more of these 📖 stories in their word waves series here bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topic... #STEM

Are you interested in Geography?

Read Something



It's on the magazine racks in every supermarket, and there are copies in the Library, but that doesn't help you at the moment! The NG is an American organisation, the magazine is edited for a UK audience. Articles are fascinating, and range from physical geography to anthropology. The photography is legendary –some of the most iconic photographs of modern times were first seen in the NG. [Their website is full of interesting stuff...](#)

Do Something



Take part in the Rainfall Rescue Project. Do your bit for Climate Scientists by transferring data onto online spreadsheets from scanned hand-written records going back 2 centuries. It is being coordinated by Prof Ed Hawkins at Reading University. Click on the raincloud to find out more. The GA has a huge number of small-scale projects that might pique your interest. Click on the logo for more.



Visit Somewhere

Visit the Oxford University Museum of Natural History by taking a look at their online offerings. Since all museums have had to close, they are keeping up a lively online presence through the *#museumathome* hashtag on Twitter. Curators are posting presentations of artefacts, there are VR tours, and you can look through the catalogues. Visit the OUMNH by viewing their website here, or by following their [Twitter](#), [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [YouTube](#) or [Wordpress](#) accounts. I love the fact that their accounts are called *morethanadodo!*

