

Flipgrid: video discussions for learning.

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Learning is a social activity and anything that helps build a sense of community amongst learners is valuable. Online discussion forums are one way to do this, but if you and your students like to use video, then Flipgrid could be the thing for you. This app review looks at Flipgrid and how it could be useful to teachers and students.

What is Flipgrid and what does it do?

Flipgrid is a video discussion platform that allows users to post short video responses, either to a prompt or question or as an 'idea'. By default, videos are a maximum of 90 seconds long, but this can be increased to up to 5 minutes. The intention is to develop a sense of community and social learning.

A teacher can create a 'grid' which can be thought of as like a forum, within which there can be multiple topics (like discussions or threads). Each grid begins with 2 auto-generated topics – 'ideas' and 'introductions' but these can be hidden or deleted as required and new topics added.

A range of resources can be added at the start of a topic, including a recorded or uploaded video, a YouTube or Vimeo link, an image, GIF or emoji.



Students post their own videos in response and teachers can provide text feedback or comments on students' videos.

When creating a grid a teacher can define who has access and how – if you choose 'School Email' students will need to log in with their Sussex credentials. Flipgrid can also be integrated into Canvas (see below).