

# St Andrew's Academy

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The purpose of this newsletter is to share excellent practice across our school.

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This account is for staff to share ideas, professional learning, resources and good practice.

## App of the month

[Calm - Meditation and Sleep by Calm.com](https://www.calm.com)



## Podcasts of the month

[Behaviour Management Episode 1 by Dr. Bill Rodgers](#)

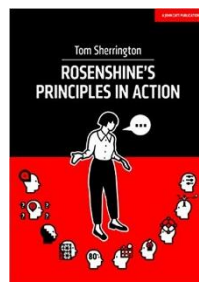
[The boost students need to overcome obstacles | Anindya Kundu from TED Talks](#)



## Recommended Reading

Rosenshine's Principles in Action demonstrates practical ways to enhance classroom practice.

This can be borrowed from our Staff CPD Library.



## Upcoming Events

### September 25

Learning Walks Day 1

### September 26

Learning Walks Day 2

### October 23

S1 Learning to Learn Event

## Focus on Interleaving

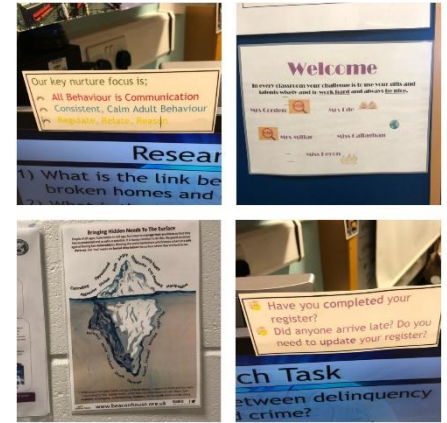
In this month's Learning and Teaching Journal Club, we read, [Strengthening the student Toolbox – Study Strategies to boost learning](#) by John Dunlosky. The discussion focused around interleaving, a strategy used to improve knowledge retention in students. The idea is to constantly revisit material that has been previously learnt, whilst at the same time learning a new topic. The Math's Dept have implemented this idea in their schemes of work. More info can be found [here](#).

# Sharing good practice

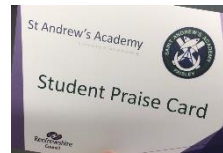
## Nurture Update

The Nurture Core Group are taking Nurture to Departmental Meetings beginning this month. Reinforcing the importance of calm, consistent behaviour. The Social Subjects Department have added reminders for staff on all classroom computers of our focus – All Behavior is Communication, in addition to this outside every classroom, they have displayed this Hidden Needs poster beside our Weekly Focus.

Another way they are welcoming visiting teachers to the department is to display all of the teachers names on the doors of the classrooms in which they teach.



## Student Praise Cards



This term we have launched our Student Praise Cards. Each member of staff has one per week to give to a student who is displaying above and beyond behaviours. This term we have issued over 500 Student Praise Cards. Some of the feedback from pupils has made us smile,

“Yesssss (to his friend in the class) I got the Praise Card this week!”

“I've never been given a certificate to take home from school before” S4 pupil

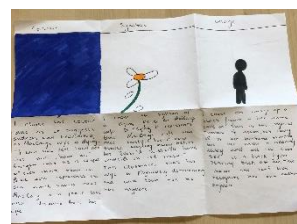
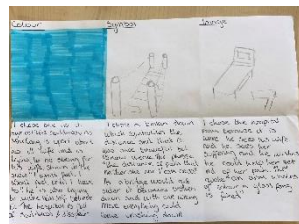
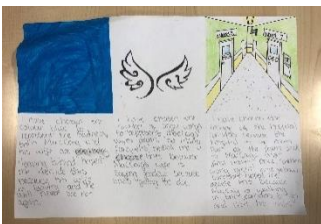
“Cheers Miss”



## Learning and Teaching Idea of the Month

Colour Symbol Image (CSI) (from Making Thinking Visible)

This method used here in our English Dept encourages pupils to analyse in diverse ways, as every pupil is encouraged to interpret an idea, event or text differently. More information can be found [here](#).



## In-house CPD coming soon...

### Leadership

K Henry will lead a session looking at leadership.

### De-escalation Techniques

Information from J Conn about de-escalation.

### The Shape of a lesson

A Cairra will exemplify the flow of a lesson.

### The role of the Pastoral Care Teacher

AL Brennan will give a whistle stop tour of Pastoral Care.

### Creating a Professional Twitter

Advice for staff wishing to set up a professional twitter account from C McGarvey.

Dates to follow in an email from L Melrose.