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*“Simple, Slow, Steady & Sustainable”*

**Teachers Resources**

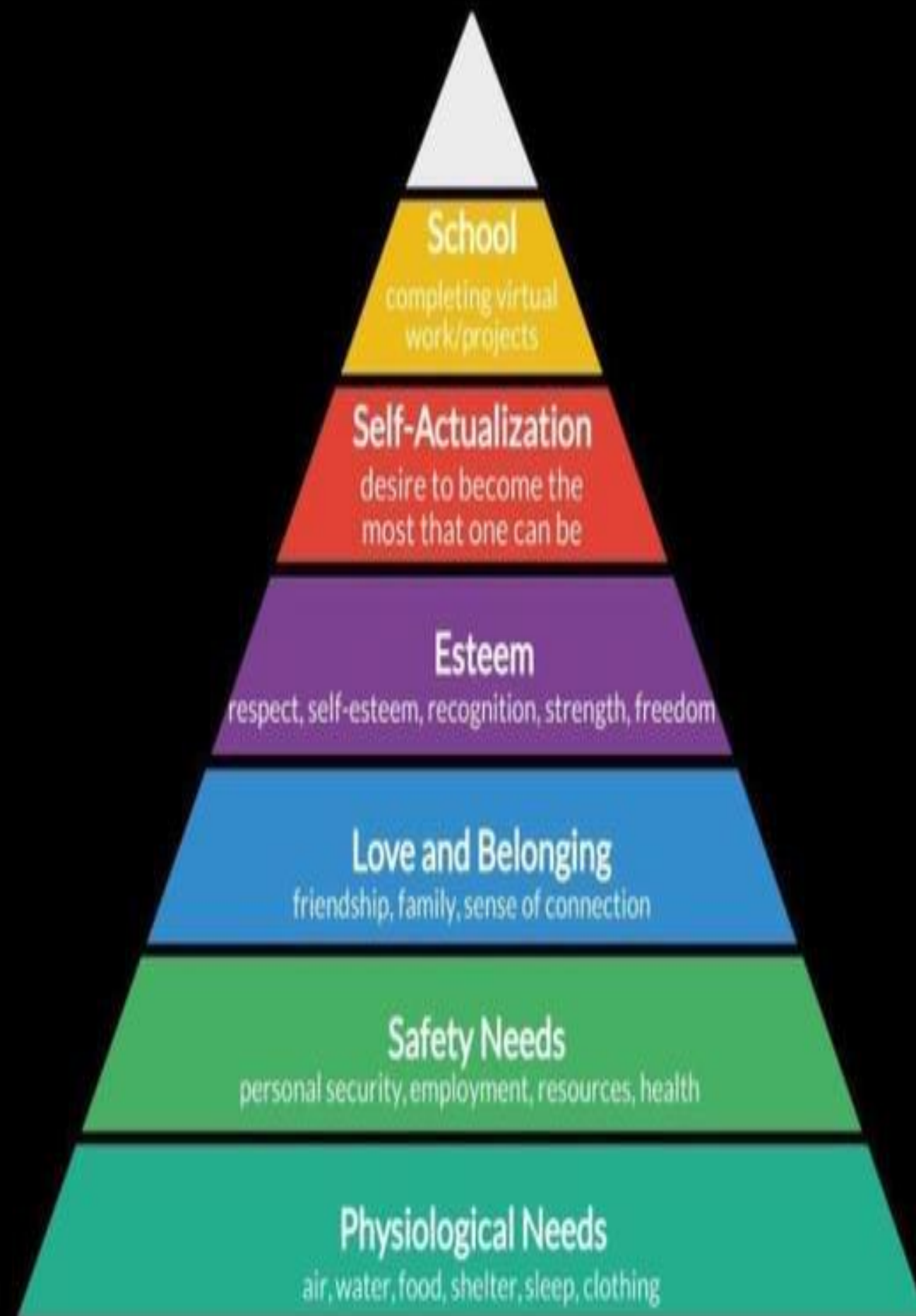
# COVID-19 HIERARCHY OF NEEDS FOR SCHOOLS

Based off of Mazlow's Hierarchy of Needs

**SCHOOL IS  
IMPORTANT DURING  
THIS CRISIS**

**BUT....**

**NOT AS IMPORTANT  
AS THE NEEDS OF  
OUR FAMILIES WHO  
ARE EXPERIENCING  
ANXIETY AND FEAR  
AS WE DEVELOP OUR  
NEW NORMAL**



**Our kids and families need us more than ever to model social and emotional learning before content.**

@jaydostal

# Some Resources for Remote Teaching

[@ShaneHastingsIE](#) has compiled a list of services that have been made available for free for the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic, and is being continuously updated.

<https://covid19.shanehastings.eu/giveback/>

A temporary hub of information and tools to help teachers during the coronavirus (COVID-19) crisis

[https://teachfromhome.google/intl/en/?utm\\_source=Google&utm\\_medium=HPP&utm\\_campaign=Google%20Edu%20Hub%20Ireland](https://teachfromhome.google/intl/en/?utm_source=Google&utm_medium=HPP&utm_campaign=Google%20Edu%20Hub%20Ireland)

Some other websites that I have mentioned to you before include:

Old reliable

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/scoilnet/news/article/news/detail/News/des-announcement-and-scoilnet-supports/>

This page provides links to a number of useful resources that have been produced over the past few weeks to support institutions and individual educators to respond to the spread of the Coronavirus.

<https://www.dcu.ie/nidl/resources/Swiftly-Moving-Online-Coronavirus.shtml>

Learn and explore with training and resources, and earn badges and certificates on a personalized hub created for educators like you. Some great FREE CPD for educators who are using the Office 365 platform. A lot of great resources and lesson plans here too! Have a look for yourself:

<https://education.microsoft.com/en-us>

A quick video on how to submit an assignment in @MicrosoftTeams from a students perspective

<https://twitter.com/PaulCahillane/status/1238871298853474306?s=19>

#edshareie - Sharing resources to help each other out in the Irish education community

[https://padlet.com/amanda\\_jolliffe2/o09qn0bdumf7](https://padlet.com/amanda_jolliffe2/o09qn0bdumf7)

A collection of global ideas

<https://docs.google.com/document/u/0/d/13nBGD4uRwc2GUGD6oyBOPoyMjDqdm03objT0b65uteY/mobilebasic>



This article is to help teachers & school leaders using Microsoft Education platform, including how to get started advice.

<https://wakelet.com/wake/60ef07c0-3eab-4a59-82eb-f9fa2246c592>

The DES has published a letter which has issued to schools highlighting the range of online resources available during closures.

YouTube clip showing students how to snap a picture of their work and how it then digitize it into a word document.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jzZ3WVhgi5w&feature=youtu.be>

Great advice on how to make the shift to online learning as seamless as possible.

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/what-teachers-china-have-learned-past-month>

Alison has a full free suite of maths courses for Junior & Leaving Certificate

<https://alison.com>

History teachers! Check out <http://digitalstories.ie> that is curated and compiled by @MI\_McN. A brilliant way so support student's creativity and engagement while #remoteteaching.

<https://sites.google.com/prod/view/digtechstories>

Stacy Stout [@MsStacyS](#) now has a History Kahoot see link below

<https://create.kahoot.it/share/13efe9b7-0b1e-4c9b-9eea-56c2ce0d7556>

As we anxiously switch to online learning, a call to educators to pause & encourage our students to reflect on how they might be better and healthier selves, citizens and leaders in the face of uncertainty, crisis, fear & change.

<https://insidehighered.com/advice/2020/03/20/beyond-focusing-educational-delivery-models-faculty-should-prioritize-essential>

PDST created a dedicated page of curated content, developed to support schools and teachers engaged in distance learning in order to provide continuity to pupils/students, enabling schools to limit the impact of school closures.

<https://www.pdst.ie/DistanceLearning>

In addition to the normal supports, @ncseirl is providing online resources for children with Special Educational Needs who are at home as a result of the schools' closure

<https://ncse.ie/online-resources>

Teachers share their advice on remote teaching

<https://www.irishtimes.com/news/education/start-really-small-teachers-share-their-top-tips-for-remote-learning-1.4210871?mode=amp#.XnoYfF1XRVc.twitter>

What Teachers in China Have Learned in the Past Month | Edutopia

<https://www.edutopia.org/article/what-teachers-china-have-learned-past-month>

Science teachers this is an ideal way to test how well students are preparing for exams. These quizzes will assess students in different ways, giving them reliable feedback as to how well they are managing their revision.

<https://sciencequiznet.weebly.com/>

The Post-Primary Languages Ireland (PPLI) is a dedicated unit providing expertise and support for foreign languages education in Ireland, predominantly at post-primary level.

<https://ppli.ie/>

Junior Cycle have lots of resources online as well.

<http://www.jct.ie/home/home.php>

# General Resources

[Studyclix.ie](https://studyclix.ie) (free/paid)

An essential exam-focused tool. Past exam questions are broken down by topic, mock papers, exam papers, maths video solutions. Various free and premium options available, highly recommended for all students. **Discount code: HOMESTUDY for €10 off**

[625points.com](https://625points.com) (free/paid)

A website with free resources (study plans, predictions, high-quality sample answers) along with paid notes that cover the whole course. All great content, well worth looking at, and samples are available before purchasing.<sup>1</sup>

[iRevise.com](https://irevise.com) (free/paid)

A general purpose tool for helping with revision, including past papers, video tutorials, sample answers, multiple choice quizzes. They also have been providing free honours maths grinds every morning at 9:30. A free trial is available so it's worth

giving a try.

[HomeSchool.ie](https://homeschool.ie) (paid)

Online grinds substitute featuring videos covering the entire subject syllabus for Junior and Leaving certificate subjects. Each subject costs money but can be a cost-effective solution for revision courses and long term guides.

[Jump-a-grade](https://jump-a-grade.com) (paid)

A modern online grinds/personal tutoring service. Students are assigned tutors, are assigned work weekly and then personalized feedback videos are given. Starts at €25 per week, with discounts for additional subjects. They are also beginning to offer remote revision courses.

[Khanacademy](https://khanacademy.com) (free)

An absolutely amazing free resource with thousands of lessons on many subjects. The website isn't targeted at leaving certificate students but you can find the course content among the videos. Make sure to check this one out.

[Edco EBooks](https://edcoebooks.com) (free)

For any students that use Edco books (or may have left them in lockers...) Edco is currently offering access to Junior and Leaving Certificate books for free.

**Account Details - Username: jcedcobooks or lcedcobooks, Password: edco2020**

[Quizlet](https://quizlet.com) (free/paid)

An easy to use platform for flashcards. Using flashcards can help avoid the inefficiency of needlessly writing notes. Popular amongst students and many card decks are easily available. While a premium version is available, the free version suits most people.

[Dublin Academy of Education YouTube](https://dublinacademyofeducation.com) (free)

This YouTube channel features videos on many topics. Recently, they have began to post even more course content, so there is likely something you will find useful on this channel. There's also videos with general study tips, podcasts etc. Worth checking out.

[Shmoop](https://shmoop.com) (free/paid)

With study guides for many subjects and topics, including both leaving cert and further learning and other resources for college preparation, there is likely to be something you find worthwhile.

[Crash Course](https://crashcourse.com) (free)

This youtube channel is not Leaving Certificate focused, but has great videos that cover broad areas of various subjects in an intuitive way. Watching these videos is a great way to become familiar with courses at a high level, before getting into the specifics with notes, textbooks or exam paper questions (particularly for physics and chemistry).

[Surviving The LC](https://survivingthelc.com) (free)

This blog is a collection of past student's study notes in subjects such as Spanish, English, Geography, Biology, Economics, Maths and other general exam advice.

[Dundalk Study Academy Instagram](https://dundalkstudyacademy.com) (free)

Hosting a wide range of study techniques, subjects specific advice, and tips for how to keep your motivation going, this account is worth a look especially if you are finding it hard to keep yourself focused and organised during this disruption.



# Subject Resources

[TheMathsTutor.ie](#) (mostly paid)

An online platform for Leaving Certificate mathematics including videos, automatically graded exercises, and worked past paper solutions which covers the entire course. This website is primarily a paid service with some free resources. Discount: currently there is 50% off full membership.

[MathsPoints.ie](#) (paid)

A website with cheat sheets for the Leaving Certificate Maths and Applied Maths course. Also includes solutions to past exam paper questions, and [free resources](#) for the proofs and constructions.

[ExamLearn](#) (free/paid)

A Studyclix alternative that has some good quality videos on the Leaving Certificate Maths course, which are freely available on their Youtube.

[Miss Keegan's Math Videos](#) (free)

Another YouTube channel featuring free videos about a wide range of Leaving Cert Maths questions. Make sure to look at the playlists to find videos grouped by topic.

[ProjectMaths.ie Activities](#) (free)

A set of resources and activities for the project maths course, most likely more suitable for teachers, but you may find something of use if stuck.

[Molloy Maths](#) (free)

A website with a variety of resources for Leaving Cert Maths, most useful are the past paper solutions and some of the video lessons. A lot of the resources from projectmaths.ie are uploaded here also.

[ExamRevision](#) (free/paid)

The entire Junior Certificate/Cycle course is complete in short video tutorials which make it easy for the students to understand.

[eMaths](#) (free)

A variety of resources including notes, flashcards, questions, videos and more. The website design/interface is a little hard to use but there is some good quality content regardless.

## Biology

[The Conical Flask \(Biology\)](#) (free)

A website covering the entire Biology course, featuring slideshows, notes and task sheets with questions and solutions. I highly recommend this resource for both students and teachers.

[Mr C Biology](#) (free)

Another incredibly comprehensive website containing notes, videos, mind maps, short questions, quizzes, mind maps, experiment videos and more. Make sure to have a look at this resource

[LeavingCertBiology.net](#) (free)

Covering the whole Leaving Certificate Biology course, this website has high quality notes for every topic in the syllabus, along with interactive revision questions.

[Biology Bugbears](#) (free)

This YouTube channel is aimed at Leaving Certificate students and covers the whole course. This is a popular resource, and has lots of great videos.

[Complete Leaving Cert Biology Definitions Quizlet](#) (free)

[KayScience.com](#) (free)

A new website with really good quality biology and chemistry videos, along with quizzes. (This was released only days ago, so some content is missing). Mainly aimed at A-Level students but there is a lot of overlap.

[Mandatory Practicals](#) (free)

An illustrated set of notes for all mandatory practicals on the biology course, created by Declan Cathcart.

[Leaving Cert Biology Study Notes](#) (free)

A complete set of notes for the Biology course. The full document is only 55 pages, so the text and wording is very condensed. You might be able to get some useful information from it.

[Short Questions by Topic](#) (free)

This is a Google Drive folder containing short questions on almost all topics and it contains hundreds of questions per topic. Great for doing active revision of a topic after reading notes/watching videos.

## Geography

### 9. [The Geography Page](#) (free)

*This website has some very high quality sample essays and notes and is an essential resource for geography*

### 10. [Eoin Hughes' Geography Videos](#) (free)

Great videos about leaving certificate physical geography showing formation of features and processes involved. Also contains videos about the Investigation coursework project

### 11. [Eoin Hughes' Geography Drive](#) (free)

*This is a geography teacher's personal drive that they have shared containing all of their teaching notes. Some content is teaching focused but it is a good resource all the same.*

### 12. [Precision Revision](#) (paid)

*This is a great resource for students looking for an alternative and exam focused approach to Leaving Certificate Geography. They have a comprehensive field work guide, sample answers for past paper questions and guides on exam technique. They also have freely available podcasts which can be found on popular podcast apps.*

### 13. [Educate.ie 2010 - 2014 Paper Solutions](#) (free)

*Some sample questions to past papers with essays of a moderate standard. Good for trying to find where to begin when writing an essay*

### 14. [Rochestown College - Sample Answers from Students](#) (free)

*Here is a selection of essays written by students, they are quite mixed in terms of quality but are worth a look through all the same*

### 15. [SRPs Model Answer Book](#) (free)

*This book contains some lists of SRPs for various essays which can help you when you are writing an essay you haven't done before*

### 16. [ExamRevision](#) (free/paid)

*The website covers the entire Junior & Leaving Certificate course in short video tutorials.*

## History

### 10. [LeavingCertHistory.net](#) (free)

*A pretty comprehensive website for Leaving Certificate History. Contains notes, information about the research project, revision guides and more. NOTE: at the time of writing, this website was down so I have linked to an archived version.*

### 11. [History Matters 365](#) (free)

*Another decent resource but more of a coalition of other resources from around the internet. Might be more useful as an accompaniment to other exam preparation materials.*

## Chemistry

### • [The Conical Flask](#) (free)

*Probably the best resource on the internet for Leaving Certificate chemistry. Every topic on the syllabus is covered in detail with videos and slideshows, along with high quality notes and questions with solutions. I'd highly recommend this website to every Leaving Cert chemistry student.*

### • [Chemistry Teachers Reference Handbook](#) (free)

*While not suitable for everyone, for a student who wants more information about a topic or a teacher who is preparing material, this document is a comprehensive (600 page) guide to every single little bit of the chemistry course. Great if you want to dive deep into the subject whilst staying focused on the Leaving Certificate level content.*

### • [Mandatory Experiment Videos](#) (free)

*This YouTube channel contains every mandatory experiment on the chemistry course, and was created to accompany the 'Chemistry Live' textbook. The explanations are clear and the videos are a good resource for studying for Q1 to 3 in the exam.*

## Physics

### • [The Physics Teacher](#) (free)

*This is ~~the~~ resource for Physics students. It has notes on every part of the course, and is used frequently by students and teachers all over the country. Highly recommended.*

### • [Loreto Balbriggan Physics](#) (free)

*A list of all of the experiments and (more importantly) a large number of worked solutions to past paper questions.*

### • [Physics Teachers Reference Handbook](#) (free)

*Just like the aforementioned chemistry handbook, this is a comprehensive guide to Leaving Certificate physics, which goes into extreme detail. If you want to know more about an aspect of the course, or maybe you're confused or want a deeper understanding, this is a great resource. However, keep in mind that this is aimed at qualified teachers!*



## English

- [LitCharts](#) (free)  
*Large poster-style documents containing almost every comparative and single text on the syllabus and is a good resource for getting information on themes, issues, some scenes and characters.*
- [Connemara Community Radio English Podcast](#) (free)  
*A little known yet valuable resource, this is a series of podcasts covering a large amount of the material on the Leaving Certificate english course including poets, the single text and guidance on the essays. The podcasts feature teachers from the Institute of Education, and is an exam focused resource.*
- [Hamlet: No Fear Translation](#) (free)  
*A 'modern translation' of Hamlet, with a study guide that includes summaries, quotes, character descriptions and an analysis of the play. The 'translation' explains the more complex Shakespearean phrasing in an easy to understand way.*
- [Gill Critical Poetry Notes](#) (free)  
*An incredibly comprehensive set of notes on all aspects of the Leaving Certificate poetry course. Each poet is given a background, a general summary, and aspects of style etc. Each poem is also examined in detail, including style and various interpretations of the poem. A great resource for both students and teachers.*
- [LeavingCertEnglish.net](#) (free)  
*While this blog is no longer active, there is a very large number of articles which serve as a great guide to all aspects of the Leaving Certificate course. If you're looking for tips, advice, notes or answers to your questions, you'll probably find them on this website.*
- [McArdle English](#) (free)  
*Another comprehensive blog, there is some decent content on this website, including notes on the poetry, single text, and comparative. Some of the poetry resources are particularly detailed.*
- [Thinking Quilt Language Styles](#) (free)  
*The syllabus, exam papers, chief examiner's reports and marking schemes all make frequent reference to language styles. This document contains examples of the language styles needed for all parts of paper 1.*
- [Mr Tobin Leaving Cert English](#) (free)  
*This YouTube channel is only a few days old but contains good notes on Wordsworth, and I expect that videos will continue to be added. Keep an eye on this one. NOTE: the 'two stars' reflects the small amount of content, this may be changed as more is added.*
- [Educate.ie Exam Solutions 2016 - 2009](#) (free)  
*These exam solutions (if there exists such a thing for English) are written by Aoife from aoifesnotes.com. They serve as sample answers that can show you the types of things you need to be looking out for in the exam.*
- [How to Memorise a Poem](#) (free)  
*Nice resource with memorisation techniques for poetry if that is something that you struggle with.*

## Accounting

- [The Business Guys Accounting](#) (free/paid)  
*Accounting resources with notes, past paper solutions, questions grouped by type. There are also worked video tutorials available for €55, but there's plenty of great content.*
- [EGS Accounting](#) (free)  
*This website contains past paper questions broken down by topic from 2019 to 1991. all past questions broken down. Notably, this contains more papers than studyclix, and so is a useful resource.*
- [My Study Mate Accounting](#) (free/paid)  
*A series of videos covering various aspects of the Accounting course. The videos focus on showing the completion of exam questions.*

## Business

- [The Business Guys](#) (free/paid)  
*An exam focused website with notes, exam help (with tips, timing, answering questions etc) along with solutions to many questions. While most content is free (and there is a lot of it), there is some paid content available.*
- [ExamRevision](#) (free/paid)  
*The website has all Junior & Leaving Certificate video tutorials for students studying Business. The videos are short and condense lots of information in a few minutes.*
- [SGC Business](#) (free)  
*A popular resource featuring a large collection of well made and freely available notes and powerpoints on the entire course.*

## Politics And Society

- [Pol Soc Podcast](#)(free)

*This is a great resource for exam candidates, with podcasts and blog posts for students about Politics and Society with notes on each podcast available also.*

## Irish

- [2020 Sraith Pictiúr Notes by Studyclix](#) (free)

*Comprehensive notes for the Sraith Pictiúr created by Studyclix. These notes are at a H1 standard and are very clear, great for preparing for the oral*

- [Gaelport Eolas](#) (free)

*A YouTube channel best known for it's high quality videos of the poems on the Irish course, which you have to read in the oral. Watching these videos can help you get a handle on the pronunciation, so you can get full marks in this part of the exam.*

- [McCGaeilge.com](#) (free)

*Resources on all aspects of the Leaving (and Junior) Cert Irish course, suitable for both higher and ordinary level. Everything from poetry to prose to phrases is on this website, definitely worth a look.*

- [AN TRIAIL le Máiréad Ní Ghráda](#) (free)

*An amature production of An Triail in video format, available on YouTube, created by a group of fifth years. Some may enjoy and some may dislike the style, so your mileage may vary.*



# HOW STUDENTS CAN LOOK AFTER THEMSELVES AND OTHERS DURING SELF ISOLATION



1 Stay in regular touch with friends through skype, facetime or google hangout. Staying connected can help reduce stress and anxiety



2 Make sure you engage in regular exercise. You can make this fun and do it online at the same time with friends or family



3 Don't be afraid to check in with your friends or family. Ask them how they are doing and see if you can help them in anyway



4 Challenge yourself each day to be curious about how well you can stay focused on the present moment



5 Reduce the amount of time you spend on social media and checking the news. Regular checking can increase worry



6 Schedule a time each day where you can sit down with your family and talk about what you are thinking and how you are feeling



7 Take care of your physical health. Maintain a good sleep routine and make sure to eat a well balanced diet



8 Slow down what you are doing and breathe. Deep breathing is a great way to calm your mind and body



9 If you are struggling do not be afraid to reach out for help. Speak to your friends, family or teachers and ask for support





# 12 WAYS TO DE-STRESS

Take a break. Go for a walk

Practice deep breathing to help calm you down

Have a nap to regenerate yourself

Write down your worries

Change a negative thought into a positive

Talk to someone about what is worrying you

Find time to exercise

Unplug yourself from the real world

Don't forget to smile

Treat yourself to something good

Eat healthy. Don't avoid meals

Try to manage your time effectively



 @BelievePHQ

# Resources For Well-Being

11 Little Mental Health Tips That Therapists Actually Give Their Patients

<https://www.self.com/story/11-little-mental-health-tips-that-therapists-actually-give-their-patients>

Opinion Piece on Coronavirus outbreak featured in Guardian newspaper

<https://www.theguardian.com/commentisfree/2020/mar/20/home-schooling-teachers-child-coronavirus>

Brené Brown 'Unlocking Us'

<https://open.spotify.com/episode/3dfDCFtzWJKIPGW7yajfuC>

Also accessible where all good podcasts are available.

[https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/?utm\\_medium=organic&utm\\_source=twitter&utm\\_campaign=info&utm\\_content=coronavirus%20staying%20home%20tips](https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/coronavirus-and-your-wellbeing/?utm_medium=organic&utm_source=twitter&utm_campaign=info&utm_content=coronavirus%20staying%20home%20tips)

Wellbeing Support services available

<https://www.hse.ie/eng/services/list/4/mental-health-services/connecting-for-life/news/supports-and-services-during-covid-19.html>

Dealing with anxiety

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vzGp0DJGAQk&feature=youtu.be>

Simple Breathing exercise

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oRYuWL413cU>



# Coping Strategies

## The Mind Gym Physical Distance Activity Ideas

<p><b>Self-Care Activities</b></p> <p>Take time out for yourself  Check in on yourself regularly  Do some yoga every day  Wear something nice  Relax in a warm bath  Have a massage  Watch a favourite television programme  Do a hair/face mask  Cook food I love  Put on make-up, do hair, get out of PJs  Buy something small for myself  Listen to a meditation  Set a goal, make a plan</p>	<p><b>Recreational Activities</b></p> <p>Go for a walk  Listen to music  Read a novel, magazine or newspaper  Go for a jog  Garden  Swim (Brrrr!)  Watch an old favourite sports event  Play a game – hurling, footie, rounders, etc  Visit the countryside  Plan a holiday (this too will pass)  Get out in the fresh air  Play a board game</p>
<p><b>Social Activities</b></p> <p>Write a letter (remember those?!)  Telephone a friend for a chat  Text a friend you're thinking of.  Send a little present to someone you miss  Do things together – games, walks, movies  Do something nice for somebody else  Have a good conversation  Check in on family / neighbours via text, facetime, etc  Help out if you can – shopping, meds collections, phone calls for those who need them  Get back in contact with old school friends</p>	<p><b>Creative Activities</b></p> <p>Write a poem  Paint a picture  Cook a new recipe  Decorate a room  Play an instrument  Do some DIY  Sewing or knitting  Make a model  Write a diary/journal  Sing a song</p>
<p><b>Educational Activities</b></p> <p>Access the library  Enrol on an online course  Read a non-fiction book  Read an autobiography of someone you admire  Do a crossword or puzzle  Learn a new skill – YouTube is your friend!  Learn a new language</p>	<p><b>My Own Ideas....</b></p>



The Department has published a letter which has issued to schools highlighting the range of online resources available during closures.

**An Roinn Oideachais  
agus Scileanna**  
Department of  
Education and Skills

Resources for Remote Teaching



13 March 2020

Dear Principal and Teachers

As you all know the Taoiseach Leo Varadkar TD yesterday announced the closure of schools, pre-schools and further and higher education settings, for students, for a period until 29 March 2020, to support efforts to contain the spread of Covid-19. This is in line with the advice of the National Public Health Emergency Team. The Government, in conjunction with the public health authorities, will keep the situation under ongoing review. Any change to that date will be communicated as soon as it is known.

All pupils in schools are urged to practise social distancing, and to minimise physical contact with each other, to help avoid the spread of Covid-19. This should include minimising social contact, avoiding meeting up and keeping physical space between them. Parents and guardians are urged to support their children to maintain this approach.

This is an unprecedented situation and we are all conscious that in difficult times school communities come together to find solutions and always work in the best interest of their students. The Department is aware that schools have been actively engaging in contingency planning for an event such as this over the past few weeks.

In order to minimise the impact on teaching and learning all schools are asked to continue to plan lessons and, where possible, provide online resources for students or online lessons where schools are equipped to do so. Schools are asked to be conscious of students that may not have access to online facilities and to consider this actively in their response. School buildings should be available to staff if they wish to access the facilities in order to provide online delivery, or essential services once this is in line with HSE advice on social distancing etc.

In order to assist all schools to support students your attention is drawn to a range of online resources to assist schools to provide ongoing support to students during school closures.

Scoilnet is a resource to support schools, teachers, students and parents. Scoilnet has a number of home usage supports for teachers and students to benefit from, these are detailed in Appendix 1. Scoilnet will be updating the material available on its website regularly.



## Appendix 1:

## Scoilnet

Scoilnet is a resource to support schools, teachers, students and parents and can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.scoilnet.ie/scoilnet/news/article/news/detail/News/des-announcement->

## Appendix 2:

### Information regarding the platforms/tools available to support distance learning

The PDST Digital Technology team has developed a new dedicated webpage of curated content to support schools and teachers engaged in distance learning in order to provide continuity to pupils/students.

Using some of the online platforms and/or tools that are detailed on this page, schools will be enabled to limit the impact of school closures by giving learners access to materials, support, classwork and feedback. There are a number of dedicated areas on the webpage (available at [www.pdst.ie/distancelearning](http://www.pdst.ie/distancelearning)) to support teachers in this task.

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- **The Platform Section:** This section explores the different online platforms that schools are currently using or may choose to use to connect with their pupils/ students as they continue their learning experience at home (for example, Microsoft Office, GSuite, etc.). The key features of each platform are outlined, as well as how these can be used for the purposes of distance learning.
- **The Reliable Sources of Information Section:** Content in this section highlights reliable online repositories where teachers can access curriculum-related content to plan lessons and can share curated information with their pupils (e.g. Using Learning Paths in Scoilnet). Attention in this section is also drawn to websites that learners can access at home to engage in remote learning/ project-based work/ etc. Here resources such as World Book Online, DK Findout and Epic are featured.
- **The Online Tools Section:** Within this section a number of digital tools are explored which teachers can use to support pupils/ students who are learning at home. Each tool featured in this section is described, linked to how it might be used in practical terms for distance learning and also includes links to associated resources/ video tutorials etc.
- **The Video Content Section:** Here a number of video hosting sites are listed which teachers can use to source and share appropriate digital content with their pupils/ learners to explore topics and consolidate learning at home.