Our Virtual Learning Environment
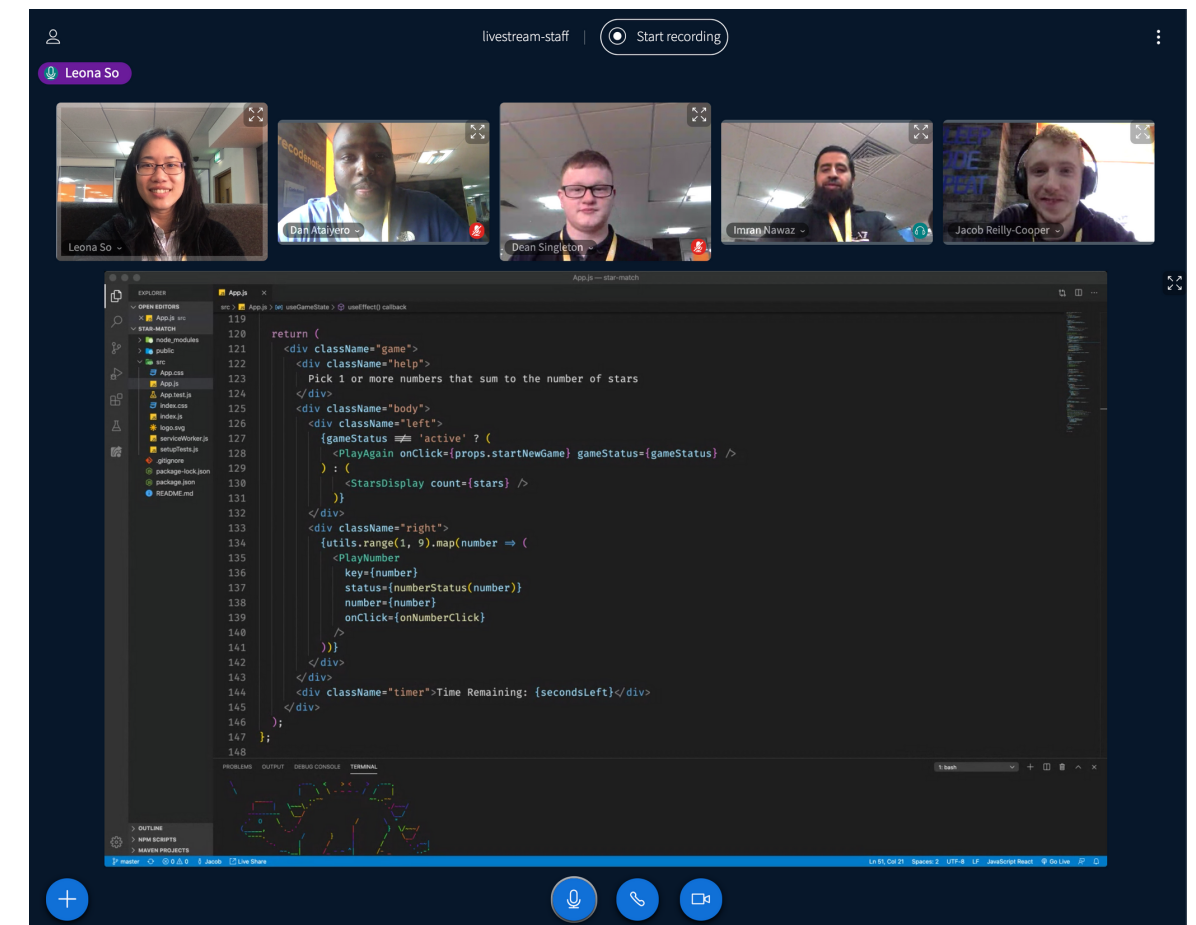
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Frictionless virtual working

Providing our students and apprentices with an opportunity to study from home is super important - so we've combined the best of virtual working with the best of campus life to create an environment that's professional, collaborative and fun.

We've used Moodle Cloud and BigBlueButton to provide remote students with a high quality online learning experience to complement our courses. We also use Slack, Zoom, Teams, Hangout and FaceTime to catch up and hang out.

The VLE means all of our students can be immersed in their classroom learning, have the full bootcamp experience and access the support of the Code Nation team. That includes our Instructors, our Skills Coaches, our Innovation Developers and our Head of Pastoral Care.

For those that need it we will provide the tech, and for everybody – we will provide the same love and support as they embark on their journey to a new career.

We are ensuring our virtual vibe is as solid as the campus vibe, keeping everyone connected and central within the community.

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Built-in to the calendar are
- Scheduled breaks called 'Coffee and Stuff' over video conference

- Regular virtual Pledger talks with our network of employers

- 1-1 check-ins and pastoral care with our Campus Manager

- Regular check-ins with our Engagement team for interview prep, LinkedIn reviews and CV surgery

- Weekly 1-1s with Instructors during Personal Development Time as normal

- Weekly Mario Kart / FIFA / chess / all sorts of virtual tournaments

A typical working day

Our virtual lessons follow our standard Code Nation approach with a few enhancements. We chunk up the day into bitesized pieces with a mix of instructor-led sessions and lab sessions.

Instructors have the ability to plan each day specifically tailored around our students' needs and development needs. From mindfulness through to mongoDB, the VLE's built-in calendar will show our students what they're doing and when they're doing it.

Mario Kart and Chess tournaments remain a solid part of the learning too – thank goodness for the internet, right?

Time	Plan
09:45	Stand-up as normal (virtual and in-person)
10:00	Instructor-led session with virtual attendees and in-person
11:00	Practical / challenge / project based on the session
12:15	First check-in with virtual attendees via video conference
12:30 lunch	
13:30	Personal development time / Pledger talk
14:30	Instructor-led session with virtual attendees and in-person
15:30	Practical / challenge / project based on the session
16:45	Second check-in with virtual attendees via video conference
17:15	Recap of the day and retro
17:30	End of the day

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The virtual learning will still start with a stand up for students to get the day planned, they'll work collaboratively on projects, meet our Pledging employers and attend yoga and mindfulness sessions.

Just as they would on campus - our Junior Devs will present their completed projects, will have timesheets to complete and deadlines to hit.

Our bootcamp prepares students for life in the working world - regardless of where they study. Virtual students not only learn to code, they learn to code remotely and that gives them access to a whole new world of opportunities.

End to end support

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All of our students feel connected no matter where they are and we're committed to keeping our students engaged, challenged and enthusiastic throughout their time on our virtual programmes.

Our classroom environments are limited to 20 students per group, with 2 Instructors assigned to each class.

We check in with our students throughout the day via video conferencing, not just on Slack. We even take registers of each session so we are tracking that everyone is present and feeling the love. Students are able to stay permanently connected to the conference system - they don't have to disconnect so it feels like they're in a classroom.

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