



CRITICAL SKILLS PROGRAMME Newsletter



Welcome to Issue 5 of the CSP Newsletter



Welcome to the fifth edition of the Critical Skills Newsletter. Many thanks to those of you who have had the opportunity to respond with contributions, sharing exciting developments from schools and colleges across the UK. This month's newsletter includes photographs from a recent Level One Institute - which we hope will trigger memories of where your own Critical Skills journey began...

'Significant learning contains the logical and the intuitive, the intellect and the feelings, the concept and the experience, the idea and the meaning.'

Carl Rogers and H.J. Freiberg
Freedom to Learn

We hope to provide opportunities this year for Critical Skills practitioners and trainers to strengthen our professional learning community through regional seminars and national conferences linked to Curriculum developments at all phases. Details of both regional and national events will be shared through the newsletter.

Pippa Leslie - Programme Manager, England & The Channel Islands

Quote of the Week

I have found this course invaluable in providing me with ideas for how to approach my lessons and thinking about the bigger picture of education. It was fantastic! I would encourage all teachers to go on this course.

Amy Mackay - Jersey College for Girls, Jersey

New Website!



The new website will be launched within the next 2 weeks and will be an exciting development for the Community, with a number of advanced features, allowing a substantial amount of interaction. One of the first benefits is that the newsletter will be able to highlight longer and more substantial articles, too long to include in the newsletter itself by providing hotlinks back to relevant parts of the website. This will include new design ideas for specific situations developed by Programme Managers and our resident Consultants. www.criticalskills.co.uk



PHOTO OPPORTUNITY AND FEEDBACK

We would love you to send us any stories or photos (with permissions) you have of Critical Skills in action at your school, so that we could use them for future newsletters or the website. Please send them to marie@criticalskills.co.uk

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES AND CRITICAL SKILLS THE PERFECT PARTNERSHIP

As part of a national pilot project in Wales schools we were invited to bid to be involved in introducing a modern foreign language into Key Stage 2.

At Fairwater High School Torfaen we were one of only 18 secondary schools whose bid was accepted and we currently teach French in our four junior feeder schools.

Some of the teachers in the junior schools have been trained in Level 1 Critical Skills so we all work together to put in as many challenges as we can into our work and the photos you see are children busy at a challenge on learning parts of the body in French.....they loved it! Once they had completed their work they did a presentation and their work is now proudly on display around the schools.

We aim to teach as much of the topics as we can through Critical Skills and all of the schools love inviting their inspectors in to visit our French lessons and they are always delighted especially when the children don't want to go to break but want to complete the challenges!

Our French topics seem to fit in really well with Critical Skills and other highlights include a French breakfast and French café which we put together as part of a Transition project which then led on to a fashion challenge and a visit abroad including an international airport challenge.

We all really enjoy our lessons and are always busy and on task!

Last year we were invited to speak at the Welsh conference about our Critical Skills and French work and enjoyed doing a challenge with the delegates there.

Hopefully this will give you some ideas for including MFL in your work in both the comprehensives and the junior schools; it certainly works well here! If I can help in any way please get in touch through Marie Matty at marie@criticalskills.co.uk.

Marie Mumford - Torfaen, Wales





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*Tell me, and I will forget, show me, and I may remember.
Involve me, and I will understand.
Confucius*



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Critical Skills Open Training Events for 2009



Level One	Date and Venue
Level 1A - 09-14A	18-20 May 2009
Level 1B - 09-14B	5-7 October 2009 Kings Manor, Edinburgh
Level 1A - 09-16A	8-10 July 2009
Level 1B - 09-16B	7-9 October 2009 Manchester Cathedral Visitor Centre
Level 1A - 09-42A	11-13 November 2009
Level 1B - 09-42B	16-18 June 2010 Birmingham
Level Two	Date and Venue
Level 2 - 09-L2.10	14-16 October 2009 The Chimneys Hotel Manchester

If you would like further information or booking forms for the above institutes please contact:
Marie Matty (England and Wales) on 01455 840066 or email marie@criticalskills.co.uk or **Maria Hybszer (Scotland)** on 07854 414512 or email maria@criticalskills.co.uk.
Please do not hesitate to contact us or one of our Programme Managers if you require information on closed institutes, inset days or taster days.

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