

NQT Teaching Tips 2016-2017

Week Commencing	Tip
05.09.16	Be in control of your planning. Look at different ways of maintaining your planner and then stick to it.
12.09.16	Ignore the 'smile before Christmas' rule. It is important to build positive relationships with students.
19.09.16	Keep the things you need, board pens, seating plans, rubber, etc. in a large plastic zip pocket, so you only have to remember one thing.
26.09.16	Try one new idea per week. Review it. Perfect it. Then try it again. Build up a personal repertoire of T&L methods.
03.10.16	Review your planner at the end of the working day and first thing when you arrive in school – there is nothing like feeling in control!
10.10.16	A seating plan is great to prevent behaviour issues. Tweak it regularly until it works. It reminds students it's YOUR room.
17.10.16	The NQT year is hard! Make sure you have at least one day each weekend and one evening a week that is work free.
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31.10.16	Tackle the most significant behaviour you would like a student to change. Tackle others later!
07.11.16	During the NQT year you are entitled to some external training. Make sure you don't miss out.
14.11.16	Create a professional teacher Twitter profile. There is a great support network out there.
21.11.16	Give students a free choice of homework from time to time. You will be surprised by their creativity and engagement.
28.11.16	There is so much to be learnt from observing other teachers. Ask your mentor to recommend teachers to you.
05.12.16	Ask your mentor or another experienced teacher if they can moderate your marking – Look at how they do it, too.
12.12.16	Do you know your classes are making expected progress? How do you know?
19.12.16	Raise your profile in the school by contributing in some way to the wider life of the school: sports, drama, music ...
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09.01.17	Develop student leadership in class. Ask them to plan a starter or plenary or activity for revision on a rotation basis.
16.01.17	It's all too easy to get sucked into staffroom politics and gossip. Try to avoid energy-sapping behaviours.
23.01.17	'The Day' is a fantastic subscription service online with current affairs news articles and activities for students.
30.01.17	Encourage students to ask their own questions of a stimulus, rather than have questions provided by the teacher.
06.02.17	Mix things up! Add an element of surprise in your lessons that keep students engaged and make them think.
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20.02.17	Build in D.I.R.T. time for about 15 minutes when you hand back work, so students have time to reflect and set targets.
27.02.17	What do you understand by 'British Values'? How do you

	demonstrate and promote good citizenship in your lessons?
06.03.17	Try to relieve pressure and anxiety around exams and tests by planning your language on those issues carefully.
13.03.17	Use spaced learning techniques to help students consolidate and revise prior learning.
20.03.17	Are you making the best use of any TAs in your classes? Try to meet them regularly to discuss students and work.
27.03.17	Make form time a valuable learning space to discuss current affairs, learn how to learn and celebrate individual successes.
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17.04.17	Share your passion for your subject with your students. Tell them why you love the subject and how it has shaped you.
24.04.17	Don't let your guard down in cover lessons. Students you do not teach could be in your class next year. Stay professional.
01.05.17	Have a thought for the day with your form. Maybe link it to a national or international event or local tradition.
08.05.17	Keep on top of low level disruption, uniform and other basic expectations. It can prevent bigger problems from emerging.
15.05.17	Invite colleagues to feedback on your strengths and areas for development as a teacher.
22.05.17	Look for an opportunity to share good practice with another school. Contact the Advanced Learning Alliance for links.
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05.06.17	Arrange to meet with trainee teachers in your school and share with them your tips and experiences for the NQT year.
12.06.17	Now is a good time to consider your options for further study or classroom research. Talk with your CPD lead.
19.06.17	Are you ambitious for a leadership role in school? If so, meet with your line manager to discuss extra experience for you.
26.06.17	Take time to reflect on your teaching this year. What went well? What could you improve next year?
03.07.17	Arrange to teach in a different space or to team teach a lesson with another colleague to spice up a lesson.
10.07.17	Only employ group work when you intend for students to work together as a group and task requires it.
17.07.17	Have a plan for yourself for the summer. Now is the time to really rest, recover and remind yourself what you work for!