

ECF/ECT Bulletin

Module 2: Engaging Pupils in Learning

Week: 4: Consolidation of learning

Key events/meetings this week:

- This week, ECTs have self study material to engage with prior to their mentor meeting (Please see notes below)
- Mentor meetings should take place as normal
- There are no UCL meetings this week

ECT Self Study Actions (to be completed prior to your mentor meeting):

Read through the self study session materials for this week. The focus is on extending your knowledge of how memory works, focusing on consolidation processes in long-term memory in particular. You will be introduced to ideas such as consolidation, coding, retrieval and spaced practice.

You are asked to consider your lesson plans for the forthcoming week and identify one context where you can try to use these learning strategies to aid consolidation of new information. You should be prepared to discuss these ideas with your mentor during your meeting.

Looking ahead, there are no self-study materials to read in Week 6 and 7 of this module. You may wish to use this time to arrange to observe a colleague or ask your mentor to conduct a short informal lesson drop in.

Mentor Meeting Key Actions:

Based on their reading of this week's Research and Practice Summary, discuss with your mentee their understanding of:

- how consolidation of memory takes place through repeated experiences of events such as related problem-solving exercises
- how this process is supported by regular review/retrieval, external coding, and spaced practice

Work with your ECT on their lesson planning ideas centred on consolidation activities. Share some ideas of your own from your own lessons and discuss how you sequence lessons to ensure students retain key concepts, ideas and skills.

Additional Information:

FYI- Module 3 should be available to view from 1 December at the latest in a new format. For this and the remaining modules you will be required to engage with the weekly materials through the platform and confirm each as complete. Please do ensure that you speak to your Induction Tutor if you are struggling to use the platform efficiently. I can visit schools to show you how to navigate the platform most easily.

ECTs, please be aware that Induction tutors will be completing the first ECT Term 1 report in the coming weeks. This is nothing to be concerned about. It is a simple form that asks if you are on track to meet all the Teachers' Standards by the end of your Induction period. The document will be shared with you and you will need to sign it and keep a copy for your folders.

I hope it is a good week for all ECTs and mentors!