

## PREPARING FOR ONLINE TEACHING: 'SWITCHING ON' LEARNING

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Connecting with industry	<ul> <li>If you have time, keep Zoom open for 15 minutes after class – this gives students the opportunity to ask questions (just like they would on campus) and helps you to get to know your students better</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>PROMOTE INTERACTION</li> <li>✓ Use active and collaborate learning tools to generate discussion, such as UQpoll and PadletUQ – it's opinion based and anonymous</li> </ul>



	"Shorter is better" when selecting case studies and articles for use in zoom classes, eg, choose 1-2 page cases, rather than 4-6 page cases – this is particularly helpful for EAL students
	Teach students how to share their screen so that you and/or their peers can comment on their work more easily – it also enables students to deliver presentations (eg, orals, pitches, poster displays, slide decks, etc)
	Build in time for small group ice breakers, particularly over the first few weeks, as it helps students to get to know one another before working together to complete activities in the break out rooms
	If you use inquiry based or problem based learning, encourage students to create and share content in response to an issue or problem they're investigating – a <u>course Facebook page</u> or <u>discussion board</u> works well here, and doesn't depend on the teacher to 'drive' it (though it should still be monitored)
CC	ONNECT WITH INDUSTRY
	Many teachers have reported how much easier it was to organise and involve industry speakers and 'clients' in their online classes – the use of Zoom for presentations and meetings enables real world connections and learnings to continue

ATTENTION: Do you have another 'Switching on Learning' tip to share? Please add it here.