

Curriculum

2022/23



Information Booklet

Teaching and Learning 2022/2023

When we talk about a 'School Curriculum' we are talking about all of the deliberately planned opportunities for learning. This includes all lessons, clubs, trips and experiences, and the culture and ethos of the school.

Our Curriculum has 3 aims:

Successful Learners

We want all students to feel successful in their learning and to understand how they learn best to help them achieve well within school but also in whatever they do after they have left school.



Confident Individuals

Students who feel successful and who are continually improving in all the subjects they study, and as a person will grow in confidence and be ready to take on whatever the future holds.



Responsible Citizens

We want our students to develop a keen understanding of the world in which they live and to develop the personal and moral values to help them take their place in society as informed citizens who both show respect and are respected by others.



Curriculum Design

We want our lessons to be full of...



Ideas that Inspire the
Imagination



Memorable
Experiences



Ideas that are Relevant
to the Students Lives



Opportunities that develop
a deep comprehension of a
wide and rich vocabulary



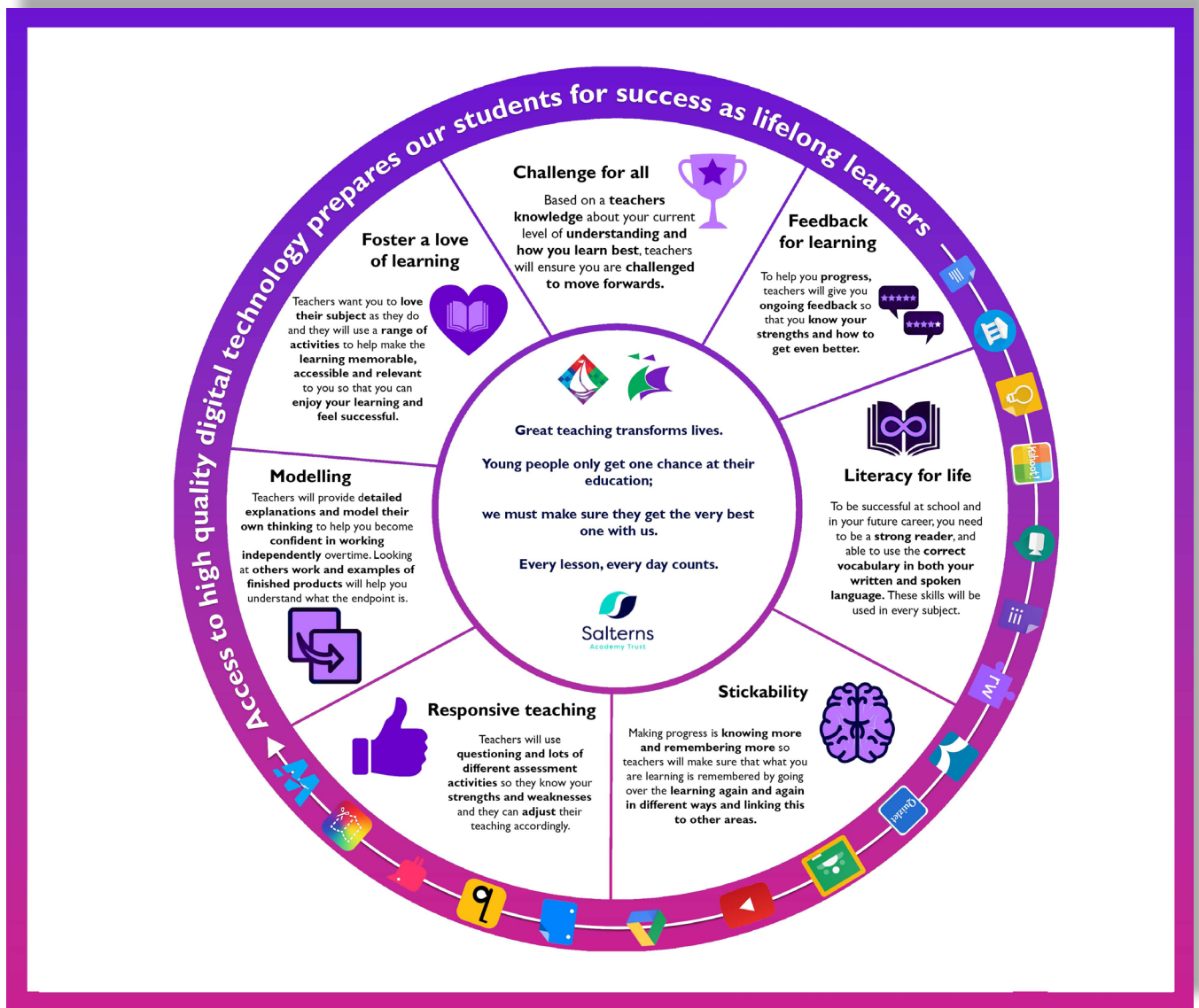
Opportunities that build student skills in
areas that employers seek such as oracy,
creative thinking and problem solving

Teaching and Learning

Within The Salterns Academy Trust our teaching is designed around our Teaching and Learning Principles which we have developed based upon educational research from around the world. Subject teams use these principles when planning sequences of lessons and we want students to understand the purpose of what they are doing in lessons, so there is a student version of these principles that will be displayed in every classroom.



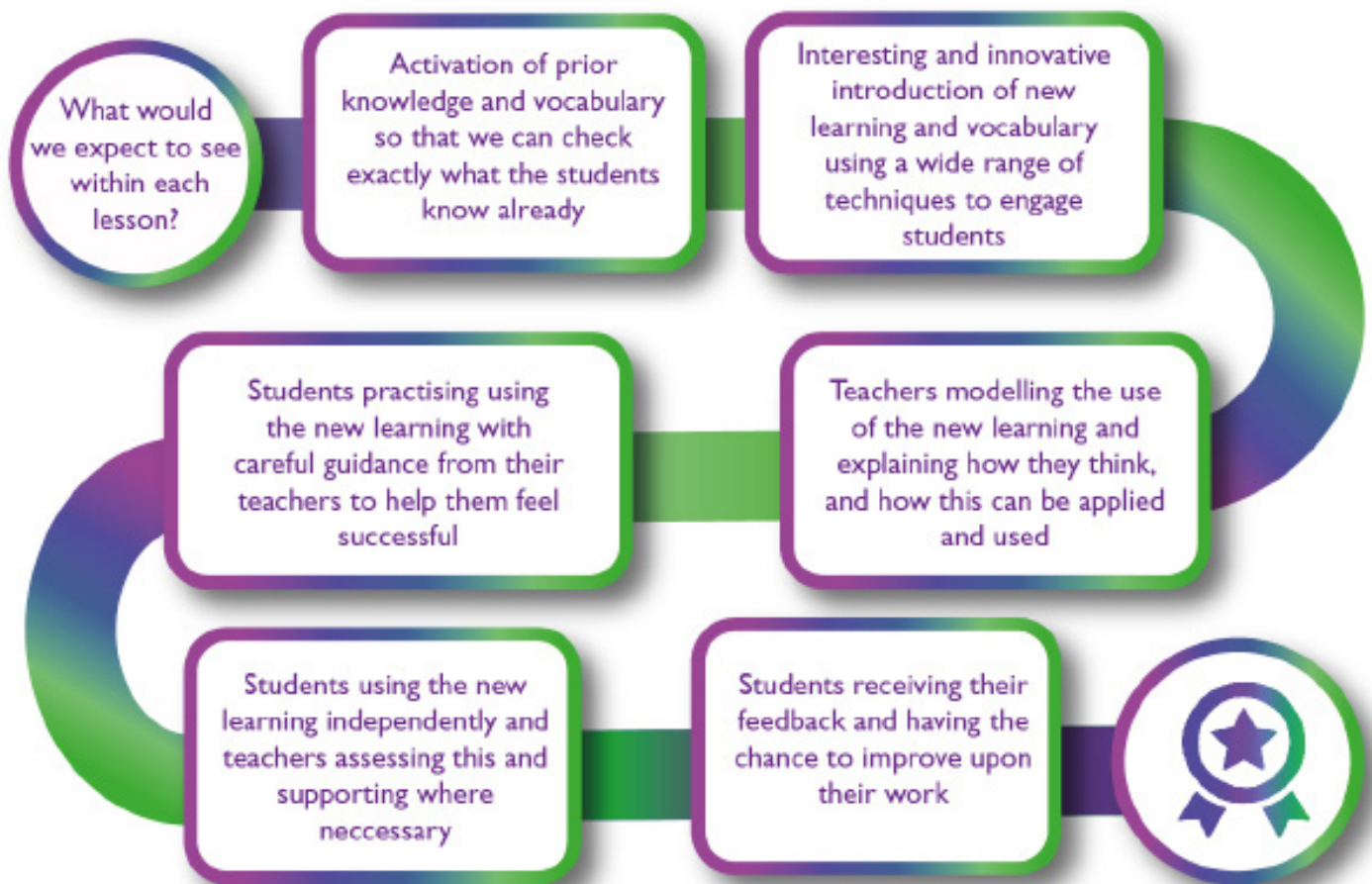
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*Teaching & Learning Principles 2022 - Parent Version

How Does This Look Within a Lesson?

Based upon these principles, what we would expect to see within each lesson is:



Longer Lesson Time

Currently we have a five period day, with each lesson being 60 minutes long. Lessons can sometimes be pushed for time to include all these aspects and to allow for deeper learning and time for students to immerse themselves in a subject.

That is why from September 2022 we are changing the structure of the school day so that most lessons are taught in 100 minutes lessons.



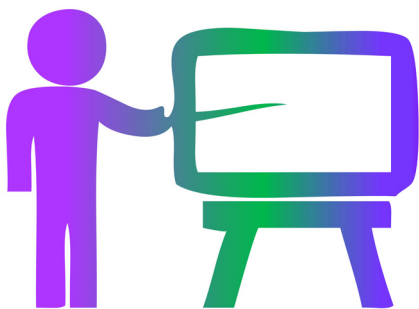
Having 100 Minute Long Lessons Will...



Help facilitate deeper learning and ensure that there is time to really master the learning within the lesson rather than being rushed



Give time for students to be immersed in a subject and really focus upon this rather than rushing to what's next



Reduce the hectic nature of the day for both students and staff, with students mostly studying 3 subjects a day not 5



Ensure that in practical lessons there is time to develop the work and not have to stop after they are just getting into it

How Will We Make this Work with Longer Lesson Length and Student Attention Spans?

(This is one of the challenges and 100 minutes is a long time to spend in one lesson.)

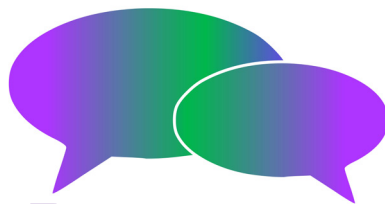
We've been planning for this since February and the answer is 'Teacher Planning'.

Our focus in all lessons will be on:

- ▶ Ensuring that in each lesson there is a range of different activities, chunked up into different sections within the lesson
- ▶ Ensuring students understand the purpose of what they are doing and that they see the relevance in what they are learning
- ▶ Making sure that there are opportunities for students to be **actively learning** with more:



Group Work



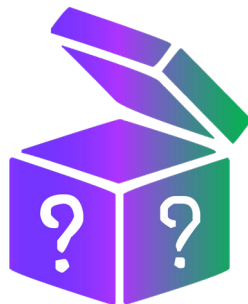
Discussion
Work



Creative
Learning



Use of
Technology

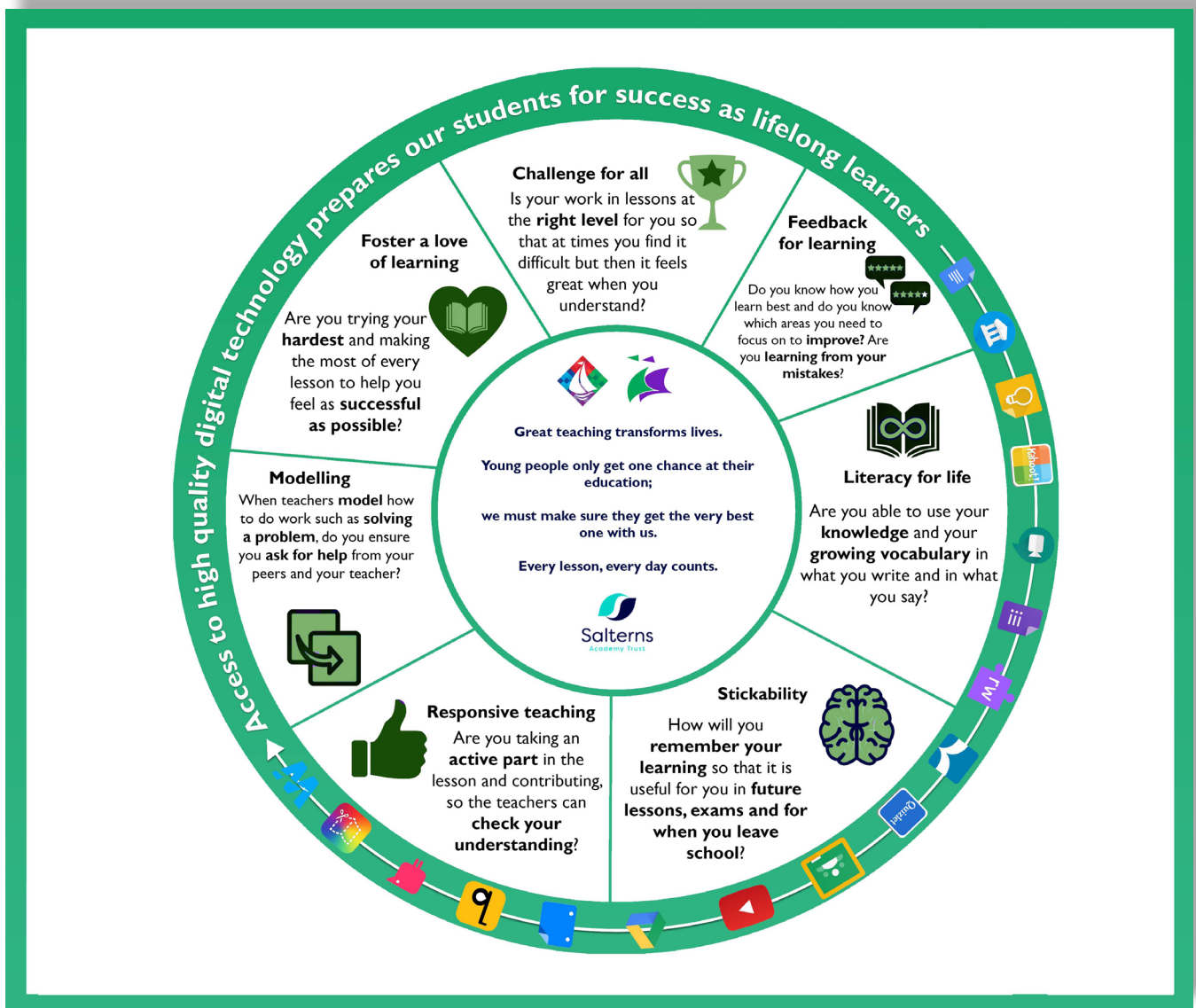


Games
and Quizzes



Problem Solving
Tasks

The aim of the teaching and learning principles is to build flexible, long-term knowledge that students will be able to use skillfully in the future, as seen previously. This version is catered to students with the use of questions and will be displayed in every classroom.



*Teaching & Learning Principles 2022 - Student Version