**WLD Teaching and Learning Digest – w/c 29th January 2018**

**This week:**

* Thought for the week this week is **Holocaust Memorial Week –** the PPT contains the Holocaust Memorial Week film.  I have also put an extract from ‘The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas’ in registers; should hopefully prompt some interesting discussions about why we need to remember this event.
* School T&L Priorities – Mr Sharples has very kindly designed our priorities on the CPD noticeboard (directly opposite the staffroom door).  Please take time to remind yourselves.  Thanks!
* Our Trainees are shadowing Progress Coordinators on Monday and Wednesday this week.
* Please prompt students to have planners and equipment ready at the start of every lesson.

**Teaching Approach of the Week – Try It!**

[**http://www.theconfidentteacher.com/2018/01/top-10-revision-strategies/**](http://www.theconfidentteacher.com/2018/01/top-10-revision-strategies/)

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| http://www.theconfidentteacher.com/wp-content/uploads/2014/08/20130407-2206571.jpg | [Top 10 Revision Strategies - theconfidentteacher.com](http://www.theconfidentteacher.com/2018/01/top-10-revision-strategies/)[www.theconfidentteacher.com](http://www.theconfidentteacher.com)Year after the year, the same pressures attend exam revision. Each year teachers try the old favourites, alongside a few new revision strategies to keep our students ... |

**The emphasis is on revision (or consolidation) of knowledge and skills at this time of the year – especially for Year 11.  Try these two and see if they work:**

**1. ‘Prepare to teach’** (Similar to ‘Just a Minute’).  Involves the common idea of getting students to teach a peer a topic/term from their revision. Read more in the above link on how effective ‘expect to teach’ can be.

**2. Topic ranking**. Remember that students are often **not** the best judge of the effectiveness of their own revision.  By getting students to rank their own knowledge of their topics being revised, they are evaluating their learning. Though they will probably be over-optimistic, it still helps students better calibrate their revision and monitor their ongoing progress. Give them a list of topics and try it this week as a starter!

**Recent Top Tips (abridged)… Keep using them if they worked!**

* **‘Just a Minute’ and ‘Exam Wrappers’**
* **Retrieval Practice – questions from last lesson, last week and last term**
* **Presentation as an indirect way of enhancing progress**
* **Unlocking key words – discussing possible meanings**
* **The ‘BIG Question’**
* **3B4ME – promoting independence**
* **WAGOLLs (what a good one looks like – use of model work)**
* **Pose, Pause, Pounce and Bounce**
* **Reading for understanding – mini-whiteboards, quick quizzes, verbal questioning, think-pair-share etc.**

**Top Tips in Two this Term**

Scheduled in this term, we have:

* Thurs 1st Feb – FD
* Weds 7th Feb – EH

**HALF-TERM**

* Weds 21st Feb – RW
* Thursday 1st March – TU

***After half-term:*** Please let me know if you are happy to share an idea; simple ideas are the best.

**CPD**

Reminder - Please let me have any course requests for this financial year asap.

If you are interested in attending this CPD conference, let me know.  There are some really good speakers attending.  It is on a Saturday – the only drawback!

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/researched-at-blackpool-research-school-tickets-39649489691>

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