

Tips, Tricks & Guides.

28 Shows You Can Watch Online For Free.

Here's a round-up of all the shows available online, for free and how to watch them.



Introduction.

A round-up of 28 places and shows you watch online for free! Theatres across the country are streaming free performances you can watch from the comfort of your living room.

Here's a round-up of all the shows and how to watch them. Plus, how to support learning with their free teaching resources and educational activities.

Take a look through, or if you're looking for something in particular – do get in touch!

Speak soon,

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Battersea Arts Centre

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

Suitable for:

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

View BAC's performance's on BBC iPlayer.

BBC's Culture in Quarantine

The new Culture in Quarantine online hub offers a wealth of arts and culture from the BBC. The site includes theatre, dance, music, art and more to share with your students.

Suitable for:

KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

See all the content on the BBC's Culture in Quarantine website.

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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 until 3 July. Mr Maglump is currently available, with Wise Children and The Grinning Man up next.

Get students of all ages involved in crafts, games, competitions and learning materials with Bristol Old Vic's Family Arts Hub. The hub also includes two more free productions – Ice Ice Baby and The Tinderbox.

Ice Ice Baby is the interactive activity hub for EYFS using sound and music from their innovative show for ages 0-4.

Performed by the Bristol Old Vic Young Company, The Tinderbox is an adaptation of a short story by Hans Christian Andersen, written by Silva Semerciyan. The production explores a range of themes from brutality and reasons for war, to the valuing of women based solely on their appearance. The show is also accompanied by activities and resources.

Suitable for:

KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Family Arts Hub – Ongoing

Mr Maglump – until 19 June

Wise Children – until 26 June

The Grinning Man – 26 June – 3 July

Watch Mr Maglump

Learn more about Bristol Old Vic's Pilot Season.

Take a look at Bristol Old Vic's Family Arts Hub.

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Bush Theatre

Bush Theatre has launched a series of Monday Monologues. The series brings new work from some of the most exciting UK and Irish writers, including Travis Alabanza, Natasha Brown, Shaun Dunne, Sophie Ellerby and Tristan Fynn-Aiduenu.

Written and recorded during the lockdown, the monologues will be released fortnightly and will be available to watch for the next 12 months. The films are free to watch on their YouTube channel.

Suitable for:

Dependent on monologue. See their website for details.

Dates available:

Ongoing, with a new performance every two weeks.

View the Bush Theatre's Monday Monologues.

Chichester Festival Theatre

Watch Chichester Festival Theatre's production of Beauty and the Beast online for free. The show is accompanied by a free education pack, audio introduction, games and activities to extend student's learning.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Until 19 June

Watch Chichester Festival Theatre's Beauty and the Beast.

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Cirque du Soleil's #CirqueConnect

Enjoy the magical, world-renowned performances of Cirque du Soleil from the comfort of your home with #CirqueConnect. Take a front-row seat and enjoy moments from their awe-inspiring performances.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

Watch Cirque du Soleil's #CirqueConnect Performances.

Disney's 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. The documentary is accompanied by supporting education packs for KS3 and KS4.

Suitable for:

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

Watch Disney's The Lion Getting Ready to Roar Documentary.

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English National Ballet

English National Ballet's new 'ENB at Home' hub includes free ballet performances and dance classes. Next up is the Kenneth MacMillan's Song of the Earth.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

17 June

Watch the ENB's production of Song of the Earth

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.

Suitable for:

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

View Frantic Assembly's Frantic Digital Hub.



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Gate Theatre

Watch the critically acclaimed Gate Theatre productions of Suzy Storck and The Unknown Island. Both productions are free to stream – available until 30 June.

Suitable for:

Suzy Storck – KS4 & KS5

The Unknown Island – KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Until 30 June

Watch the Gate Theatre's Suzy Storck and The Unknown Island.

Hamilton

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

Suitable for:

KS4, KS5

Dates available:

From 3 July

See Hamilton on Disney+.

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Jacksons Lane's 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.

Suitable for: KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available: Ongoing

Watch Jacksons Lane's JL Shorts

Kiln Theatre

Kiln Theatre's 'Kiln Insight' is a new programme of ways to learn more about, and get involved in their work. The programme includes exclusive interviews, webinars and filmed content – all accessible for free.

Suitable for: KS4 & KS5

Dates available: Ongoing

Learn more about the Kiln Theatre's Activities & Resources.

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 student's 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.

Suitable for: KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available: Ongoing

See Kneehigh's Resource Hub.

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Little Angel Theatre

Little Angel Theatre has launched a new 'At Home' resource hub. Get access to a library filled with stories and activities to keep Primary school-aged children educated and entertained.

Suitable for:

EYFS, KS1 & KS2

Dates available:

Ongoing

Visit Little Angel Theatre's Resource & Activity Hub.

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.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

See all of the Matilda The Musical Teaching Resources.



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National Theatre

The National Theatre offers a wealth of free online productions, teaching resources, educational videos, insights and activities.

National Theatre At Home is a way of seeing some of the NT's famous work from the comfort of our homes, each Thursday from 7pm. The series kicked off with their hit production of One Man, Two Guvnors. Continuing with Jane Eyre, Treasure Island, Twelfth Night, Frankenstein, Antony & Cleopatra, Barber Shop Chronicles, A Streetcar Named Desire, This House and Coriolanus.

Their current production is the Nottingham Playhouse production of Alan Bennett's The Madness of George III. Small Island, A Midsummer Night's Dream, Les Blancs, The Deep Blue Sea and Amadeus has also been announced.

In addition to the weekly performances, UK state-funded schools have access to the National Theatre Collection. The Collection brings the best of British Theatre to all state-funded schools for free. From Shakespeare and Greek tragedy to contemporary literary adaptations, the Collection supports the primary and secondary Curriculum. Teachers can get access to high-quality recordings of 24 world-class productions, plus a range of tailored learning resources.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4, KS5 (dependent on the production)

Dates available:

Ongoing, with a new performance each Thursday for 1 week.

Watch The Madness of George III.

Read more about the National Theatre Collection.

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Official London Theatre

Official London Theatre is the official ticket agent of the Society of London Theatre (SOLT). SOLT represents West End theatre and also runs the annual Olivier Awards and Leicester Square's famous TKTS Discount booth. Their family site hosts theatre-related videos, insights and activities for all ages.

Suitable for:

KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

See all of the Official London Theatre Family Activities.

The Old Vic

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

The new hub includes behind-the-scenes insights, careers advice, education packs, educational videos, online workshop and guides. The Old Vic is also streaming their past work which started with their award-winning production of A Monster Calls.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Education Hub – Ongoing

Read more about The Old Vic's Education Hub.

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Royal Albert Hall

The Royal Albert Hall is bringing exclusive sessions to your home. All shows are available to stream for free and include performances from top names in the music industry.

The Royal Albert Hall's 'For Kids' sessions are an accessible way to introduce younger students to different styles of music. Their programme includes 'Classical for Kids', 'Jazz for Kids', and 'Opera for Kids'. All sessions can be watched live or streamed on-demand in full.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Current sessions have been announced up to 17 June

[View all of the Royal Albert Hall's Upcoming Sessions.](#)

Royal Court

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

The theatre has also teamed up with BBC Bitesize to create GCSE Drama Resources. Activities explore a range of GCSE Drama topics including Devising, Theatre Design and support for exams.

Suitable for:

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

[See all of the Royal Court's At Home Activities & Resources.](#)

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Royal Opera House

The Royal Opera House has launched a programme of free online content to access and view at home. These free programmes include online broadcasts, musical masterclasses and cultural insights.

Currently playing is Frederick Ashton's *La Fille mal gardée*.

Suitable for:

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Until 26 June

Watch the Royal Opera House's *La Fille mal gardée*.

Royal Shakespeare Company

The Royal Shakespeare Company (RSC) has launched 'At Home with Shakespeare'. The hub includes free online streams of their past performances, fun activities and learning resources. Their accompanying live lessons give students an in-depth look into classic Shakespeare plays. Their lessons on *Romeo & Juliet* and *Macbeth* are still available and can be watched on-demand through their YouTube channel.

Suitable for:

KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

See all of the RSC's Home Learning Resources.

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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.

Suitable for:

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

View Sadler's Wells Digital Stage.

Shakespeare Birthplace Trust

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

Activities are suitable for all ages, ranging from colouring in Shakespeare's house to interviews and Shakespeare Shorts.

Suitable for:

KS1, KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

See all of Shakespeare Birthplace Trust's Museum From Home Activities.

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Shakespeare's Globe Player

Shakespeare's Globe will be releasing free Globe Player films, one on rotation every two weeks. Upcoming productions include *The Merry Wives of Windsor* (1-14 June) and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (15-28 June).

To further your student's study, their 'Teach Shakespeare' site offers hundreds of free learning resources and activities.

Suitable for:

KS2, KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing, with a new performance every 2 weeks.

Watch Shakespeare's Globe's *The Merry Wives of Windsor*.

Vamos Theatre

Vamos Theatre, the UK's leading full mask theatre company, has made an extensive range of content, videos and their performance of *DEAD GOOD* available to teachers for free.

Suitable for:

KS3, KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Ongoing

Read more about Vamos Theatre's productions & resources.

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Wise Children

Watch Emma Rice's theatrical production of Angela Carter's dark final novel, *Wise Children*, filmed live at the York Theatre Royal in 2019. A decadent and often surreal story of twins from a dysfunctional family who pursue a career performing as showgirls.

The show was loved by audiences and critics since its premiere at The Old Vic, London, in 2019. *Wise Children* is an unapologetic celebration of the highs and lows that come from choosing to experience life to the full, come what may.

Please note this performances contains some strong language and some sexual content.

Suitable for:

KS4 & KS5

Dates available:

Until 30 June

[Watch Emma Rice's *Wise Children* on BBC iPlayer.](#)

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