Oak National Academy: Teacher User Guide

Oak National Academy provides a sequenced plan of video lessons and curricular resources for you to use as you wish, to complement your teaching and planning.

It's been developed by 40 state school teachers from different areas, working together to respond to schools having to change the way they teach.

This is an entirely free platform, it has been designed to be accessible on any device including mobile, and there are no sign-up or logins required. Whilst the platform has been created quickly, we've tried to make it as simple and as user friendly as possible.

We hope you find the Oak National Academy useful. Below is a short overview of how to use the classroom.

Q: What resources are you offering?

A: Every week we will be creating 180 hours' worth of lessons in total;

- three hours a day for primary school-aged children

- four hours a day for secondary school-aged children

The lessons will cover core subjects from maths and English, to art and languages. To see the full schedule of content available to you and your students please visit the website at www.thenational.academy.

All our lessons will be sequenced to allow them to be used as a comprehensive curriculum. Each lesson will be an hour-long, with elements such as a quiz, a video explanation from the teacher and a worksheet. All accessible from the same website.

These however are simply resources, and in no way replace the crucial teacher to student relationship you have with your pupils. You can consider if you want to communicate with your pupils about the lessons to help make the learning interactive and enable pupils to ask questions they may have.

This is also why we've not included any well-being elements, as we feel this is best managed by schools directly, who know what is appropriate and necessary for their students.

Q: How do I use this content?

A: There are two ways you can use these resources:

- You can use the lessons and resources in their entirety following the programme of content available. This default structure will offer a broad and balanced curriculum for your students.

- Choose the content that is appropriate for you and your students. You can direct your students to the content that you think is relevant for them, to complement your existing plans across the subjects. If used in this way, you will need to be explicit with your students which lessons you would like them to do and when. However, we would recommend you start from lesson one as the content has been sequenced.

Q: How far in advance is the content shared?

A: The curriculum map is available online at www.thenational.academy, with detail for each week updated every week.

Q: Do I need to follow this in order?

A: The lessons have been created in a sequence to use in an order, however, you're the teacher so feel free to use the content how it works best for you in light of your own curriculum planning.

Q: Can I access my students' quiz data?

A: Right now, there is no way of us automatically sending teachers their students' results. To do this we'd recommend you ask your students to email you proof of their work to keep track of their progress and engagement with the content. They can do this using photos or screen grabs. We're hoping to be able to build this functionality into the platform, in the future, so please bear with us.

Q: How do I get the best out of these resources?

A: We have built a classroom of resources, they are no replacement for you. You know, like we know, that the value of a teacher-student relationship is immeasurable. We think this works best when it is used in tandem with engaging with your pupils, asking them to share their work and discussing with them what they have learned. But ultimately our classroom is there for you to use how you feel is best, so we'll leave that up to you. We hope you find the Oak National Academy useful.

Q: Can I share my resources and lessons on the website?

A: At the moment we're not able to build in other resources. Oak National Academy has been brought together at pace by a small team and we have limited capacity. Please bear with us as we keep developing it - it's something we'll want to explore in the future.

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