

# Visible Learning

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## Welcome

Welcome to the first edition of *Visible Learning*, The Education Fellowship's newsletter on Teaching and Learning. As well as news on what is happening to support learning through The Education Fellowship, we hope to include articles from our schools which are of interest. One of the great ways to impact on teaching and learning is through bringing teachers together in the form of Teachmeets. We are going to be conducting our own unique version of these Teachmeets for primary teachers, secondary teachers and STEM teachers. The first Buzz Teachmeet is to be hosted at Rushden Community College.

One of the most interesting releases this year so far has been **The Teaching and Learning Toolkit** by The Education Endowment Foundation in collaboration with The Sutton Trust. The Toolkit is an accessible summary of educational research, which provides guidance for teachers and schools on how to use their resources to improve the attainment of disadvantaged students. The Toolkit is online and currently covers 34 topics, each summarized in terms of their average impact on attainment, the strength of the evidence supporting them and their cost. The Education Fellowship is offering workshops on how to use the Toolkit to help target resources. For further details please contact Albin Wallace at [albinwallace@educationfellowship.net](mailto:albinwallace@educationfellowship.net)



Venue: Rushden Community College  
Date: Thursday, 10th July  
Time: 3:45 pm

Venue: Clarendon Academy  
Date: Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> July  
Time: 4: 00 pm

You are invited to come along to one of our next Buzz Teachmeets to chat with other Education Fellowship teachers, to share best classroom practice, steal some ideas and make some new friends.

Buzz Teachmeets are free to attend and hot drinks and cupcakes will be provided. The rules of a Teachmeet are simple:

- Plenty of time for chatting
- One short keynote speech to start the afternoon off
- Micro-presentations are strictly seven minutes long. Nano-presentations are two minutes long
- No PowerPoint allowed unless doing 20 slides for 20 seconds each (pecha kucha style)

Presentations must show what has actually been done in the classroom or a classroom of a colleague - this isn't blue skies, this is right here, right now stuff

No nonsense, no "training", no lectures. Just excellent Education Fellowship teachers sharing their ideas. To make sure we provide enough cupcakes write to [albinwallace@educationfellowship.net](mailto:albinwallace@educationfellowship.net) and let him know you are coming. All Education Fellowship teachers are welcome. If you would like to be a presenter at this Buzz Teachmeet, then please let Albin know.



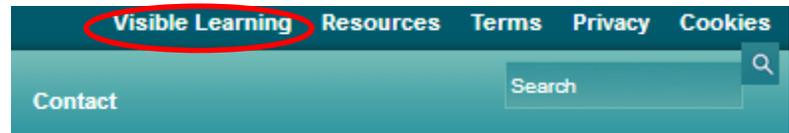
The National STEM Centre has launched new areas of the website dedicated to supporting the new programmes of study for science and mathematics from Key Stages One to Three.

The pages are organised into topic areas and contain resource packages which pull together a wide range of high quality resources selected by subject specialists, including:

- activity ideas
- worksheets
- interactive games
- film clips
- lesson plans

These free resources provide a useful starting point for teachers when planning the scheme of work, with useful tips and advice to support non-specialists and those who may be teaching a topic for the first time and can be found at: [www.nationalstemcentre.org.uk](http://www.nationalstemcentre.org.uk)

The Education Fellowship has a new educational website. To access it, go to [www.educationfellowship.net](http://www.educationfellowship.net) and click on the Visible Learning link at the top of the page.



The project takes inspiration from Prof. John Hattie who termed the phrase 'Visible Learning' in his writings based around the influences on student achievement. Hattie wrote, '*Visible Learning is when teachers see learning through the eyes of the student and when students see themselves as their own teacher*', 'Visible Learning' provides a link to external material providing teaching resources and learning support. This will be of huge value for our pupils across all age ranges, especially to students revising for examinations as they are now able to test their skills online and receive purposeful feedback. The website is intended not only to enrich pupils knowledge but is also designed to support parents as it offers a wealth of material to help them keep pace with their children's digital learning. The links support Information Technology, Computer Science and Digital Citizenship and are really informative, especially the 'Points of Progress' link which provides leaders with quick access to a range of strategic resources. In addition to the vast amount of information at their fingertips our staff and students can easily access the learning platform 'Edmodo' and 'Office 365' or alternatively simply stay in touch with 'Buzz', our termly Teachmeets. This website will build on the strong learning foundation already in place at The Education Fellowship ensuring their students are

confidently equipped to communicate and raise achievement.



Some revision tools for secondary students.

And for parents...

Here are some screenshots of what you will find on the **Visible Learning** website:



Some educational games for primary school children.



If you have any great stories from your school relating to teaching and learning, then please send them to [albinwallace@educationfellowship.net](mailto:albinwallace@educationfellowship.net) and I will include them in the next edition of **Visible Learning** which will be published in June 2014.