



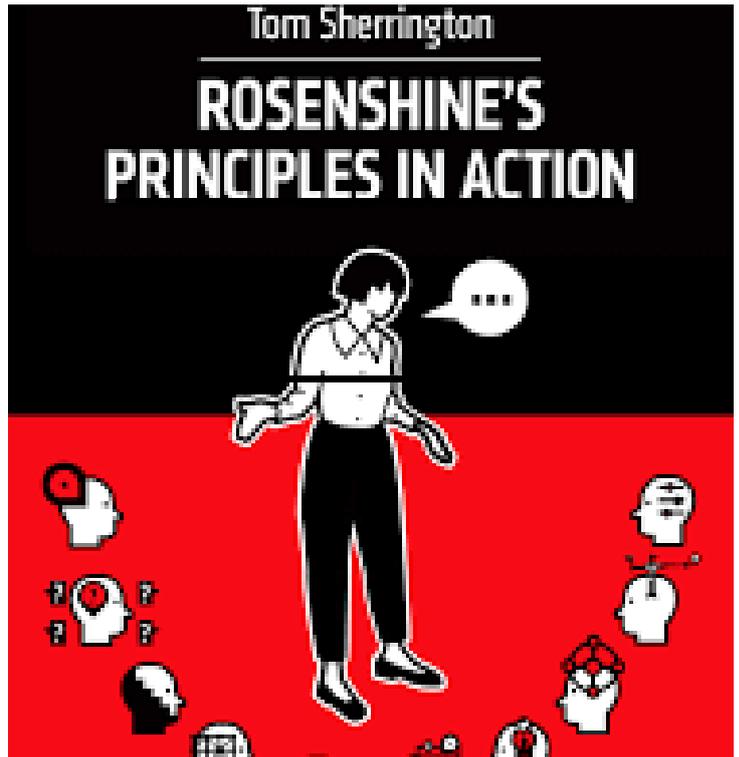
# CLASSROOM BUZZ

A MONTHLY CLASSROOM NEWSLETTER

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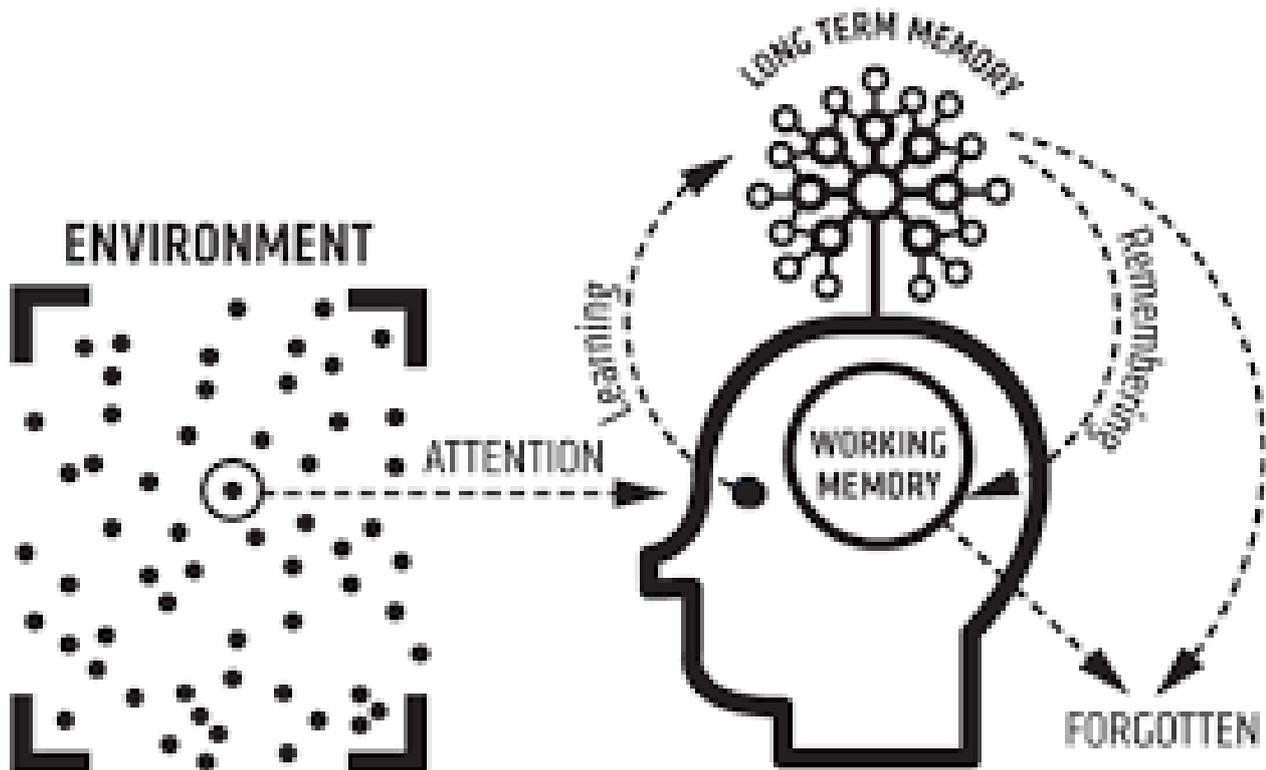


## TEACHING AND LEARNING UPDATE



At Wey Valley Academy, we've been working on developing our classroom practice so that our students get the very best classroom experience.

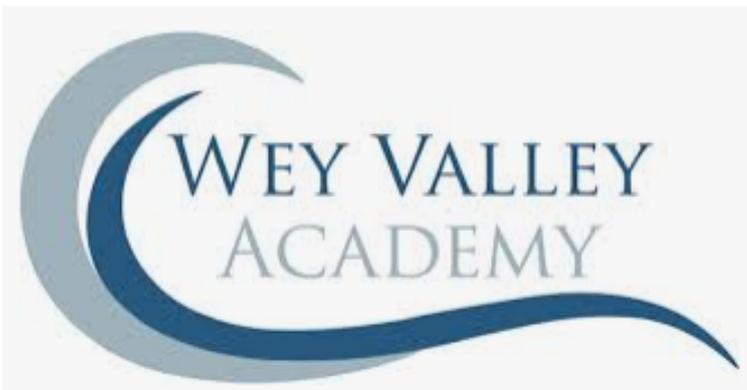
Since September, teachers have been researching key educational theory, including Barack Rosenshine's Principles of Instruction. Staff have been using this resource to fine tune their practice, focusing on how to break learning into easy to follow steps, and how to scaffold a difficult task, such as an extended piece of writing.



## HOW CAN WE SUPPORT STUDENTS TO REMEMBER MORE?

All teachers want the best from their students and one of the ways we can help is to support young people to remember the things they are learning in lessons every day. Our staff have been using 'Retrieval Practice' as a method to ensure what is in the working memory goes into their long term memory.

At Wey Valley Academy, lessons begin with a starter activity, sometimes called a quiz or a 'do now' task; it may involve answering multiple choice questions or working on a problem they were introduced to in a previous lesson. One of the benefits of this is students become use to the routine of retrieving information and become more confident with a knowledge based curriculum, alongside learning key skills.



## Rise and Shine with Rosenshine

Every Wednesday, staff at Wey Valley focus on their Professional Learning, with an early morning briefing dedicated to Teaching and Learning. This gives us a chance to share ideas and to consider the latest research regarding what works best in the classroom. We believe strongly in collaboration and working together and so this is an opportunity to discuss important findings and try out new Teaching and Learning techniques.



At Wey Valley Academy, we also have the chance to work with colleagues in the Trust. We have regular meetings in which to talk and evaluate our successes and areas for development.

Exciting News: We are looking forward to having our first Lead Practitioner start at Wey Valley after half-term. This is a new post to continue to strengthen Teaching and Learning at Wey Valley. Thank you for all your support and if you have any further questions about Teaching and Learning, please contact Mrs Parkes. [parkesl@weyvalley-academy.co.uk](mailto:parkesl@weyvalley-academy.co.uk)



Thank you for all  
your support  
with Remote  
Learning!

Finally, we realise this is a difficult time and we wanted to thank you all for your continued support. Our rationale is to get as many students connecting and interacting with their teachers as possible right now, so that no one feels out of the loop and we maintain good routines ready for our return to school. We thank you for all your patience and perseverance! We also appreciate the messages of support you've sent in.

We are really looking forward to returning when we are allowed but in the meantime, have a happy half-term. Best wishes from all at Wey Valley!

