



This Week's

L&P

Programme

*Tuesday 26th
September*

14:45-15:00

BRIEFING

Deep Announcements

Lead: Principal

15:00-15:10

SRT Examples

Lead: Deep

Learning

Radar Progress

Checker

Lead: DSE

15:10-15:20

Fire Evacuation

Procedures

Lead: MFL

15:20-16:45

Department Time

Lead: HODs

**THIS WEEK'S
LEARNING
WALK
FOCUS:**

*Collaborative
Structures*



Common mistakes with collaborative learning- and how to avoid them!



Assuming that our students will magically work successfully together.

You must teach them how to successfully carry out a structure, coordinate their work with others and keep everyone included in the learning. Do this by helping them see the need, showing them exactly what to do, having them practice under your eagle eye, then give them feedback and coaching until their collaborative skills are automatic.



Not carefully monitoring the groups while they are working.

Be among the groups- correcting misconceptions, helping students understand, and reinforcing good teamwork skills. You could keep individuals on their toes by asking them at random to explain their groups work!



Assuming that collaborative learning and group work are the same.

Collaborative structures are created so that every member of the group has a job to do and the roles change. Group work does not have the same essential structure. Always use collaborative structures when wanting students to work together.



Letting students choose their own groups.



We would all choose our friends to work with if given the choice- it's safer. However, it takes a lot of skill to work with friends and not get off-task. In addition our students need to develop positive working relationships with all class members. Make sure you use the random seat generator so students get to know and work with divergent class members. Change groups every half-term.