



Spotlight on

LEARNING

...why we do what we do

Collaborative Learning



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What is

COLLABORATIVE LEARNING?

Collaborative learning is when groups of learners work together to search for understanding, solve problems, create a product or complete a task. Learners are responsible for one another's learning as well as their own- therefore the success of one learner helps other students to be successful. Collaboration can be formal or informal, learners may collaborate with others in their own class, other classes, other schools or within the community- both local and global.

"If real learning is to take place, our classrooms must be dependent on the collaboration of its learners, not solely on the knowledge of its teachers."

--Robert John Meehan

THE BEST COLLABORATIONS
CREATE SOMETHING
bigger
THAN THE SUM OF WHAT
EACH PERSON CAN CREATE
ON THEIR OWN



Why it's....

IMPORTANT

Neuroscience confirms that we learn through social interaction, and the organisation of learning should be highly social.

Co-operative group work, appropriately organised and structured, has demonstrated very clear benefits for achievement as well as for behavioural outcomes.

Co-operative methods work for all types of students because, done well, they push learners of all abilities.

The philosophy of learning underpinning collaboration is known as constructivism. John Dewey, Lev Vygotsky and Jean Piaget are some of the many theorists and researchers who have explored this philosophy. This approach empowers learners to think critically, be problem solvers, high level thinkers and take increasing responsibility for their learning.



Links to our

VALUES

Collaboration supports **curiosity** by empowering learners to pose their own problems, search for understanding and solutions together. Experiencing success as a group grows **confidence** in our learners. **Creativity** is fostered with opportunities to **collaborate** with design and creation. Learners have opportunities to **collaborate** with our wider **community**.



Links to the

RESEARCH

[Core Education](#)

'Collaboration'

[Prof Stephen Heppell- YouTube;](#)

'21st Century Learners'

[Future Focussed Learning](#)

'How Collaborative Learning Activities Build Powerful Student Brains'



It's all about

RELATIONSHIPS

Collaboration supports learners in developing the skills and dispositions needed to work alongside others.

Through collaborative tasks, learners will have opportunities to build relationships with not only their same age peers, but also those that are younger or older than they are.



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