

Let's Think in English Course - Primary

"An approach to developing thinking, quality and dialogue"

5 Sessions

The Compass Partnership of Schools has been selected as the South East London Hub for Let's Think (previously known as Cognitive Acceleration) programme. The Let's Think in English programme, developed at King's College London, is an approach to teaching that successfully develops the quality and depth of thinking in the classroom through talk. The lessons enhance children's ability to reason in increasingly complex ways, with high quality challenges providing a context for learning.

The fifth cohort begins on Friday 3rd November 2017, from 9.30am - 3.00pm at Horn Park Primary School. The rest of the sessions will take place on 12th January, 23rd February, 23rd March and 29th June. Over the course of the 5 sessions, teachers will be able to observe lessons in other schools, plan their own lessons, and practice delivering these in the training schools. The cost of the 5 sessions is £500. The course is planned and delivered by Michael Walsh, the innovator of Let's Think in English.

The course is most effective if two teachers are able to attend from one school so that they can support each other with development and implementation.

The intention of the Let's Think approach is to accelerate the general thinking level of the learners (intelligence) well beyond normal good teaching. Numerous research papers published over a thirty-year period have shown the effects are:

- **permanent** i.e. do not fade with time;
- **across subjects** i.e. not confined to the school subject they started with;
- **statistically significant** compared with similar classes without Let's Think lessons.

"My participation in LTE has had a profound impact on my style of teaching - making me more aware of both my own teaching style and of the expectations of my pupils."

Assistant Head Teacher

Let's Think is a teaching approach based on exemplar classroom activities in science, mathematics and english (currently being trialled). The activities address the progression of key concepts and reasoning in the subject. Let's Think is a peer to peer coaching model and teachers benefit from reviewing their teaching and students' learning alongside one another, with input from an expert coach. LTE lessons systematically develop students' skills of inference, deduction and analysis, increasing their confidence, resilience, understanding and ability to express their ideas.

You can learn more about Let's Think across subjects at: <http://www.letsthink.org.uk/>

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