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

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TED is a nonprofit organization dedicated to sharing good ideas.

App of the month
Quizlet Flashcards and Homework

This app allows pupils to study on the go; there are pre made flashcards for N5 and Higher courses. There is availability for pupils to hear the correct pronunciation of Modern Languages also.
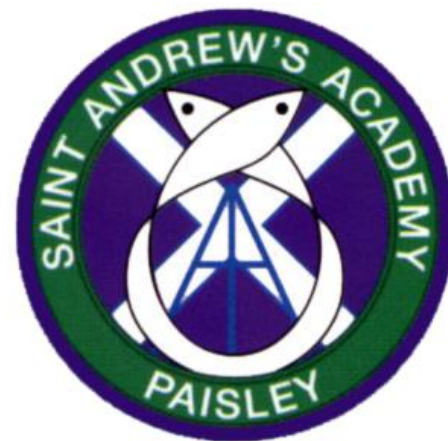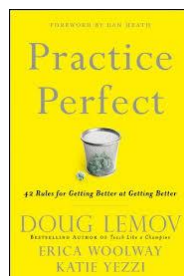
Podcasts of the month

Episode 17 - An EduBlether About Behaviour

Recommended Reading

Practice Perfect is an excellent book that raises lots of practical points for teachers considering their professional development. It is well researched and has an easy style.
This can be borrowed from our Staff CLPL Library.

Upcoming Events

September 19

S4 Learning to Learn

Focus on Behaviour

In this month's Learning and Teaching Professional Reading Group, we discussed the psychology of behavior. The article can be found in the staff CLPL Glow Group Files area, here.

PIP RIP

Praise In Public

Reprimand In Private

10 tips on tackling low level disruption:

Praise the good ✅
Use assertive language 🗣️
Tactically ignore 👀
Avoid whole class sanctions 🔴
Use rewards 👑
Check seating plans 🔲
Wait for quiet 😌
Use the teacher stare! 👀
Bold body language 🧍
Task ready on entry 📥

Sharing good practice

Nurture Update

The Nurture Core Group heard from Julie Sloan and Lucy Carson about their attendance at a recent conference. Conference slides can be found [here](#).

Student Praise Cards were discussed and a suggestion to have a particular focus were made. All teaching staff are reminded that they should issue one per week to a pupil. This is having a positive impact on pupil behavior. We heard back from depts on their change ideas. The full minute can be found [here](#). The Social Subject Dept have found that posting home dept praise cards coupled with the whole dept focusing on praise has resulted in a decline in referrals in a targeted year group.

DEAR (Drop Everything And Read) Time

This term the English Department have introduced DEAR Time during various days each month. This reading scheme affords S1 pupils time to read for the first 10 minutes after both interval and lunchtime regardless of which subject they are in. This is providing S1 pupils with as much private reading time as possible and compliments our Accelerated Reader initiative.
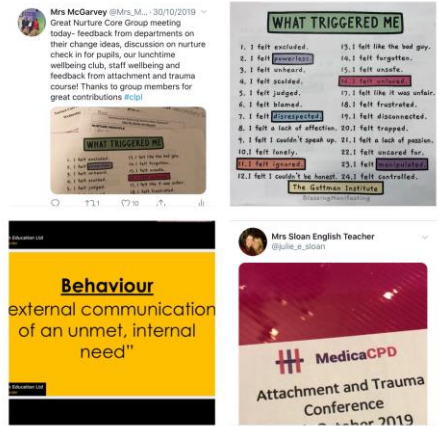
Learning and Teaching Idea of the Month

Retrieval Grid with Timer

This resource used in our ICT Department allows teachers to assess knowledge recall and understanding under timed conditions. Lynsey Melrose has developed this shared resource for all staff to use. You can find both files you require [here](#) please note you must download both files to your computer to use. Please feel free to share any resources you may have developed in our shared Learning and Teaching folder [here](#).

In-house CLPL

November

Edmodo

18/11/19 4pm – 4.30pm

ENG 4

Meeting Learners Needs

21/11/19 4pm -4.45pm

SFL 1

One Drive

25/11/19 4pm – 4.45pm

ICT 6

Differentiation

27/11/19 3pm – 4pm

ENG 4