



Fun Activities at Home

How to draw famous characters and cartoons, step by step

<https://easydrawingtutorials.com/>

Create a Rube Goldberg Machine, film it and send to Mr Campbell

<https://www.digitaltrends.com/cool-tech/best-rube-goldberg-machines/>

Write your own novel. This is a link to a great 5-day short story challenge/tutorial, it starts on Monday

<https://www.arvon.org/5-day-short-story-challenge/>

Start your own family isolation book club, Audible is offering free access whilst schools are shut

<https://stories.audible.com/start-listen>

Find a recipe using the food in your fridge/cupboards that needs to be used up to make a meal for your family

<https://www.lovefoodhatewaste.com/>

Some great ideas from the Scouts to keep entertained whilst at home

<https://www.scouts.org.uk/the-great-indoors/>

Fun geography quizzes

<https://online.seterra.com/>

A fun geography game

<https://www.geoquessr.com/>

Word Walls in the style of 'Only Connect'

<http://www.puzzgrid.com/>



Cooking / Food

- Follow a recipe. You could also film yourself and edit your video, to create a cooking/baking tutorial.
- Come Dine With Me – compete against your family.
- Store Cupboard Challenge, create a meal using random ingredients from the kitchen cupboard
- Design and build your own veg plot.
- Grow something! – look online for easy ways to harvest seeds from tomatoes/avocados etc and grow them, you can do this just using water (hydroponics) so you don't even need soil.
- Invent some new sandwich combinations (e.g. crunchy peanut butter & marmite) and try out the best one - with bill payer's permission.
- Search 'Jamie Oliver's Keep Cooking and Carry On'.

Creative Writing

- Keep a journal/diary. You could make your journal a story with yourself as the central character and write as if you are observing yourself and your family. Or you could write it as a weekly news report to contain everything from the mundane (brushing teeth, washing the dishes) to the news around the world.
- Draw your day as a comic strip and ask someone else to write the captions from your drawings.
- Write your autobiography, including photos/illustrations.
- Write a letter to a famous person of your choice explaining how they have inspired you
- Write letters to your grandparents and ask them to write back with a memory of what their life was like when they were the same age you are now.
- Write a letter to one of your classmates or a relative who you haven't seen for a while – a letter always means so much more than a text!
- Read a book a week/fortnight
- Write and perform a play for your family. Or write a play/sketch and ask your family to play the different roles – film it and send it to other family members.
- Create a poem using randomly generated words from a dictionary / newspaper.



Games

- Learn how to play Racing Demons...fun, but can get super competitive.
- Get someone to lie flat on the floor and you have to give them instructions, one at a time, to stand up. They can only do exactly what you say. how many commands does it take?
- A fun maths game, based on Tetris: <https://mathigon.org/factris>
- Learn how to play patience. there are over 100 variations of the game of patience - all you need is a pack of cards!
- Journal 29 is an interactive book which can be ordered online – it will keep adults and teenagers occupied for hours.
- Learn how to play Cribbage – When we return to school, challenge Mr Dewhurst to a game of Cribbage and if you win, he will give you chocolate!
- all around, and have your siblings or parents give it a go! For example:
 - Your first clue takes you to a silver drum
 - Where swishes and bangs and whirrs come from
 - Taking out mud and grass and dirt
 - From a pair of trousers, or a white school shirt!
 - (Leads to Washing machine, where another clue rests!)
 - Make paper airplanes and have a game of Airplane Golf in/outside the house. (le: first hole goes from front door, through kitchen, and has to land ON dining room chair). Keep score, least number of throws after 5 'holes' wins. Play again with new airplane designs!
- Do puzzles, sudoku, riddles – lots of activities on Twitter.
- Complete a jigsaw.
- Great Minds Think Alike - Try to choose what you think everyone else will choose.
 - How to play
 - Divide players into teams with a pen and paper for each player and then decide on 10 (or more) categories e.g. popular TV shows or something you eat at a picnic.
 - Call out each category as players write down the first three things that come to mind. At the end, count how many people on each team wrote a word that another team member also wrote.



- Award points based on how many people on each team had similar words, for example:
 - 2 points for each word that 2 people share
 - 3 points for each word that 3 people share
- Pictionary - A classic that needs no introduction!
 - How to play
 - All you need is some paper and a pen, and a few ideas (artistic ability is desirable, but not essential).
 - Divide players into pairs. An opposing team member gives the one team member an item/subject/saying (be nice!), which they have to try to get their partner to guess through the medium of scribbles and in all likelihood, wild gesticulation.
- Press Conference - You're giving a press conference...but who are you?
 - How to play
 - Send one player from the room. Everyone else then decides who that player will be (will work best if that someone is famous or known to them).
 - After the name is chosen, the player returns and holds a 'press conference'. The other players ask them questions that would be appropriate to the person he or she is supposed to be, and the player tries to guess who they are, whilst answering the questions.
- Design a quiz using Google Streetview to take photos of streets in the town that you live.
- Write a quiz and send it to your friends electronically. Award a prize to the winner (could be a homemade certificate!)
- Play a board game with your family or maybe create your own board game!



Keep Active

- The Wymondham College PE department Instagram page has lots of daily physical challenges: www.instagram.com/wymondham_college_pe_dept
- Create a workout video
- Do the daily P.E. session with Joe Wicks
- Design an obstacle course in the house or garden, for your siblings or parents! Hopping from cardboard to cardboard, balancing on a stone for 10 seconds on 1 foot, throwing 3 rocks into a bucket etc before moving on. Time each other to see who is fastest or who can improve their time most!
- 'Jump Start Jonny Aerobics' or 'Cosmic Yoga.'
- For mental wellbeing, try searching 'breathing exercises' or 'grounding techniques' on Google.

Be Creative

- Search for 'Artrageous with Nate' on Youtube - Tutorials on how to draw and lots of fun art projects.
- Search for 'Art Bar Blog Crafts for Teens' or 'DIY Joy projects for teenagers' for projects to inspire you.
- With an iPhone/ tablet, Google animals (such as tiger, penguin, giraffe), scroll down and select 3D view to get 3D augmented reality animals in your living room.
- Crafty ideas on Instagram:
 - Hobbycraft are posting a daily kids craft club on Instagram
 - Noel Fielding is doing a weekly Instagram art club
 - @holliwestillustration is making daily downloadable colouring sheets
- Make a rainbow and put it up in your window so people can see it from the outside. People (especially those with children) like to count them while getting their once-a-day exercise. Very popular right now around Wymondham. There is a Facebook group for rainbow counting called 'Chase the Rainbow Around Norfolk'.
- Make a mask or fancy dress outfit.
- Design and draw out a plan for a shopping mall complete with brief about the different shops.



- Plan a round-the-world trip using only boats, trains, buses and cycles - no aeroplanes allowed.
- Imagine a new species of insect / dinosaur / sea creature and draw & label it.
- Create a monster. Draw it and write out descriptions of its key features (poisonous teeth, melted face, etc). Write a description of its lair and draw the scene. Come up with a tragic backstory of how the monster ended up the way it is.
- Design and draw out the map of a new world, and plot an adventure on it (Think The Hobbit, starting at the Shire, through Rivendell, the Mist mountains, etc.) Describe the obstacles/enemies at each stage in a separate legend or in paragraphs.
- Diamond painting (some cheap kits on Amazon)
- Tie Dying
- Sewing – contact Miss Slota for details about a scheme to sew and donate facemasks for NHS workers.
- Create your own list of “Fun Things to do at Home” and share it with friends and family.

Learn a New Skill

- Practise your language skills or learn a new language using the Duolingo App.
- Teach the dog new tricks (lots of ideas on the internet).
- Learn how to perform magic tricks – look online. Then perform a magic show for your family, film it and share it with other family members or friends.
- Learn how to play a musical instrument – tutorials online. There may be an instrument lying around at home that you can just pick up and use or buy a cheap beginners instrument online to get you started. Many instruments are becoming rarer in the country and we call them minority instruments like oboes, bassoons, French horns, trombones, violas, double basses. Learn one of these and you would be very popular in Wymondham College ensembles in the future! If all else fails, have a good sing. You always feel better after a good sing. Plenty of backing tracks online. Get the karaoke out!
- Learn to knit / crochet – tutorials online.



Video / Film

- Create a Tik Tok
- Create a video diary each day you are at home and edit it to create a short film
- Create a stop motion animation using Lego/cardboard characters/hand-drawn elements.
There are lots of free stop motion Apps available to download.

Be Helpful

- Make tea/evening meal for your family.
- Hang out the washing.
- Do the washing up.
- Hoover.
- Do the ironing.

Get involved with World Class Schools

- NEW. Certificated, independent, highly impactful projects for Year 11 and Year 13. to complete now. The link is public for Year 11s and Year 13s. No computer needed for completion. Contact Mr Pointon if you need more information.
- Year 11 and Year 13 can join the World Class alumni general and specialist Facebook groups to stay engaged with and supported by #worldclass peers.
 - General
 - Physics and mathematics
 - Technology and engineering
 - Human science
 - Performing arts
 - Social science
 - Humanities and languages



Easter ideas

- Decorate hard boiled or blown eggs (look up online how to do it) and send pictures of your masterpieces to your family.
- Set up an Easter egg hunt for your younger siblings with clues from one spot to the next.
- Make a Simnel cake for Easter.

Other ideas

- Make up your own Family Version of D of E:
- Skills – take half an hour a day to learn a new skill that you can build on a bit each day, just setting aside a certain time and learning to get into a routine. Teaching yourself BSL sign language is a good example suitable for young and old.
- Expedition – daily ‘expedition’ outside somewhere new, going for a walk with people in your household once a day in the countryside – footpath maps help with this.
- Physical – Joe Wicks live online at 9am (if you don’t mind pretending to be Spiderman), family yoga slot every afternoon at a set time (loads of half hour sessions online for differing ages and abilities). Try a fun ‘bootcamp in the garden’, obstacle course or ‘garden bleep test competition’. All can be done inside if you can clear space.
- Volunteer – everyone has to volunteer 2 jobs around the house each day. Older family members that are not in isolation can volunteer in the community with neighbourhood help groups assisting the elderly and self-isolating.