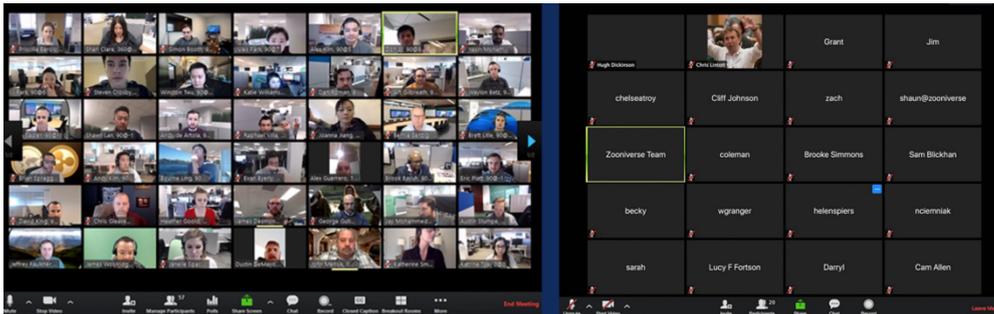




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As I am sure that you can imagine, teaching students remotely presents a range of challenges, and our aim is to ensure that we take our teaching and learning habits as seriously in the remote classroom as we would in the physical classroom so that we can address these challenges successfully.

If you compare these two pictures of Zoom conferences, I hope that they explain why **seeing** students allows the teaching to be more targeted and effective. It also allows us to check more effectively that your son or daughter is engaging successfully in the lesson.



For this reason, I shared the following messages with our students this week:

‘Having made a great start to the remote learning programme, it's now time to think about how we build our remote teaching and learning habits. Below are 4 "brilliant basics" that we will be expecting from our students in all year groups

It's very important that your teachers can see your learning so that they can engage effectively with you and your work. Therefore:

1. We **do** expect students to have their cameras on so that we can see you and your preparedness for learning.
2. We **do** expect students to speak to us and each other where this is part of the learning.
3. We **do** expect students to be capturing your work in your books and folders and making effective notes from lessons. It is really important that you are engaging with the lesson by writing things down rather than just watching it.
4. We **do** expect the same standards of behaviour as in a normal classroom.

Many of us (me included) don't particularly like having a camera on... but it is important so that we can teach you effectively. If you have a particular concern about this please do speak to your form tutor, Head of House or Student Manager, and [here is a video that reminds you how to choose a virtual background if this would be helpful.](#)

We do know that many of these learning habits do not come easily or naturally to us or our technology! Therefore, next week we will be adding a link to the Student Noticeboard to ensure that students (and parents) can let us know of any barriers that they are facing to remote learning, including any issues with cameras and connectivity. Please don't hesitate to let us know so that we can work together to deal with these. The link will be located on our [Student Noticeboard](#) and added next week.

Mr Conley will also be sharing a Smart Learning video on why it is important for teachers to be able to see and hear learning in remote learning lessons.

