

Hay Festival Online 2020

It has recently been announced that this year's Hay Festival will now take place online. Hay Festival is a literary festival that takes place in the border town of Hay on Wye every year. Typically, they hold a two day programme for schools with talks by published authors, and then a week long general programme with events to suit any genre. Hay Festival proves to be popular due to the diverse range of events that take place across the week. This year, during half term, both the general programme and the programme for schools are available online. Using the links below, you are able to go to the website and take part in any of the events for free. Below you will find examples of events taking place in the school's programme, and further in the document, events taking place in the general programme – so that both children and parents can enjoy Hay Festival!

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[Click here for the Hay Festival programme](#)

PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOLS 2020

Welcome to the 2020 programme for schools created especially for learning at home, bringing authors straight from their house to yours from Monday 18 – Friday 22 May.

Each day, from 8am onwards, you can see two primary (years 3-6) authors introduced by Konnie Huq and two secondary (years 7-10) authors introduced by Jenny Valentine. These events will be available to **watch again on Hay Player** and you can access **teaching materials** to support learning before, during and after the festival.

This digital programme for schools has been kindly funded by Welsh Government.

Patrice Lawrence

ROSE, INTERRUPTED

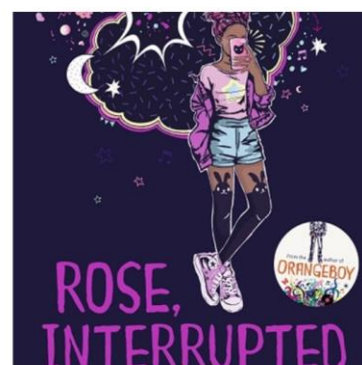
Join us online: Monday 18 May 2020, available from 8am

Virtual venue: Llwyfan Cymru Digidol – Wales Digital Stage

Patrice Lawrence is one of the UK's biggest YA stars. Her latest thought-provoking book *Rose, Interrupted*, explores coming of age and looking at our contemporary world through different eyes. Being a teenager is hard enough, but it's even harder in a world you've never known...

 Teaching materials for this event can be found [here](#)

Patrice Lawrence yw un o'r sêr oedolion ifanc mwyaf yn y Deyrnas Unedig. Mae ei llyfr diweddaraf sy'n pricio'r meddwl, sef *Rose, Interrupted*, yn archwilio dod i oedran ac yn edrych ar ein byd cyfoes trwy lygaid gwahanol. Mae'r ardegau'n gyfnod digon anodd, ond mae'n anoddach fyth mewn byd cwbl ddieithr...



Lucy Worsley

THE AUSTEN GIRLS

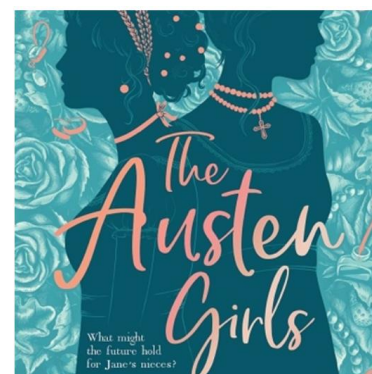
Join us online: Wednesday 20 May 2020, available from 8am

Virtual venue: Llwyfan Cymru Digidol – Wales Digital Stage

Join popular television historian Lucy Worsley as she brings alive the fascinating life of Jane Austen as you've never heard it before – from the perspective of her nieces! The time will come for each of the Austen girls to become the heroines of their own stories – join us in this exciting event to find out how. Expect costumes, trivia, and much, much more.

 Teaching materials for this event can be found [here](#)

Ymunwch â'r hanesydd teledu poblogaidd, Lucy Worsley, wrth iddi gyflwyno bywyd diddorol Jane Austen mewn ffordd wahanol iawn – o safbwynt ei nithoedd! Daw pob un o'r merched Austen yn arwresau eu



Jon Chase

A SCIENCE RAPPER'S GUIDE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

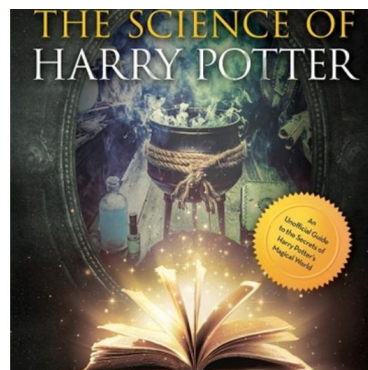
Join us online: Wednesday 20 May 2020, available from 8am

Virtual venue: Llwyfan Cymru Digidol – Wales Digital Stage

STEM has had a major impact on our ability to answer questions such as 'how does our environment sustain us?' and 'what affect are we having on it?' Find out more with science rapper Jon Chase in this science and rap filled show about the importance of the Earth and our relationship with it.

Mae STEM wedi cael effaith fawr ar ein gallu i ateb cwestiynau fel 'sut mae ein hamgylchedd yn ein cynnal ni?' a 'pha effaith rydym ni'n ei chael arno?' Dysgwch fwy am bwysigrwydd y Ddaear a'n perthynas â hi gyda'r rapiwr gwyddoniaeth, Jon Chase, yn y sioe hon sy'n llawn gwyddoniaeth a rap.

Secondary (Key Stages 3 & 4) / Cyfnodau Allweddol 3 a 4



Laura Coryton

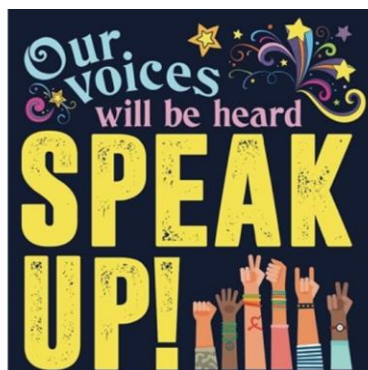
SPEAK UP

Join us online: Thursday 21 May 2020, available from 8am

Virtual venue: Llwyfan Cymru Digidol – Wales Digital Stage

Laura Coryton is an inspirational young woman who led the international campaign against tampon tax which gained over a quarter of a million signatures and has led to changes in UK and European law. She also won a Guardian New Radical Thinker award and was the Independent's 2015 top unknown world change maker. She advises and empowers girls who might want to start their own campaigns or get involved with politics.

 Teaching materials for this event can be found [here](#)



Laura Coryton yw'r ferch ysbrydoledig a arweiniodd yr ymgyrch ryngwladol yn erbyn y dreth damponau a

Michelle Paver

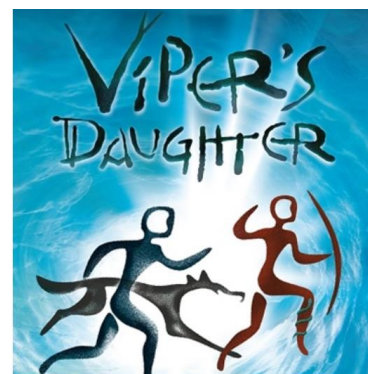
VIPER'S DAUGHTER

Join us online: Friday 22 May 2020, available from 8am

Virtual venue: Llwyfan Cymru Digidol – Wales Digital Stage

Travel back six thousand years into the Forest of the Stone-Age: a world of myth, menace, natural magic and exhilarating adventure. Michelle Paver reveals the secrets behind her bestselling Wolf Brother series and what's next for Torak, Wolf and Renn in book seven: *Viper's Daughter*.

 Teaching materials for this event can be found [here](#)



Teithiwr yn ôl chwe mil o flynyddoedd i Goedwig Oes y Cerrig: byd o chwedlau, perygl, dewiniaeth naturiol ac antur wefreiddiol. Mae Michelle Paver yn datgelu'r cyfrinachau y tu ôl i'w chyfres hynod lwyddiannus *Wolf Brother* a beth sy'n wynebu Torak, Wolf a Renn yn y seithfed llyfr: *Viper's Daughter*.

Hay Festival General Programme:

EVENT 5

EVENTS TAKING PLACE ONLINE 18 - 31 MAY

Simon Armitage, Margaret Atwood, Benedict Cumberbatch, Monty Don, Stephen Fry, Tom Hollander, Toby Jones, Helen McCrory, Jonathan Pryce and Vanessa Redgrave

WORDSWORTH 250: A NIGHT IN WITH THE WORDSWORTHS

Join us online: Friday 22 May 2020, 6.30pm – 7.25pm

Virtual venue: Baillie Gifford Digital Stage

A gala performing of William's poetry and Dorothy's journals begins our 250th anniversary celebrations with a superstar cast reading work that will include *Intimations of Immortality*, *Daffodils*, lines composed both *Upon Westminster Bridge* and *Above Tintern Abbey*, *The Prelude* and *We Are Seven*. Hosted and introduced by Shahidha Bari.

[Register for this event](#)



EVENT 8

EVENTS TAKING PLACE ONLINE 18 - 31 MAY

Stephen Fry

TROY

Join us online: Friday 22 May 2020, 9pm – 9.35pm

Virtual venue: Baillie Gifford Digital Stage

The actor and author previews scenes from the third part of his Greek trilogy, which follows *Mythos* and *Heroes*.

This event is live and there will be a Q&A afterwards.

[Register for this event](#)

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EVENTS TAKING PLACE ONLINE 18 - 31 MAY

Greg Jenner

DEAD FAMOUS: AN UNEXPECTED HISTORY OF CELEBRITY FROM BRONZE AGE TO SILVER SCREEN

Join us online: Saturday 23 May 2020, 11.30am – 12.15pm

Virtual venue: Baillie Gifford Digital Stage

In this ambitious history Jenner assembles a vibrant cast of over 125 actors, singers, dancers, sportspeople, freaks, demigods, ruffians, and more, in search of celebrity's historical roots. He reveals why celebrity burst into life in the early eighteenth century, how it differs to ancient ideas of fame, the techniques through which it was acquired, how it was maintained, the effect it had on public tastes, and the psychological burden stardom could place on those in the glaring limelight. *Dead Famous* is a surprising, funny, and fascinating exploration of both a bygone age and how we came to inhabit our modern, fame obsessed society.

Greg Jenner is a public historian, broadcaster, and author, and an Honorary Research Associate at Royal Holloway, University of London, where he does some occasional teaching. He is the Historical Consultant to BBC's Emmy & multiple BAFTA award-winning *Horrible Histories*, and was a key member of the team on *Horrible Histories: The Movie - Rotten Romans*. He is the host of the BBC comedy podcast *You're Dead To Me!*, is a regular voice on BBC Radio 4, and his TV appearances include BBC2's *The Great History Quiz* and *Inside Versailles*. His first book *A Million Years In A Day* was a UK number 1 audiobook bestseller and was translated into nine languages.



EVENT 18

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Paul Dolan and Magdalena Skipper talk to Rosie Boycott

COVID-19: WHAT DO WE MEAN WHEN WE SAY WE'RE GUIDED BY THE SCIENCE?

Join us online: Saturday 23 May 2020, 9pm – 9.45pm

Virtual venue: Llwyfan Cymru Digidol – Wales Digital Stage

What are the medical imperatives? What are the dangers of the virus, isolation, domestic abuse, mental health crises and poverty? By focusing on the most vulnerable and elderly, are we doubling down on generational injustice? The behavioural economist Paul Dolan, author of *Happy Ever After* discusses the societal pressures and implications with Magdalena Skipper, the editor of *Nature* magazine.

This event is live and there will be a Q&A afterwards.

[Register for this event](#)


Tori Amos talks to Dylan Jones

RESISTANCE: A SONGWRITER'S STORY OF HOPE, CHANGE AND COURAGE

Join us online: Monday 25 May 2020, 9pm – 9.45pm

Virtual venue: Baillie Gifford Digital Stage

Since the release of her first, career-defining solo album *Little Earthquakes*, Tori Amos has been one of the music industry's most enduring and ingenious artists. From her unnerving depiction of sexual assault in '*Me and a Gun*' to her post-9/11 album *Scarlet's Walk* to her latest album *Native Invader*, her work has never shied away from intermingling the personal with the political.

Amos began playing piano as a teenager for the politically powerful at hotel bars in Washington, D.C., during the formative years of the post-Goldwater and then Koch-led Libertarian and Reaganite movements. Amos explains how she managed to create meaningful, politically resonant work against patriarchal power structures - and how her proud declarations of feminism and her fight for the marginalised always proved to be her guiding light. She teaches listeners to engage with intention in this tumultuous global climate and speaks directly to supporters of #MeToo and #TimesUp, as well as young people fighting for their rights and visibility in the world.



Jules Hudson

ESCAPE TO THE COUNTRY

Join us online: Thursday 28 May 2020, 2.30pm – 3.15pm

Virtual venue: Llwyfan Cymru Digidol – Wales Digital Stage

For over a decade, the BBC's hit rural property series 'Escape to the Country' has helped thousands of would-be country dwellers do just that. Now Jules Hudson shares his experience of seeking out captivating country homes in this inspiring and practical guide.

Himself an escapee, Jules answers many of the key questions that have come up during hundreds of house hunts in some of the most beautiful and sought-after parts of the UK, including:

Where to go and what to buy

The highs and lows of taking on a project

Going green and creating an eco home for the future

Living the good life; top tips for smallholdings

Working from home; what does it take to create a successful rural business?



David Crystal

LET'S TALK

Join us online: Friday 29 May 2020, 2.30pm - 3.30pm

Virtual venue: Baillie Gifford Digital Stage

Banter, chit-chat, gossip, natter, tête-a-tête: these are just a few of the terms for the varied ways in which we interact with one another through conversation. We take informal conversation for granted because it's so natural and everyday; but if we analyse it we can discover surprising features. The spectacular linguistics prof explores some of the findings he reports in his latest book, *Let's Talk: How English Conversation Works*, from the first recorded instances a thousand years ago to the latest trends taking place online.

This event is live and there will be a Q&A afterwards.

