



Thornhill  
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Academy

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# The TCA Way

## 1. Lesson Purpose

The focus of the lesson which is directly linked to assessment, not simply a reworked title of a topic to be covered. Directly linked to a programme of study or course specification. Used to clearly set out what students are going to learn.

## 2. The Hook

A piece of work routinely carried out at the very beginning of the lesson or on entry to ensure that not a second is lost. Also used to assess prior knowledge or to recap on learning.

## 3. Success Criteria

Assessment outcomes and expectations clearly shared, graded/levelled and understood by students which give a real 'purpose' to learning activities. These are systematically referred back to throughout, and at the end of the lesson to check students' progress and understanding.

## 4. Assessment of and Assessment for Learning

An opportunity to **MODEL** and measure learning within the lesson by the teacher or student(s). Students are also given an opportunity to **PRACTISE** learning. This will routinely include peer and self evaluation.

## 5. Plenary

An opportunity to review learning at the end of the lesson with clear reference to the 'Lesson Purpose'. It re-visits success criteria in order to check students' progress and explains further learning for the next lesson. This period of time should not be rushed and may include an explanation of homework activities in order to consolidate learning.

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