

**Dalziel High School
S5/S6 Learning Group
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What makes a good lesson?

Good interaction between the teacher and the pupil. Avoid copying notes for the full period, different methods make lesson interesting like video clips. Some group work is good but not too much as it can feel like a waste of time and not be helpful for the exam. Debates are good, breaking the lessons down balancing all the elements.

Planned lesson and letting pupils know what they will be doing for the next lesson is good. Teachers who are enthusiastic about their subject makes lessons more enjoyable.

How do you think teachers should share good practice?

Pupils felt teachers visiting each other's lessons was a good way. They felt that this was a good thing to happen as it showed staff to be open minded and willing to change as they remember teachers taking notes during observed lessons when they were in S1/2. Once the stress of the new curriculum passes they pupils feel it would be a good thing to do. Lots of new staff have joined and the group felt this would be a good thing for them too.

Good for each teacher to see each other in their departments and across the school. It is good to see teachers in different departments so they are not focused on the content of the lesson but the techniques being used. It would be really good for new teachers to find out about other departments.

Possible Actions:

- Share groups thoughts with SMT
- Share thoughts with SEL group and discuss how this impacts on the 'Good Practice Visits'
- Share minutes with stakeholders via the website