**Ways of learning your students’ names**

Knowing and using students' names helps to create a less formal atmosphere in class and shows that you are interested in your students as individuals. Learning their names helps to reduce feelings of anonymity and isolation amongst your students.

* Annotate your registers to prompt/remind you
* Use seating charts
* Use student ID photos
* Learn the names in instalments, a few at a time
* Ask students to write something about themselves to help you to get to know them better
* Ask students to introduce each other to the class
* Use mnemonics

And, very importantly, as you learn the names, make sure you use them often. If you don’t use them, you will lose them!