

Oak National Academy: stakeholder briefing

What is the Oak National Academy?

Oak National Academy is a new online classroom and resource hub available to support every teacher and pupil in the country, in response to the coronavirus crisis. Supported by the Department for Education, Oak National Academy will support teachers to continue to provide their pupils with high-quality, structured learning until schools fully re-open.

The lessons and resources have been developed by teachers, for teachers. 40 teachers from a range of locations and phases are producing over 180 online lessons each week. They will cover core subjects from maths and English, to art and languages. Freely available for every teacher and pupil, it will extend from mainstream early years reception through to year 10. We will also be expanding our resources to include support for teachers in specialist settings.

Why was it set up?

The Oak National Academy is a collective response to unprecedented times. School leaders, teachers and support staff are adapting at pace, while keeping vital links to the community. Oak National Academy's lessons and resources can support teachers and contribute to the great work they are already doing to continue to provide their pupils with high-quality, structured learning.

We've already seen some great innovation and collaboration across the sector and we want to play our part in supporting teachers: in a recent [TeacherTapp poll](#), 64% of teachers said that they'd like a free national curriculum online resource hub.

How it works

We know that many teachers will have already put a lot of effort into their lesson planning, and that teachers have had to make significant changes to their practice very quickly. Oak National Academy's lessons are offered as an optional support for those who may need it. Teachers are free to use the lessons to support or complement their planning, and can signpost pupils to resources to any or all resources.

The lessons are curriculum-sequenced, so we hope they can fit into existing programme of study at any type of school. Each lesson will be an hour long, with elements such as a quiz, a video explanation from the teacher and a worksheet.



The lessons can be used in two different ways:

1. Teachers 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 students.
2. Teachers can choose the content that is appropriate for them and their students. Students can be directed to the content that teachers think is relevant for them, to complement any existing plans across subjects.