

Testwood Sports College Teaching and Learning Policy	
Key Responsibility area:	Mark Shippides
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A) Principles

The college expects teachers to encourage learning through the use of a wide variety of teaching styles and strategies relevant to individual pupils.

Teaching will be designed to challenge and engage all pupils with expectations that they:

- 1) develop a range of study skills to improve learning and preparation for exams
- 2) to work independently and be prepared to take risks with their own learning.

ICT will be used to develop active and independent learning in the classroom.

B) Purposes

Teaching and learning will:

- 1) enable pupils to develop their full potential through an effective use of a range of learning experiences supported by a variety of resources and teaching styles.
- 2) offer a relevant and meaningful curriculum that will encourage pupils to take responsibility for their own learning.
- 3) embrace a culture where subject teachers develop the confidence to experiment with different styles of teaching.
- 4) be developed through opportunities to share good practice both in and between departments.
- 5) reflect the learning needs of pupils with the key principle behind all teaching being 'engagement not containment'.

C) Outcomes

It is expected that:

- 1) **all lessons will have clearly stated objectives and whenever feasible these will be cross referenced to national curriculum levels or GCSE grade boundaries**
- 2) **pupils will be given opportunities to develop the skills to make effective use of feedback and assessment to raise their attainment**
- 3) teaching and Learning will be at the heart of every senior leadership and middle leadership meeting
- 4) **teaching and learning will be an integral element of the school review cycle and the highest priority in all department reviews and audits**
- 5) an agreed programme of **professional learning** will take place annually
- 6) classroom practice will be developed to promote effective, flexible learning
- 7) teachers will ensure all lessons are well prepared and are delivered as part of an agreed unit that reflect departmental schemes of work
- 8) all units of work will build on previous learning experiences

- 9) teachers will be expected to work in partnership with Learning Support to ensure that help is efficiently organised
- 10) a wide variety of resources using different media will be developed to support the range of learning needs within a class group
- 11) teachers will monitor and assess work on a regular basis
- 12) pupils will be challenged by high teacher expectation of 4 LOP
- 13) learning will be complemented by home study activities.

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Signature of Chair of Governors:

