

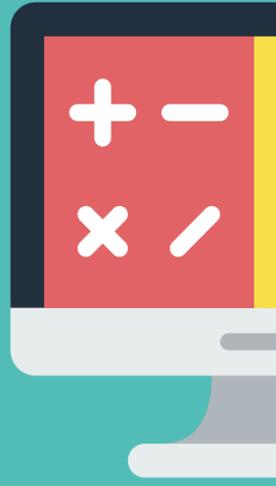
7 TIPS FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

Schools around the world are being closed to prevent and contain the spread of COVID-19, which has led teachers to adapt with virtual learning through online classes. As we've been running these in the recent months, we've compiled helpful tips to guide you in case you decide to run them.



1 CHOOSE THE RIGHT PLATFORM

It is important that the platform you choose meets your needs and your students'. It must allow student-teacher interaction through downloading and uploading of materials, raising and answering questions and exchanging feedback. We highly recommend platforms like Zoom but you can also check out Google Hangouts, Skype, Flipgrid, etc.



2 PLAN AHEAD OF TIME

This may sound like common sense, but online learning requires planning. Remember to:

- familiarise students with the platforms and its features.
- send reminders of the required browser and class schedule.
- upload materials to the platforms or hosting sites. Consider creating FAQs if you have time.
- make sure your own equipment - webcam, headphones, and mic - are working.
- prepare your work station ensuring that you have a clean and professional backdrop for live or recorded classes.



3 SET EXPECTATIONS

Come up with your own list of online class regulations and decorum to set expectations. Don't forget to share with your students before you start.

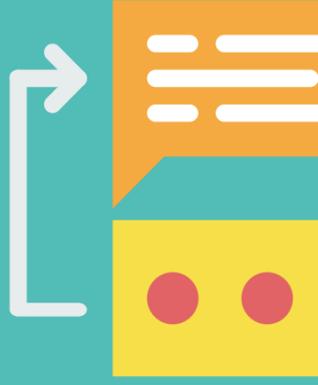


4 USE INTERACTIVE TOOLS

Keep your class engaged by using edtech tools like Kahoot and Slido for fun online quizzing or Google Slides, Docs and Sheets for easy collaboration.

5 DOCUMENT YOUR CLASSES

Remember to record your classes and share the links with your students so they can always revisit them.



6 ENCOURAGE DISCUSSIONS

Create online forums or discussion boards where students can submit their follow-up questions that you can periodically check. Online forum tools like Slack and Flipgrid are better than emails as it serves as a common resource for other students who have similar concerns.



7 BE FLEXIBLE

Students need to adjust to the new system and may need time to understand and get work done. Bear in mind too that there are students who have natural skills attuned to online learning (self-discipline, organized, etc.) and there are some that don't so be patient, accommodating and understanding.



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