

Team teaching as a means of supporting learning.

Advantages

- More time can be given to students in the classroom if they are struggling with a topic or equally if they are ready to move on quicker.
- Students are less likely to be disruptive as a result of not understanding a given topic as a teacher can give them assistance and help. This impacts on classroom management by creating a more inclusive environment
- Team teaching gives an opportunity to receive input and ideas from colleagues in a way that is not possible outside of this context and this allows teachers to professionally develop.
- Team teaching lends itself to active teaching methodologies.

Challenges

- Time for planning lessons jointly isn't factored onto a timetable so the process requires a commitment from teachers.
- It can be difficult to get both teachers timetabled for the same group for all of the classes and this can lead to some classes being taken by only one teacher.
- Teachers involved in the process have to be committed to working together and sharing all aspects of work for the class. There needs to be a clear division of duties and each teacher must feel comfortable in their role in the process.

"The teacher can get around to us more often in class so if I don't understand I'm not waiting for the teacher for too long" 2nd Year Student



"It allows for more student teacher interaction and helps build the student teacher relationship"
(Teacher)