

Curriculum and Assessment – Proven, practical ways to boost engagement and progress for all learners

1. What does the term 'curriculum' mean to you? Without using a dictionary or any other source, spend 2 minutes jotting down your own definition of the term 'curriculum'.

2. Thinking about your current curriculum, list 3 elements which you feel are particularly strong?

3. Next, consider whether any elements of the curriculum are weaker/ over-due for a review and refresh? A good test here is to think about the elements you least enjoy teaching and which pupils respond least well to.

4. One of the comments I hear most often about the curriculum is that it is over-full and that teachers feel under pressure when it comes to coverage. How does that resonate with you?

5. Take a moment to familiarise yourself with The Pareto Principle (also known as the 80:20 principle) described below. We will explore the implications of this in the webinar itself.

The Pareto principle (named after the economist Vilfredo Pareto and also known as the 80/20 principle) reminds us that, surprisingly often, around 20% of the inputs lead to around 80% of the outputs (Koch, 2017). In education, this broadly means that a relatively small number of vital concepts may hold significant value in terms of academic achievement. The challenge is to work out which concepts are the most essential in each subject, and so should be prioritised or front-loaded.

Part 2: Assessment

1. Complete the following statement “I believe assessment should be”

2. How would you describe your pupils' 'assessment diet'? Are assessment tasks sufficiently varied, engaging and challenging to allow all pupils to demonstrate the very best of what they are capable of?

3. What is the most successful assessment activity you have ever used? What made it so successful?

4. Currently, how invested and engaged do you think your pupils are in the assessment process itself?

5. How developed are the principles of peer and self-assessment in your school?

We look forward to seeing you online on Wednesday 20th & 27th November at 1:30 pm UK time.

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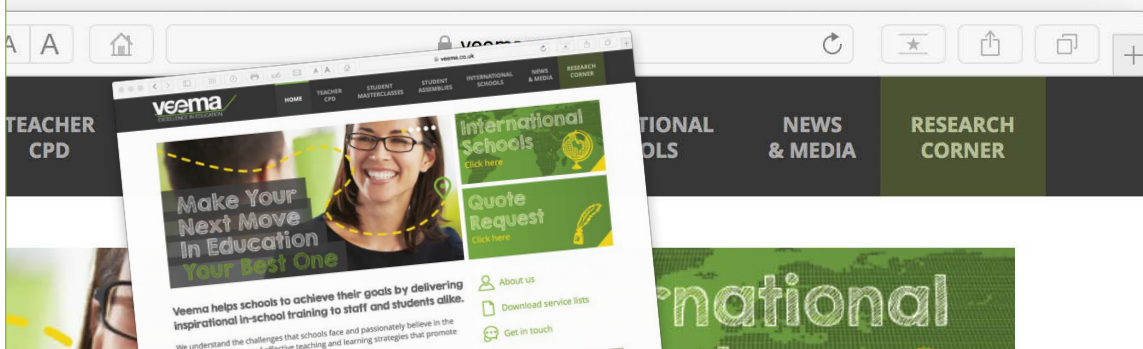


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