Teaching Principles at Sidmouth College



Prior to the Lesson

- 1. Evidence files are available and up to date.
- 2. Lessons are **planned** to be inclusive & challenge all groups of students. Resources take account of **cognitive overload.**
- 3. A number of **learning checks** are built into lessons. Effective formative assessment informs the teacher about progress towards learning outcomes. (R6)

Start of the Lesson

- 1. The teacher manages their threshold. Teachers 'Meet and Greet' & monitor
- 2. The first ten minutes of a lesson are **retrieval practice** set up prior to students entering the classroom. This **interleaves** previous learning and is completed and assessed in books. Interleaving is a key part of the recovery curriculum and may go beyond 10 minutes. (R 1)
- 3. The **Register** is completed.
- 4. The expected **learning outcomes** are shared with students to ensure they understand what they are doing and why; the **Learning outcome** is written in students' exercise books.
- 5. The success criteria is made explicit and focuses around expected end points within the lesson

Lesson Development

- 1. Lessons are fully inclusive. **Differentiation** is used to challenge all groups. Appropriate differentiated resources, approaches and activities support student progress.
- 2. Teachers **scaffold** tasks to ensure student can attempt each task. (R8)
- 3. Teachers provide students with **models** to help them understand what is expected of them. (R4)
- 4. **Questioning is** planned, systematic and targeted to deepen all students' learning and to assess understanding. A "No hands up /cold calling" approach is used for questioning (R3)
- 5. Students are provided with opportunities for focused independent learning, monitored by teacher. (R 9)
- 6. **Feedback** Mini Whiteboards are used effectively to check student learning
- 7. **Feedback**—RAG cards are used by students to show their level of understanding. Teachers use these as a signal to intervene and provide guidance.
- 8. **Feedback**—P**ITSTOP** time is promoted, inviting a range of different student responses and building in time for reflection.
- 9. Following summative assessments, a **'super teaching'** lesson is conducted to address gaps in knowledge. Assessment informs future teaching and gaps in knowledge are addressed through retrieval
- **10. Feedback** Teachers constantly conduct '**live marking'**, starting with DP and SEN students. Student presentation, literacy and gaps in learning are addressed. Green pen is used to record feedback from 'live marking.'
- 11. Literacy—subject specific vocabulary is explained and incorporated throughout the lesson.
- **12. Praise** and **Consequence** are displayed on a board.

End of the Lesson

- 1. Plenary The teacher reviews the progress made towards the lesson objectives and learning outcomes.
- 2. The **end** of the lesson is managed effectively (desks cleared, planners stamped, uniform checked etc), allowing for efficient transition between lessons. Students **must not** leave the classroom early. Teachers monitor their **thresholds**.