

Take Control of the Noisy Class With the Needs Focused Approach™

How to Succeed With Difficult Groups and Challenging Students

Before the Lesson

- Establishing Control at the Door
- Setting the right tone and getting students on your side from the start
- Having routines in place to eliminate arguments and unsettled starts

An excellent lesson start

- The three best ways to get them settled and working
- Suitable starter activities guaranteed to get their attention and stop them talking
- How to get them involved in discussion – an activity that will guarantee participation

Maintaining lesson flow and re-establishing control

- Using targets to keep students focused on task
- How to use praise *properly* to get (and keep) the most challenging students on task and on your side
- Pre-empting problems – what to say to students to prevent problems from escalating

Dealing with common classroom behaviour problems

- Fast-acting, effective strategies for constant talking, lost/forgotten equipment, late arrivals, defiance, refusal to work, interruptions, rude comments, mobile phones, swearing and low-level disruption
- How to swiftly diffuse serious incidents, arguments and fights
- What to say and how to say it – how to get students to listen and do as you ask

Consequences

- How to deliver consequences which end arguments without causing resentment and escalation
- The Ten Minute Detention – a surprisingly effective consequence

Starting over with the 'Class From Hell'

- How to break the negative cycle and create a more positive, *hopeful* & atmosphere where students look forward to future lessons
- How to run a successful class meeting to gain their respect, trust and compliance

Long term prevention

- Transforming the Noisy Class - a long term approach to succeeding with challenging students

Post-course assessment