



A guide to learning online at CATS Academy Boston

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Moving online

A message from our Head of School



We hope you are all doing well through this COVID-19 pandemic and happy to know you are all safely home or in another safe habitat. As you know all on-campus activities have been cancelled until further notice. Therefore, we will offer all of our courses via distance learning.

We will now be delivering courses online via our online learning environment beginning March 30 and will continue this instruction until further notice. Teachers will contact you via Canvas beginning Monday to schedule class times and assignments. Some classes will be live online courses through Zoom but if you are unable to join the live class you can access the recorded lessons through Canva.

Be well and know that we miss seeing you on campus. I look forward to the day when we can all gather together as a community.

Ben Bonaventura



Our virtual learning environment

Canvas and Zoom

What is a virtual learning environment?

A virtual learning environment is a place where together learners and teachers can create online classrooms with all the benefits of a physical classroom. Students can:

- Access lesson materials and past papers
- upload assignments
- take Quizzes and tests
- conduct Research tasks
- View timetables
- Send messages
- Seek teacher/peer support

What is Zoom?

Zoom is a reliable cloud platform for video and audio-conferencing solution which allows collaboration, chat, and webinars across mobile devices, desktops and telephones.

[View a variety of zoom demos](#)





A typical week

A week online

Learning online offers flexibility, so that students around the world, on different time zones can access prepared content when it suits them. However, it's important that our students continue to have the opportunity to collaborate with their peers and asks questions during lessons – creating a sense of community. Therefore, we are having live lessons being scheduled by teachers for students daily. All lessons will be recorded so that they can be accessed at any time.

Extra provision online

Benefit from sessions outside of studies

Outside of lessons, CATS Academy students will still be able to benefit from:



College Counseling sessions

Our College Counselors will provide one to one counselling sessions online to ensure students are still receiving deserving university acceptances.



Guest lectures

We will be running a series of guest lectures online, ran by industry professionals, to enhance your learning.



Activities

It's important that students stay fit and healthy and look after their physical and mental wellbeing. Therefore, we will be running live mental and physical health sessions on our social channels.



The learning contract

Our commitment and expectations of you

We will:

- ✓ Develop high-quality student learning experiences.
- ✓ Set appropriate tasks, including test practice, with a clear deadline.
- ✓ Provide meaningful and constructive feedback on your progress and help you develop targets for improvement.
- ✓ Communicate regularly with students to arrange online face-to-face or 1-2-1 discussion.
- ✓ Communicate with all parents of students regarding the online learning plan.
- ✓ Respond to counseling needs of student.

You will:

- ✓ Dedicate appropriate time to learning, comparable to a school day and/or as guided by your teacher/s.
- ✓ Check appropriate online platforms for information on courses, assignments, resources daily.
- ✓ Identify a comfortable and quiet space to study/learn.
- ✓ Engage in all learning posted with academic honesty.
- ✓ Submit all assignments in accordance with provided timeline and/or due dates.
- ✓ Contact teachers through the use of Canvas

Your attendance for any arranged discussions or online lessons and your engagement with set tasks will be monitored.



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