

# Team Teaching

## ... a challenge worth persisting with

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### TT Experience

• From my own experience of TT it is a challenge worth persisting with. The notion of two teachers can be confusing to the students. I have to say from my own experience found to not be the case. I was involved in team teaching in both my placement schools over the two year PME course. In St Farnan's Co Kildare, myself and another teacher were TT in a third year English class preparing for the mock exams. One strategy we adopted was I was in control of the students doing ordinary level on one side of the room and the other teacher had the higher level in the other side of the room. It was something that works well as you can give more time to an individual student as well as spend more time looking at their work and correcting or even highlighting. Students feel they can approach you more I felt as the teacher/ student ratio is much smaller.

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I have noticed in the classroom TT can be beneficial when the appropriate strategies are put in place. Another strategy of my TT in Thurles CBS was second year English and History classes. One teacher would take the class as normal while the other teacher would spend time going around to individual students to examine homework/correct copies and help individual students on a one to one basis if needs be. This strategy gives the teacher more time to concentrate on teaching the class without time taking out for corrections/homework.

