

CREATIVE INSIDER

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Welcome

Welcome to edition number 4 of your ***Creative Insider***. As usual, it is packed with ideas and opportunities, most of which are only available because of the unprecedented situation we find ourselves in. Whilst routines are changed and the idea of a new normal is still evolving, the satisfaction, enjoyment and sense of control derived from our creative endeavours are even more vital than usual. We hope you are inspired by the productions on offer this week. Hopefully, you will also be able to treat them as a springboard from which to launch your own creative pieces.

Watch and Learn About... *The Scottish Play*

From this week, the Globe Theatre has made a live filmed version of its production of *Macbeth* free to stream. This is an absolute must for our key stage 4 students as it is a core

text for GCSE English Literature. Indeed, this is the production we had planned to take Year 10 to watch live just before lockdown was upon us, as the production was created particularly for secondary students. At Platanos College, we study the play during key stage 3 also, in both English and Drama lessons, so seeing the play would be a useful exercise for all students. In watching this arresting production, you will be able to appreciate more of the interaction vital to the play in a context more in line with Shakespeare's original intentions. The Globe has also created a set of support

resources for secondary school students, allowing you to gain a glimpse of the action behind the scenes, and focus on language, characters and context. Click on the link to take you to the directory of resources, or to view the production go to <https://www.shakespearesglobe.com/learn/secondary-schools/playing-shakespeare-with-deutsche-bank/macbeth-2020-playing-shakespeare/#watch> .



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Andrew Lloyd Webber's *Cats*



The iconic stage show production of *Cats* will be free to watch online all weekend from this Friday 15th May.

Based on T S Eliot's 1939 collection of poetry, 'Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats,' the musical was one of the longest running shows in both Broadway and West End history, running here for 21 record breaking years and

totalling almost 9,000 performances. Since its premiere, *Cats* has been presented in over 30 countries, translated into 15 languages and seen by more than 73 million people worldwide.

The show is the latest in a series of Lloyd Webber's musicals made available for a short time during lockdown. You can access this weekend's offering via Youtube by searching 'The shows must go on.'

Dear Evan Hansen Virtual Choir



Dear Evan Hansen tells the story of a young man with social anxiety disorder who so yearns to make a connection with his peers that he fabricates a relationship with a deceased student to become closer to the boy's family.

With so many people struggling with feelings of isolation and loneliness, its hit song *You Will Be Found* has become something of an anthem to many people across the world. Fans of the show and those who simply enjoy singing have been reaching out to each other by taking part in a virtual choir made up of performers across 31 countries.

Click on the top link in the box below to listen to their inspirational work. If you would like to watch the professionals' version, also recorded in lockdown, click on the link underneath.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WFZmT-LRMBM>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=10msPMEick>



The song is preceded by a fantastic, heartfelt message from *One Man Two Guv'nors* star and *The Late Late Show* host James Corden, where he talks about his current fears and how he is learning to cope.

Wicked Outfit!

Anyone in the mood for a bit of dressing up? The West End production of *Wicked* has invited fans to transform themselves into their favourite character, such as wearing Oz inspired make-up or trying some nail art. Whether you have something perfect in your wardrobe or you just want to experiment with fashioning together whatever is available in your home, check with parents and carers before posting a photo with the hashtag #cOZplay – and you just might find yourself featured on their social channels.



Sadler's Wells Offers *8 Minutes* of Magic

It takes just eight minutes for sunlight to travel 93 million miles to Earth.

In this unique collaboration with scientists from STFC RAL Space, choreographer Alexander Whitley takes inspiration from solar science research and its stunning imagery to illuminate our relationship with the sun in his dance production *8 Minutes*.



Immersing viewers in a rich environment of dance, music and visuals, the dancers carry you on a breath-taking journey through the universe, revealing the beauty and drama of the star that gives us life.

This critically acclaimed production, which premiered at Sadler's Wells in 2017, features a specially created score by the electroacoustic music innovator Daniel Wohl and a backdrop of captivating imagery from BAFTA award-winning visual artist Tal Rosner.

You can access the performance through clicking on the link on the right but hurry – this is only available until Friday, when their *Digital Stage* offering will change to showcase the stunning *Cloud Gate Dance Theatre of Taiwan with Moon Water*, which will be available until 22nd May.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VcX40t-SX-8&feature=youtu.be>

Grayson's Art Club on 4

Have you been watching *Grayson's Art Club*? Grayson Perry, one of Britain's leading artists, has been bringing the nation together through art, making new works and hosting masterclasses to unleash our collective creativity during lockdown.



Shown every Monday evening and available for streaming on the Channel 4 website, Perry's shows explore many approaches to making art. Episode 1 will be of particular interest to Year 8 students, as it is all about their current Home Learning theme: Portraiture.

Rembrandt's *Night Watch* in Amsterdam's Rijksmuseum



Sometimes getting close to famous works of art is not easy. Just look at the crowds in front of Rembrandt's *Night Watch*! The museum in Amsterdam has created a wonderful website that lets you explore the painting in fine detail whilst telling you all about it. Click on the link at the bottom of the page to explore this masterpiece at your leisure.

This is just one of the many museums and galleries that have started to adapt and expand their virtual galleries, so take this newfound extra time at home to explore works in ways not previously possible.

<https://nightwatchexperience.com/klokhuis/en>