

EXCELLENCE BY THE HOUR

COVID CLASSROOM TOP TIPS

1. MUSIC/ART APPRECIATION

This is likely to be a bigger part of teaching this autumn, so teach the students words to use. Test them and make it fun eg through word bingo, where you read out the definition and they strike out the word.

2. BODY/DESK PERCUSSION

We all know how this will also be important in the autumn. Plan lots of variations on this, to keep the students interested. Can you have rows competing against rows?

3. WASHING LINE/BIG POST-IT BOARD

This is a safe interaction. Have individuals come out and stick up ideas, words on a line or board. This can be used for artistic vocabulary or for lyrics.

4. BOUNCING

Because group work will be difficult, there will be more whole class discussion. During questioning, a good idea is to refer student answers to other students. Do you agree with X? Can you add to X's great idea? Or where there is no answer, to ask another student to give a clue eg Can you help X by...? Or even provide the answer, so you can go back to X and ask again. Make talking and sharing a normal process.

5. WHITEBOARDS

Do the students have whiteboards? It would be good if they do. You can ask pairs to share via their whiteboards. You can also use them for class ideas, answers and votes.

