

Did you know?

A relatively new term to come out of the pandemic, blended learning is the idea that young people will spend some of their time in school being taught face to face but may now also spend time at home self-isolating because they are ill or a Covid contact, or due to school closure or because the school has moved into a rota system due to so many Covid cases. Whilst this is very difficult at first, students in Year 12 and Year 13 are able to get advanced experience of what this is like: at university, or when doing

an apprenticeship, it is expected that you have a blended model between face to face, tutorials and private study. At university and in work, people would expect that students can handle managing their own time and learning. If students can understand this now, it will pave the way for what they do in the future. After all, the rest of the world is also having to conduct their business on Zoom or other online platforms.



How can you help?

- If your child finds themselves working from home through blended learning, help them understand the importance of learning how to do this well.
- If you can, find them a space where they can work.
- Ask them to verbalise, 'what did you learn?' from the online session, not 'what did you do?'.
- Take advantage of the opportunities that exist online to learn about things that are relevant to their chosen career. Lots of courses are now free.
- Encourage them to write down questions they can ask a teacher when they are back face to face, ask them to diagnose what they need help with.