

BA Education top-up – Interview Task

This task involves a reading comprehension exercise followed by a writing task.

You must focus on:

- (a) The purpose of the text.
- (b) The identification of key ideas and/or competing arguments.
- (c) The identification of subsidiary information.
- (d) The development of your own ideas resulting from the interaction with the text.
- (e) Clear articulation of your arguments verbally* and in a written style.
- (f) The use of grammar, vocabulary, and punctuation.
- (g) The adherence to the academic writing conventions in relation to argumentation, coherence, cohesion and referencing.

Instructions

Read the article: “After Covid, will digital learning be the new normal?” by Nic Fleming published by The Guardian on the 23rd of January 2021.

Available at: <https://www.theguardian.com/education/2021/jan/23/after-covid-will-digital-learning-be-the-new-normal>

“Schools have embraced apps and remote classes in the past year. Some see benefits in virtual learning but others fear the impact on disadvantaged children and privatisation by stealth.”

1. Write an essay of no more than 1,200 words. Indicate whether you agree or otherwise with the above quote and elaborate your own views, using the information in the article to support or challenge arguments.
2. Give the essay a suitable title.
3. Use the Harvard Referencing Style to cite the article at the end of your essay.
4. Use Calibri or Times New Roman font, point 12, 1.5 space between lines.
5. Add a word count below the title.

****A discussion of the article will take place during the interview.***