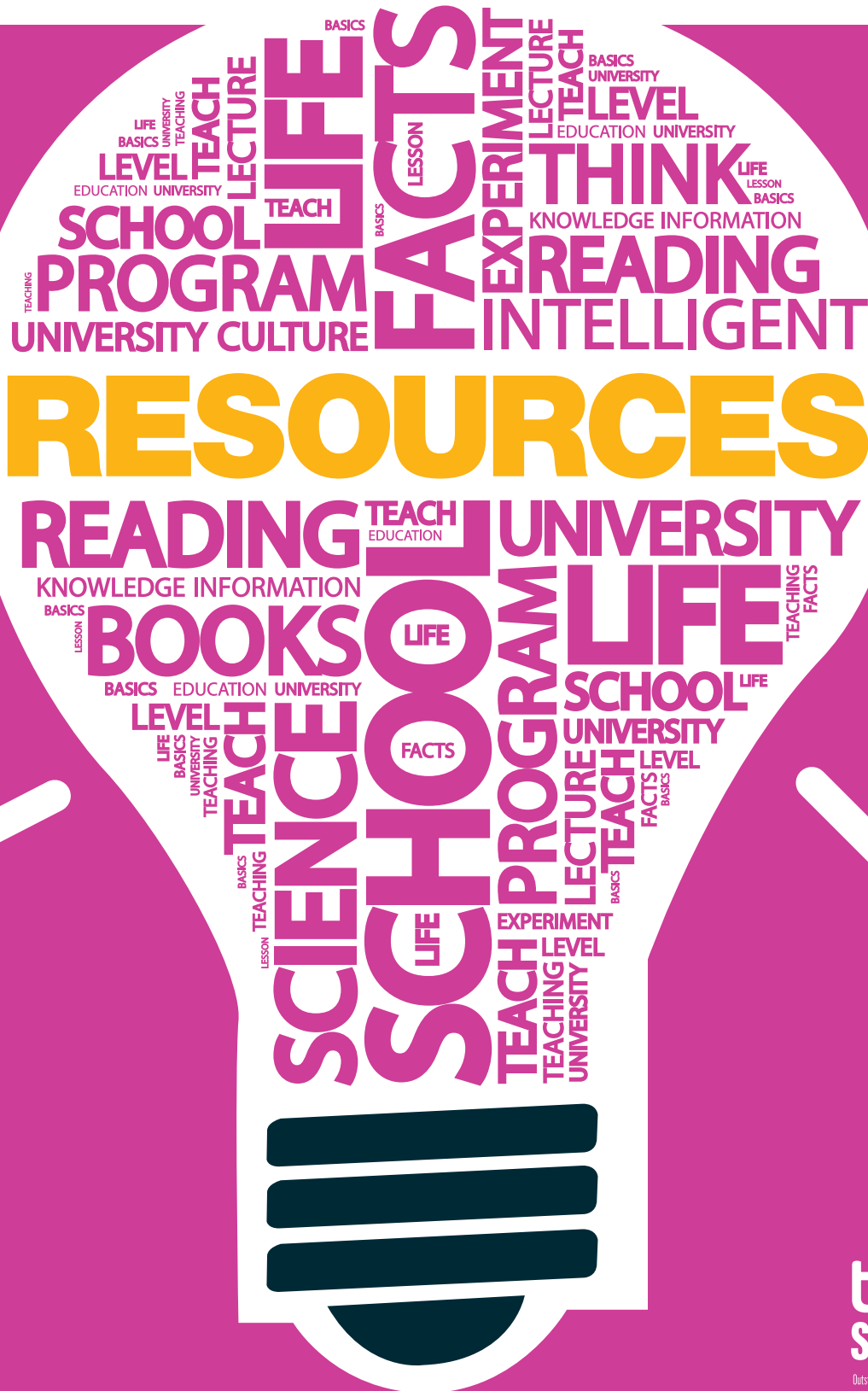


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– Derby College teacher; visited Dearne Valley in March 2023

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– Student visitor

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2

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4

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ATTENDANCE AND REINTEGRATION

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"Pupils' attendance improves; evidence shows that the approaches taken enable pupils to make progress, and in many cases, successfully reintegrate back into their school or other educational placements." – Ofsted Accreditation Report 2024

2

"I was really struggling with my mental health and was certain I wasn't going to do my GCSEs this year. However, you all made me look forward to each of your lessons... I felt motivated and happy. Thanks to you I'm able to complete my GCSEs." – Olivia, Y11

3

"Lilia was out of school due to health issues. Since she joined Academy21, the school has been very supportive. She is still on roll with her local school, and there has been really, really good communication between them, us and Academy21." – Lilia's mum, Coralie

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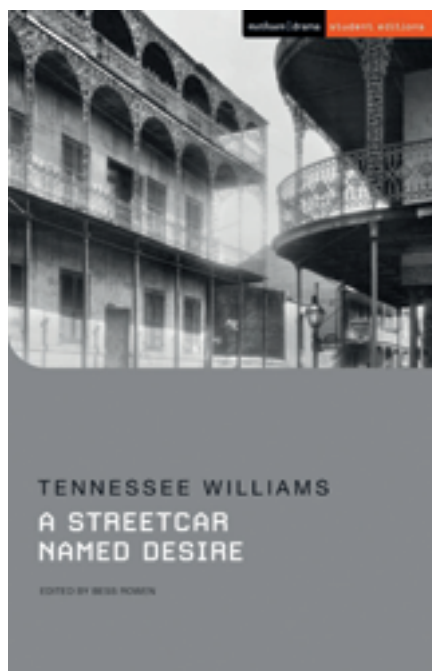
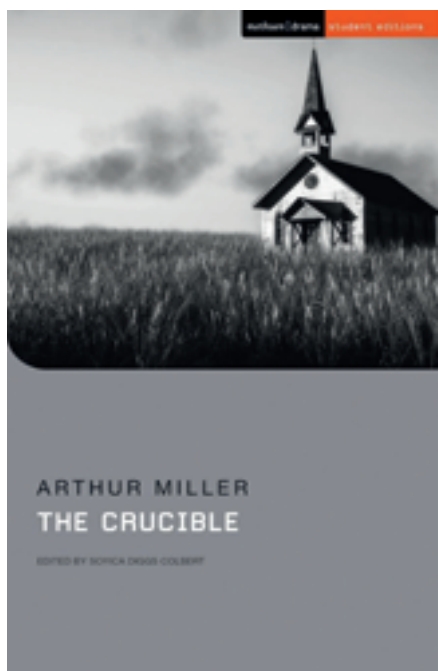
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Develop Brilliant Speaking

We examine a resource that sets out to help children find their true voice and grow in confidence...



AT A GLANCE

- A new customisable teacher resource for boosting KS3 oracy skills in English
- Tried and tested lesson plans, PowerPoints, videos and worksheets
- Challenges all learners with inspiring activities on relatable topics
- Supports the transition from primary to secondary school
- High-quality, evidence-informed oracy teaching

REVIEW BY JOHN DABELL

Oracy skills need to be taught, just as we routinely teach the skills of literacy, mathematics, science and so on. It could even be argued that oracy is the beating heart of a school, being both a curricular and pedagogical concern that improves cognitive development and academic achievement.

The issue, however, is that while many teachers possess knowledge of what oracy skills are, some will lack confidence in challenging and stretching pupils' speaking and listening abilities. Teaching oracy well is something that can require considerable amounts of CPD.

Enter *Develop Brilliant Speaking* – an exciting teacher pack developed by assistant headteacher Djamila

Boothman, which focuses on teaching and improving speaking and listening skills in the classroom, alongside strategies for promoting and embedding oracy across the curriculum.

Written by a leading secondary school teacher, the contents are packed with practical advice, guidance and tips for improving oracy at Y7. At its heart, this resource is all about empowerment via helping students to find their voices, and confidently articulate and air their thoughts and feelings. This they do through activities that variously touch on debating, interthinking, speech-writing, listening, responding and working collaboratively.

Develop Brilliant Speaking contains 10 punchy lesson plans with accompanying

PowerPoints – the latter of which include an introduction to oracy, as well as presentations on non-verbal aspects of oracy, working with others, active listening and ways of boosting confidence.

The customisable lesson plans come complete with worksheets, homework activities, engaging tasks and even some thought-provoking videos, which, as you'd expect, present many prompts for class discussions. There are also additional notes to support oracy across the curriculum, along with guidance on how to continue developing these skills post-Y7.

What's interesting is how the pack doesn't just focus on one category of oracy *per se*, but also encompasses physical, linguistic, cognitive and cultural, social and emotional oracy. There's a clear recognition that oracy skills are perhaps best embedded across the teaching and learning of *all* subjects – thus making this resource a sound springboard for fostering a whole school approach to oracy, since it contains subject-specific suggestions for practice across the school.

Oracy remains a hot topic. Research has shown that the most effective classroom talk occurs when teachers have a clear sense of how to provide supportive and productive contexts for said talk, where participation and productive dialogue is actively encouraged. This resource can serve as a transformative teacher training tool and professional development toolkit, in the service of helping students develop into more articulate and active citizens.

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VERDICT

- ✓ Slots easily into any KS3 scheme of work
- ✓ Builds social skills and empathy, while facilitating meaningful interactions
- ✓ Supports efforts at improving social mobility and equity
- ✓ Prepares students for participation in the wider world
- ✓ Can improve academic outcomes

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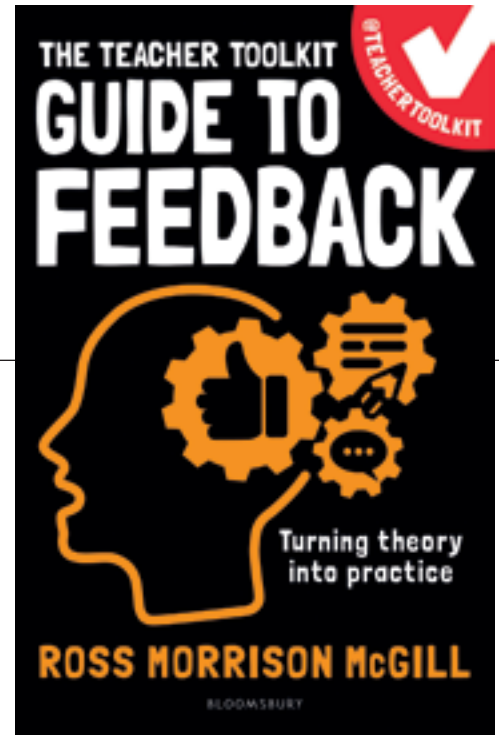
The Teacher Toolkit Guide to Feedback

Keen to improve your use of feedback but unsure where to start? The answers you seek may well be here...

AT A GLANCE

- Focuses on techniques to transform feedback practice
- Details nine real-life case study examples
- Presents scaffolded ideas, worked examples, infographics, charts, diagrams and templates
- Contains a range of recommendations, tips and suggestions for applying feedback ideas
- Features a foreword penned by Professor John Hattie

REVIEWED BY: JOHN DABELL



The term 'feedback' can cover a whole spectrum of assessment practices, ideas and approaches. Unfortunately, however, it's tended to be the case that one or two types of feedback dominate at the expense of others, to the point of shaping wider narratives around inspection and education.

In *The Teacher Toolkit Guide to Feedback*, Ross Morrison McGill seeks to engage with all the varieties of formative assessment that teachers might turn to, and covers a range of strategies for use both inside and outside the classroom. The book presents an admirably nuanced picture of the feedback methods teachers can draw on, showcasing what effective verbal, non-verbal and written feedback looks like.

A series of chapter-length case studies delve into particular assessment challenges, documenting how the relevant school sought to address it, and the results their actions had. Each study then concludes by highlighting the crucial role that feedback techniques played in each respective scenario, and how well they support students in answering three crucial questions of themselves - 'Where am I going?', 'How am I doing?' and 'Where to next?'

Outside of the case study chapters, readers can expect a rich mix of writing around the latest research and evidence concerning feedback, plus lots of practical

advice. These different sides to the book are presented in a clear, user-friendly way that could well inspire you to give ideas such as the 'Orange Box approach', 'the KFC method' and the 'Praise, probe, identify, plan and lock' a try within your own setting.

QR codes peppered throughout the book contain helpful links to further reading and research - including an additional welcome message from McGill, as well as notes on the different factors that can influence feedback, aspects of social research, further case study nuggets and accompanying downloads.

A defining feature of the book is how it eschews any surplus - stripping away the dense edu-jargon in favour of breaking down the theory involved in feedback down to its essentials, thus enabling teachers to grasp the essence of the ideas the book discusses without being bamboozled.

The valuable insights, useful advice and real-world examples found within *The Teacher Toolkit Guide to Feedback* should go some way towards helping you realise those benefits within your own setting, while also giving you a deeper understanding of the different forms that formative assessment can take. It also provides an important reminder that perhaps the most powerful diagnostic tool teachers have within their armoury is the teacher-pupil conversation.

What you get in this book is a toolkit of evidence-based practical ideas, masses to

reflect on and a springboard for making formative assessment relevant, efficacious and impactful. It's relevant for pedagogical leaders, classroom practitioners and TAs, and will be extremely useful during any reorganisation of the culture surrounding feedback within your school.

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VERDICT

- ✓ Shows how educational theory can be turned into useful practice
- ✓ Sets out ways of developing self-regulated learning and performance
- ✓ Signposts the way towards effecting positive change in your school's teaching and learning
- ✓ Clear, jargon-free explanations
- ✓ Ideal for teacher training and staff development sessions

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Employable Me

An interactive online resource to help young people prepare to enter the world of work

AT A GLANCE

- Created and delivered by the charity Young Enterprise
- A comprehensive online course divided into discrete units
- Covers all the essentials of job-hunting, such as CV writing and interview technique
- Includes further useful units on knowing your USP and cleaning up your social media presence
- Presented in a lively and accessible way

REVIEW BY: MIKE DAVIES

Do you remember your first job interviews? Perhaps you'd rather forget them – the squirming self-doubt, the panic of being under-prepared, the cringeworthy replies born from ignorance and/or naive arrogance...

The careers advice provided at secondary school should go some way towards preventing these kinds of issues. And yet, while the overall quality of careers advice has dramatically improved over the years (particularly when compared to my own school days), the limited time and resourcing that schools can dedicate to their careers offering mean that advisors and teachers often face an uphill struggle.

Step forward, Young Enterprise. As a national charity committed to helping young people succeed in the ever-changing world of work, Young Enterprise is dedicated to empowering those leaving full-time education to make the most of their potential. That includes providing invaluable practical guidance to those taking their first tentative steps into the jobs market through its YE Learning Zone platform and comprehensive Employable Me online course.

Employable Me covers all the key aspects of job-hunting in an enjoyable and accessible way. As you'd expect, students are given essential advice on how to craft a good CV, prepare for interviews and generally give the best possible account of themselves – all of which is presented via

separate units that students can work through at their own pace.

What really impresses me about Employable Me are the inclusion of additional thought-provoking activities that are designed to make users think beyond the obvious employment essentials. For one thing, there's a whole unit dedicated to helping learners consider their own unique selling points – because after all, why would any employer invest in someone who doesn't even know themselves what makes them special?

There's also a unit dedicated to encouraging young people to clean up

their social media presence. I'll bet that there are plenty of people who now wish, back in the day, that they'd had someone other than their parents or teachers telling

them to delete this comment, or think again about posting that content. Because which young people are ever going listen to what they have to say about social media?

The information is conveyed throughout in a range of interesting and interactive ways that are a million miles away from the dry, airless careers sessions of my youth. Also included are brief questionnaires to help learners crystallise their self-knowledge, short video clips that serve to illustrate sound interview techniques and mini-quizzes to check for understanding.

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