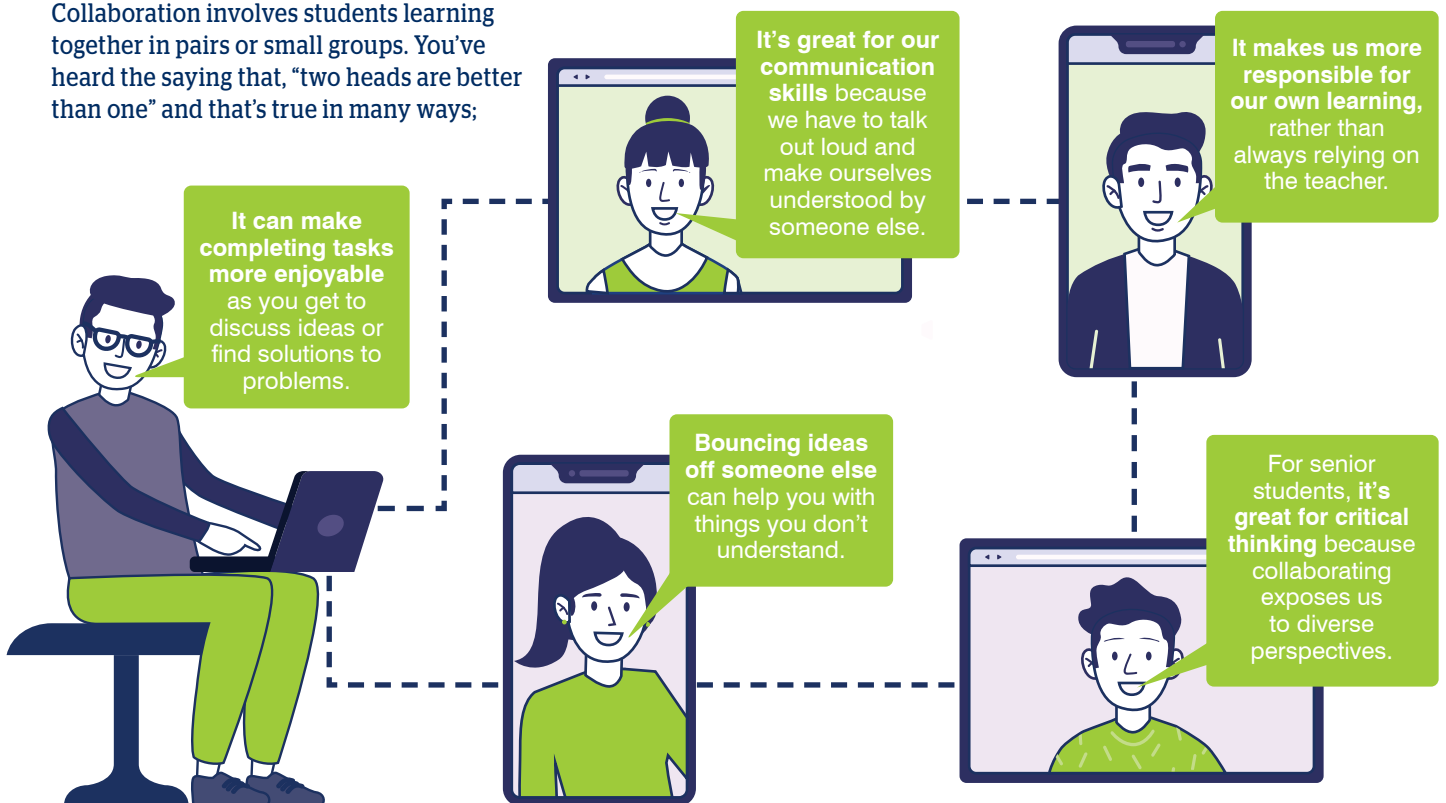


## You're not in this alone: Collaboration during remote learning

Collaboration is one of those skills that you hear a lot about. Schools teach it. Students enjoy it. Employers want it. But during remote learning, we probably feel like we are more alone in our learning than we've felt for a while. So, let's look at what collaboration is, and can be.

Collaboration involves students learning together in pairs or small groups. You've heard the saying that, "two heads are better than one" and that's true in many ways;



True collaboration is working with another person to come up with ideas and solutions that one person alone could not. It's a real skill. You need to practice working in groups but also reflecting on how well it went, and what you can do better next time.

During remote learning, this can be tricky because we are not at school together. But there are ways to work with others now.



**Share your work and ideas** with others to get their feedback.



**Begin group projects with a team meeting** to talk about your plan and allocate roles.



**Ask your teacher to set up break-out rooms** in your class, so you can work together with a small group during a lesson.



**Make use of the Microsoft Teams Posts and Chat** functions in your class Team. Ask questions, share your thinking, share links to information.



**Use a video conference outside of class** to chat about your learning (such as Zoom or WhatsApp).



**Get into the Collaboration Space** if your class has a OneNote, to gather ideas, information and resources.

## EXTRA TIPS

# For Older Students



### Have a 'Notes Buddy'

Pair up with someone to share class notes, revision materials and chapter summaries.

Set up a shared Word doc so you can add to it together.

Collaborative note-taking is great because you get twice as much in your notes!

### Use shared forums

Ask your teacher to set up a SEQTA Forum, where you can post about your learning and ask questions of each other and the teacher. You can also use Teams for this posting.

### Set up a small study group

Make a study group for each of your subjects, where you can come together online with a couple of like-minded friends maybe once per week.

This might be just a 15-minute check-in; over weeks and months, your meetings may get longer as you work together on your learning.

Chat about the learning, share class notes, look at upcoming assessments, and give each other feedback on your work.

This could continue in person after we return to school!