

Team Teaching – Geography

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Benefits of team teaching

Teachers

- ✓ Sharing of resources.
- ✓ Learned new methodologies/ alternative ways to teach a topic.
- ✓ Learned new classroom management strategies.
- ✓ Allows for individual students to learn at a different pace.

Students

- ✓ Combined knowledge of two teachers can make a topic easier to understand.
- ✓ Greater opportunity for students to ask a teacher for assistance.
- ✓ Facilitates SEN students to a higher quality.

Improved behaviour through combined classroom management

Huge advantages for SEN students → progress at their own pace.

Time for planning team teaching can be difficult however the benefits for teachers and students outweigh the challenges. I found team teaching a hugely worthwhile experience which has enhanced my own teaching.

Challenges

Teachers

- ✓ Timetabling and funding.
- ✓ Allocating time to plan lessons with another teacher.
- ✓ May be uncomfortable for one teacher.

Students:

- ✓ Confusion over who their teacher for that subject is.
- ✓ Constant fear a teacher is checking up on them.

The 6 Models

- One Teaching, One Drifting
- Team Teaching
- Parallel Teaching
- Alternative Teaching—Small Group
- One Teaching, One Observing
- Station Teaching

