How to host the perfect zoom party

Since we've been in isolation, people are finding new ways to stay in contact like: Facetiming, WhatsApp and, of course Zoom, but using these systems isn't always as easy as it seems. I have found that talking to people over a screen isn't as easy as talking to them in a playground, so I've made this blog to help.

I tried to host a Zoom party with my friends, but it didn't go as well as I hoped. It started alright, we were catching up, talking, but then we started getting bored. My friends started going on their devices and ignoring each other. I just played music and sang along to pass the left-over hour and a half.

A few of the problems were that: the party didn't have structure, there wasn't anything to do, it went on for too long, there was too many people.

I think you need to:

1. Plan your party ahead of time – so your guests have time to prepare
2. Arrange activities, give your party a structure
3. Limit the number of friends invited
4. Fix the length of the party (an hour and a half is fine)
5. Keep an inside voice otherwise it gets too loud
6. Bring your own party food
7. You may even want to dress up.
8. Focus on the likes and dislikes of you guests
9. Warn others in the house to respect their privacy as your guests may be able to see behind you.

Here is my sister's feedback after her party using my tips:

"My party went well because I told them in advance what they needed to bring (pen & paper, hairbrush microphone and a mystery box). I planned quizzes where they had multiple choice questions and did a sing along which everyone enjoyed as they picked the songs they liked," she said having heard how mine went.