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Hay Levels series 3 launches: Free video resources for A Level students

World-leading writers and thinkers have joined together to launch the third series of Hay Levels: an inspiring, free series of educational videos from Hay Festival in which experts from a range of disciplines offer inspiration for A Level students, including **Michael Rosen, Marcus du Sautoy, Laura Bates, Sarah Churchwell, Lawrence Krauss, Sir Nicholas Hytner, Colm Toibín, Philippe Sands, Janina Ramirez, Anne-Marie Imafidon, Robbert Dijkgraaf, Dr Kourosh Saeb Parsy, James Holland, Dr Helen Rappaport, Dr Gabrielle Walker, Dr Oscar Guardiola-Rievera, Gilliant Tett, Jerry Brotton, Alexander Todorov, Miriam Gonzalez Durantez, Carlo Rovelli, Dame Nemat Shafik, Dame Athene Donald and Catherine Barnard.**

Matched to current A Level subject curricula, Hay Levels are video masterclasses given by the world's greatest teachers, thinkers and writers. From the black holes to the Great War to the big thaw, from Frankenstein to immunity to globalisation, and from sex to cosmology to crime; Hay Levels offer bite-size inspiration for curious students.

Videos will be released fortnightly throughout the school year on the Hay Levels YouTube channel (subscribe [here](#)) and shared across social media (#HayLevels), supplementing the growing bank of content already available online.

Hay Levels is a joint collaboration between Hay Festival and Hereford Sixth Form College, in partnership with the [Tata](#) group, giving students open access to some of the most renowned experts in their fields.

The first release of videos this academic year features:

- **Rosalind Rickaby** on chemical equilibrium
- **Lawrence Krauss** on cosmology
- **Marcus du Sautoy** on algebra
- **Sarah Churchwell** on Edith Wharton
- **Sir Nicholas Hytner** on *Hamlet*
- **Michael Rosen** on Geoffrey Chaucer's *The Pardoner's Tale*
- **Lord Digby Jones** on profit
- **Catherine Barnard** on Brexit
- **Anne-Marie Imafidon** MBE on binary numbers
- **Philippe Sands** on international crime
- **Peter Singer** on utilitarianism

Now in its third year, the Hay Levels project was inspired after mathematician Marcus du Sautoy gave an impromptu masterclass to a group of A Level students on his way to speak at Hay Festival. Since then, speakers appearing at Hay Festival events in Wales and around the world have been invited to contribute to the growing bank of free resources online.

Peter Florence, Director of Hay Festival, said: “Our work to bring writers and readers together in conversations and debate continues to develop digitally. Hay Levels extend the great breadth of knowledge of Hay Festival experts to A Level students across the country. We hope they will be widely used and shared and are deeply grateful to these fabulous academics that have supported us so far. And,

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of course, while these resources have been designed with A Level students in mind, it's not to say everyone can't learn something from them."

Dr David Landsman OBE, Executive Director of the Tata group, said:

"Tata shares Hay Festival's commitment to education and skills and we are proud to partner with the Hay Levels for the third time this year. Education is key to success in everything Tata does, which is why we are continuously investing in skills, not only for our companies, but also in the communities we work in. We hope that that this year's videos will help to inspire and educate the engineers, business leaders, academics and creative thinkers of the future."

Highlights from the first two series of Hay Levels include: Sarah Churchwell on [Gatsby](#); David Crystal on [Pragmatics](#); Richard Dawkins on [Irreducible Complexity](#); Stephen Fry on [Exam Tips](#); Angie Hobbs on [Platonic Ethics](#) and Laura Bates on [Rape](#).

Hay Levels is part of the wider Hay Festival education work, which includes free Schools Days programming, Hay Academy, and Hay Compass.

For more information on Hay Levels or Hay Festival, please visit hayfestival.org.

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About Hay Festival

www.hayfestival.org

Hay Festival brings readers and writers together to share stories and ideas in sustainable events around the world. The festivals inspire, examine and entertain, inviting participants to imagine the world as it is and as it might be.

Nobel Prize-winners and novelists, scientists and politicians, historians and musicians talk with audiences in a dynamic exchange of ideas. The Festival's global conversation shares the latest thinking in the arts and sciences with curious audiences live, in print and online. Hay Festival also runs wide programmes of education work supporting coming generations of writers and culturally hungry audiences of all ages.

In 1987, the festival was dreamt up around a kitchen table in Hay. Thirty years later, the unique marriage of exacting conversations and entertainment for all ages has travelled to editions in 30 locations, from the historic town of Cartagena in Colombia to the heart of cities in Peru, Mexico, Spain and Denmark. The organisation now reaches a global audience of hundreds of thousands every year and continues to grow and innovate, building partnerships and initiatives alongside some of the leading bodies in arts and the media, including the BBC, Welsh Government Department of Education, Visit Wales, ACW, the British Council, Oxfam, TATA, Friends of Hay Festival, Baillie Gifford, Good Energy, the Woodland Trust and the National Trust in Wales.

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Acclaimed author, actor and writer **Stephen Fry** is President of the organisation; **Peter Florence** is Director; and **Caroline Michel**, CEO of leading literary and talent agency Peters Fraser and Dunlop, is Chair of the Festival board.

Upcoming festival dates:

- [Hay Festival Queretaro](#), Mexico (7– 10 Sep 2017)
- [Hay Festival Segovia](#), Spain (16–24 Sep 2017)
- [International Children's Literature Hay Festival Aarhus](#), Denmark (26–29 Oct 2017)
- [Hay Festival Arequipa](#), Peru (9–12 Nov 2017)
- [Hay Festival Wales Winter Weekend](#), UK (23 – 26 Nov 2017)
- [Hay Festival Cartagena de Indias](#), Colombia (25–28 Jan 2018)
- Hay Festival Wales, UK (24 May – 3 June 2018)