Thirty Words, 30 Seconds

Thirty Words in 30 Seconds is a crowd-sourced project via Twitter, designed to provide **CPD advice** for teachers working in UK schools.

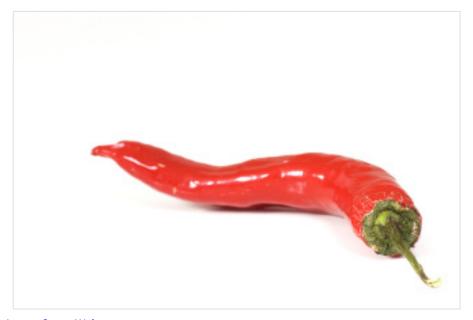


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CPD advice doesn't need to be complicated ... it should be hot!

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In August 2014, @TeacherToolkit asked; what advice would you give to a fellow teacher, or someone starting out in the profession? The only criteria, was that the information was written in less than thirty words and could be shared in less than 30 seconds. Something that could be said on a corridor, before a meeting, or at the end of a dull training day!

Within 3 days, @TeacherToolkit had over 200 responses!



"The most significant action that has had a sustained impact on my professional development, including visiting other schools, is being observed and observing other teachers." @TeacherToolkit

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"Don't compare yourself to others. All you can do is your best and continue to improve yourself. Above all remember it's all about the kids!"

CPD advice by @ eliz_wi

"Never be afraid to tell a child that their work is not good enough. Don't accept mediocrity - it is not a kindness. All learners can do better and improve."

CPD advice by @_singsun

"External training can be great, but 9 times out of 10, the expertise in your own school is better! Learn to talk and share; build trust and confidence."

CPD advice by @1julie

"Watch others. Watch their manner, their questioning, their classroom management skills, their students in classrooms.

Find colleagues whose classrooms welcome peer observation. Watch and talk about what you see."

CPD advice by @al_ackof

"Remember you are the adult in the room.

When a child is misbehaving it's easy to get into a battle to win. Stop. Breathe. Walk away. Refocus. Praise a working child."

CPD advice by @aliarmlee

"Make time for yourself!"

CPD advice by @alice_mcennerney

"Constantly share ideas and resources. It will spark your enthusiasm. Ensure you use Twitter as a source of support and resource-sharing, it's a world-wide staffroom."

CPD advice by @amandasalt

"Observe teaching, listen and ask questions. How will I improve my practice? What will work for the children I teach?

Why?"

CPD advice by @AndreaWoodfall

"As a secondary teacher, some of my best CPD was as a governor in a primary school. I learned from inspiring teaching and was able to focus on transition issues."

CPD advice by @AnnaLiseGordon

"Talk to colleagues about what happens in your classroom and what they do in theirs.

Use twitter in a professional capacity to widen this conversation further. Share practice!"

CPD advice by @annaloualton

"Don't ever forget that every student in front of you is a real person with huge potential. Your job is to be a catalyst for goodness and greatness."

CPD advice by @AnneSturgess2

"Remember the child; that's why you chose to do this job. Remember the child; even on THOSE days. Remember the child; you WILL make a difference."

CPD advice by @anniegottago

"Do a TeachMeet; have one at break, lunch, after school, at the weekend. Share ideas and try the ones that suit you. Ignore the rest!"

CPD advice by @ashufflebotham

"Love your subject - never stop learning.

Love your kids - endlessly fascinating. Be
yourself - everyone else is taken. Most
important - don't take things too
personally!"

CPD advice by @audrymaeve

"Get the children to care about you. If they care about you and what you think you will have them in the palm of your hands"

CPD advice by @awitheyman

"Find the time to reflect on, and question, all that you do. Despite what you might hear, nobody has all the answers. Take advice from those you come to respect."

CPD advice by @beazeley

"Be yourself. If you try to copy someone else's style the kids will see straight through you. Pupils want to know who it is that's standing in front of them."

CPD advice by @beccishaw

"Never stop asking questions, no matter how trivial they seem. Always seek a second opinion – don't consider one person a fount of all knowledge. Remain enthusiastic, especially when facing adversity."

CPD advice by @beingMissR

"Develop your specification knowledge - become an examiner. Be the expert!"

CPD advice by @Benita_Business

"Never clock watch with "difficult" classes (hoping for time to pass). Enjoy the challenge of engaging them, motivating them and helping them to learn."

CPD advice by @Benneypenyrheol

"My advice on CPD; visit other schools, observe other professionals, get feedback from professionals whose opinion you value. Join Twitter to enhance your CPD, gain knowledge and exchange opinion."

CPD advice by @berke_sarah

"Every child is someone's whole world, get to know them and their parents. Look for the positive; communicate positive messages home. There is always a reason behind negative behaviour."

CPD advice by @berthoudmelody

"As teachers we learn from our past.

Having a written daily lesson plan opens
the opportunity the next year to make it
even better through modification utilising
the newest tools."

CPD advice by @bmos

"Keep rhetoric (and politics) at a healthy distance from your pedagogy - challenge every "fact", record every success and watch and listen very, very carefully to the classroom artists!"

CPD advice by @bocks1

"The greatest failure is not to try. Be consistent, resilient and remember you are also a learner"

CPD advice by @brownkakatie

"Its not rocket science there's just loads to do; learn from others, get amongst it and have a sense of humour"

CPD advice by @business_rt

"Try some supply teaching! Not all schools are the same, and you learn some valuable skills along the way; great for networking."

CPD advice by @captainrobs

"When busy, 'favourite' all of those great tweets. When less busy, make a cup of tea and devour those great articles and links. Free professional development, in your own time."

CPD advice by @carmelhealth

"Experiment. Don't be afraid to make mistakes. Do trial and error. But remember these are students with lives and parents, hopes and dreams, living their own lives.

Help them succeed."

CPD advice by @cazzwebbo

"Work hard to get discipline right from the start - it'll save lots of heartache later on."

CPD advice by @Celticdamien

"Stop, look, listen, watch and be watched. Be prepared and believe in yourself."

CPD advice by @chriscaridi1

"In the age of distractions, you need to find ways to get your students outside! Plenty of physics, math and English classes should be taught outdoors. Now, go fly a kite! ;-)"

CPD advice by @classroomkites

"Let the children and your subject lead your development. Don't be blinded by the latest fad. Rigorously classroom proof any advice or resource."

CPD advice by @clements_tom

"Become a Subject Mentor for ITT. Being observed at your best, keeps you at best. Observing new-comers also keeps ideas fresh - monkey see, monkey do (both for mentor and mentee)."

CPD advice by @cpd123abc

"Discuss lessons to a colleague - good bits, bad bits, bits when 'golden Q&A' occur.

Even better, film your lesson and share a 3 minute extract as a starting point for discussion."

CPD advice by @cpd123abc

"The best departments inspected offered subject specific CPD - work on being an expert in your subject AND with teaching children. Read widely within and outside your subject."

CPD advice by @dave2004b

"Start as you mean to go on. Be consistent. Have routines! Model expectations, contact home be positive and inspiring! Try and see something positive in every lesson, child and situation. Enjoy!"

CPD advice by @daveakasarah

"Planning is important but nowhere more so that at the start of every lesson. Meet, greet and have an engager / do now task and set the tone!"

CPD advice by @daverankin1

"Take time to get to know your children in your class, find out their interests and how they learn. Enjoy learning with them, they may teach you something!"

CPD advice by @debhowells

"Read Dylan Wiliam and John Hattie, they will change the way you view your teaching. Use social media, don't be sceptical, it's the best free CPD available."

CPD advice by @donnapg15

"Search on Youtube Carol Dweck's mindsets and promote it in school. Use it in your class. Encourage a growth or incremental mindset where all children can success through continued effort."

CPD advice by @DrewQuayle

"Newbies: Watch experienced practitioners, take someone with you to help deconstruct the lesson. Take every opportunity to collaborate and learn with others, be it blogs/books on education.

READ."

CPD advice by @Dubai_Teachmeet

"Find a mentor you trust. They might be in the next classroom, another school, or on social media. Reflect on the lessons that flop, celebrate the many small joys."

CPD advice by @e_howson

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"Constantly model your high standards to all your pupils; from dress to punctuality, to behaviour and your work ethic. Do that and students will constantly strive to meet your expectations."

CPD advice by @eddiefalshaw

"Feeling that your ideas and input are valued, at school or online, inspires more research, creativity and effort.

Helping to create this atmosphere is key to the best CPD!"

CPD advice by @eddiekayshun

"Remember: It's about the children.

Give yourself a day free of schoolwork ...

Laugh with colleagues as much as you can.

You are only human."

CPD advice by @EYFteach

"Never stop learning!"

CPD advice by @fabenglishteach

"Always be honest with your students. If you don't know, tell them - but then work together to find the answer or solution (especially with technology). Collaborate."

CPD advice by @finch_lj

"Talk about 'what went well'! WWW in your lessons, others lessons, meetings or assemblies. Share ideas and keep evolving ... Don't be scared to say 'well done'."

CPD advice by @food_teacher

"Speak to students about how they learn and more importantly act upon what they say. Maybe design mini questionnaires or ask for visual feedback. Enable students to have valuable input."

CPD advice by @fredaggle

"Don't be afraid to take a risk. Try it, reflect, tweak and continue. This keeps you and your classes motivated. Then share your findings with others."

CPD advice by @geogio

"Listen to radio 4. It keeps you up to date with your subject, reviews most cultural events and you can multitask with everyday chores."

CPD advice by @Gilotp39

"Be prepared! Make sure you always have a plan B. Share good practice! It saves time and encourages new ideas!

Ask the audience for feedback and get the students to plan for you!"

CPD advice by @ginas_g

"Observe as many teachers as possible to galvanise what high expectations look like in practice. Then stick to them. Be kind and fair to everyone. Have a growth mindset."

CPD advice by @Gymbosh

"Make sure you say hello to pupils when you see them outside of lessons/school.

Especially the difficult ones."

CPD advice by @HaganDr

"Cherrypick ideas from teachers around you. You can't be someone else, but you can learn from them. Contribute to school, don't spread yourself too thin. Teaching and learning comes first"

CPD advice by @halo2me

"If things get too much, go for a walk during a free point in your day to clear you mind, or talk it through with someone.

Don't bottle it up!"

CPD advice by @hannahlahmet

"Observe other teachers; get departments to plan together on cross-curricular aspects (literacy, etc); get action research triads to work over a 3 month period, then present results."

CPD advice by @HeadGeog

"Try new things, be creative and if it doesn't work, adapt and try again. If you are excited about a lesson, the students will be too."

CPD advice by @hecticteacher

"Work hard, prioritise, focus on outcomes for students and keep it simple. Work with students not against them."

CPD advice by @hesslelabour

"Working together to improve teaching and learning is the most powerful tool. Socialisation and collaboration, when the focus and emphasis is about improving practice, it's the way forward to success."

CPD advice by @ianhirst101

"You learned how to research and reflect on your practice, don't let that slip off your radar once employed. You are a catalyst; make life in school fun for all."

CPD advice by @iantindal

"Make students know you care - then they'll work for you. If they work for you, then one day they might work for themselves."

CPD advice by @IC_Teaching

"Inspire yourself through TED talks;
motivate yourself through Marshall
Goldsmith's MOJO book; develop yourself
by watching others teach; dare yourself to
try out something completely new each
week."

CPD advice by @ideasclass

"Be open to improvement, firstly through self reflection and taking on board all the good (and not so good) practice you see."

CPD advice by @ieuanprice

"Lead your own professional development.

Feeling overwhelmed, exhausted,
disempowered? Then take charge through
research, blogs, tweets and reinvigorate
with new ideas. Read, reflect, share."

CPD advice by @irisgoran

"Never forget the basics. Have a seating plan. Set out your expectations and agree the rules. It shows that you are in control and ready to direct the class."

CPD advice by @iTeachRE

"Since starting teaching in 1995 I always begin each new lesson with a smile, a deep breath and a genuine interest in the young people in front of me."

CPD advice by @jackjem

"Show an interest in your subject, yet even more interest in students' learning. They may not agree with you, but they'll want to see what the fuss is all about!"

CPD advice by @jamessmith192

"Teaching is hugely rewarding and energising but it's also tough. An important part of your professional and personal development is looking after yourself.

You'll be a better teacher for it!"

CPD advice by @jillberry102

"You can always be a better teacher. Take advice. Learn new tricks. Be humble; you can learn from anyone young or old."

CPD advice by @johnwilsonedu

"All students will learn eventually. Our task is to never give up, but work hard to find and assist them in applying strategies that work best for them as learners."

CPD advice by @JoPrestia

"Professional development can be found in everything you do as a teacher. By constant reflection you are always learning, which in turn makes you an even better teacher."

CPD advice by @k8lw

"Open doors. Share good ideas, including professional dialogue in a non judgemental forum. What went well, even better if..

After all, we all need to keep up with the kids!"

CPD advice by @karendodd3

"Be happy, strong and laugh. Learn from everyone, organise, give verbal feedback pre-teach: with a head-start, not catch up.

Make every child your favourite."

CPD advice by @Karengeorgedona

"Write down why you became a teacher, keep it close, when feeling uninspired remind yourself why you chose teaching."

CPD advice by @kcooney

"Create a notebook file for each day with prepared lessons. This is easy to revisit previous days learning and builds up each week."

CPD advice by @kelly_juliette

"Identify and focus on one area of your practice for a week. Improve it."

CPD advice by @kerrypulleyn

"Days out of school do not develop you; routines and self-reflection do. Read a book each term on learning and keep a journal."

CPD advice by @kevinbilly18

"Read one article on teaching once a week, that way you will continue to grow as a professional."

CPD advice by @kriah

"Talk to colleagues about approaches to difficult teaching topics and students. Go and watch them, invite them to watch you. Keep it positive, add your own personality to their ideas."

CPD advice by @LancingLearning

"Girls, always wear a scarf on Mondays because you classroom will be freezing!"

CPD advice by @lancslassrach

"Throw away the text book, teach from the heart and stay calm not matter what happens!"

CPD advice by @lancslassrach

"Twitter and tweet your ideas. Listen and observe others; report what goes well."

CPD advice by @LCCTutorKim

"Ask for help. Keep some time yourself each week. Don't beat yourself up when things go wrong; learn from it and move on. Get on Twitter for great CPD."

CPD advice by @LesleyMunro4

"Never stop learning. Read, listen, watch.
Those really difficult times? That's when
you learn the most. Seek challenges, ask
questions, take risks. If you become bored,
your students will too."

CPD advice by @lisspeacock

"Listen, observe, take note. Any practice you see and hear, good and bad, will help you mould your practice. Then customise it for you and your class."

CPD advice by @LittleGirlGoth

"Go to exam board feedback days and use the marked candidate responses to teach your students.

Mark them, improve them, then re-write."

CPD advice by @LizBPattison

"I am entering my second year of teaching and the advice I would give, is don't be afraid to ask for help. It is wonderful what you can achieve."

CPD advice by @lukesow

"Drink plenty of water during the day, it really helps your concentration and the regular toilet breaks will give you a few much needed moments to have some "time out"!"

CPD advice by @macaroni_mum

"Best advice I've had, is that teaching is enabling your students to learn; ask yourself, have understood what you intended them to, and how do you know?"

CPD advice by @markabedford

"The best CPD that has helped me to develop as a teacher is to work with other colleagues through exchanging and discussing fresh ideas. Learning from others has helped enormously."

CPD advice by @matthewmoor3

"After NQT year sometimes feedback practically disappears. Best advice to me was use student voice. Be brave, design good systems; enjoy discovering the positive and take criticism on the chin!"

CPD advice by @maxandtedteach

"Although it can be difficult at times and seem strange, get the students to work harder than you! Learning should be difficult and tiring!"

CPD advice by @mdearden79

"Watch your pupils being taught by your colleagues in other areas - you'll learn a lot about them."

CPD advice by @MFelstead13Mark

"Use student voice/attitudinal surveys to inform your readings. Tell your class why you are trying these new strategies.

Supports a classroom environment of mutual respect and models growth mindset."

CPD advice by @miss_mclarenf1

"Use Twitter to share ideas and don't be afraid to try new ideas out in class, some will work for you, some won't!"

CPD advice by @missandersonpe

"Be you. Stand up for yourself and listen to those more experienced"

CPD advice by @missdenzil

"Focus on the positive and share with others all the amazing things you have done that day. We are creating a future that is exciting!"

CPD advice by @misshannahhist

"Having taught for more than 20 years, I have never stopped learning: from reflection, reading, students, parents and fellow workers of all job descriptions. Enjoy the creative process of planning."

CPD advice by @MissKnott12

"Always create a seating plan. You set the tone straight away and it prevents lots of issues later on! I do boy-girls where possible. It is great for group work too."

CPD advice by @misslambert28

""Eat your frog" (Brian Tracy) - Do the thing on your to-do list that you want to put off. You will feel so much better once it's done!"

CPD advice by @MissLFrosty

"Always remember; it's about what the pupils learn. Even when they don't learn they can still learn something from you.

Be a roll model all of the time."

CPD advice by @mr_n_wood

"Find out what the teachers, students and Ofsted want; what Hattie and EEF advise and what the finance manager can afford. Serve hot with humour, humility and chocolate biscuits."

CPD advice by @mrlongdenextra

"Make eye contact with every student, every lesson and leave comments on 4 books per lesson to lighten the load."

CPD advice by @mrsbuckle62

"Take charge! Look for extras that really interest you such as #teachmeet or webinars. Get involved and deliver CPD that you would want to go to."

CPD advice by @mrsmaciver

"CPD - only useful when it has a positive impact on your practice and/or the students learning. Always try new things, but always think about the impact on the learning!"

CPD advice by @mrtmaths

"Be organised, be prepared, be excited, be caring, be consistent, be fair, be thoughtful and reflective; be brave, be fallible, be a team player, be a learner and be a leader."

CPD advice by @MsHJS

"One good lesson does not make you a great teacher. One poor lesson does not make you a bad teacher. Keep on reflecting what went well, and even better if."

CPD advice by @mthunder1

"Network, network, network at every opportunity. Use courses, inter-school staff meetings/training, and teachmeets to talk to others and share good practice."

CPD advice by @nades359

"Take a genuine interest in your pupils.

Make each one of them your favourite.

Relationship building is crucial."

CPD advice by @NickchesterUTD

"Appropriate humour is BRILLIANT at deescalating difficult situations. It's impossible to be angry and laugh at the same time. I work in a PRU; it's my most used tool."

CPD advice by @NickchesterUTD

"Stay professional. You are on stage AT ALL TIMES. Role model preferred behaviour and school rules even when in staff room and on break. Walk the talk!"

CPD advice by @NickchesterUTD

"Forge professional networks both in person and online. Peers are an invaluable resource when you need inspiration, feedback, support and empathy. Coaching and mentoring are more formalised peer support tools."

CPD advice by @NickyCHawkins

"Remember why you wanted to be a teacher and what you worked for. Stay in control and remember to enjoy yourself. If you're happy, your students are happy."

CPD advice by @nicolajoyce4

"Establish a welcoming classroom environment in which children, in addition to a feeling of belonging, have a sense of ownership. Begin on day one by sharing and displaying their work."

CPD advice by @NorahColvin

"Don't sweat the small stuff. Let students know you are in charge but keep them 'on side' as much as possible without losing authority. In other words be fair, firm and friendly."

CPD advice by @OlutiLola

"Respect yourself, students, parents and colleagues. Show compassion but do not be a doormat.

Laugh. Grimace. Cry.

Know your students. Know your subject.

Be willing to learn something new

everyday."

CPD advice by @orangeteacher

"Constantly look at and evaluate how your school leaders operate. What are their strengths and how could the improve? It helps develop your own leadership style."

CPD advice by @PairandShare

"Take control of your own development.

Don't expect others to provide it! Watch loads of teaching, always with others and milk Twitter for all it is worth!"

CPD advice by @paulgarvey4

"Please,
do join us for
lunch in the staff room."

CPD advice by @pcoutas

"Before you do anything (planning, marking, teaching), think: Will this contribute to the learning of my students? If it won't, it's a waste of your energy and impacts on your ability."

CPD advice by @primary1teacher

"Before you can begin to teach, build your relationships with your students and their parents. When a child loves their teacher, they will follow and lead anywhere the teacher needs to go."

CPD advice by @principalGNSJS

"Be willing to share your good practise, classroom and expertise. The more you enjoy teaching, the more people will want to share it with you."

CPD advice by @priteachmrsw

"We get so caught up in ticking boxes and assessing, that it's easy to forget that we are working with kids. Remember to teach the children, not just the content."

CPD advice by @prufraser

"Be open and honest about your areas to improve. Face them square on, make a plan and evaluate when it is time. Reflect honestly and then plan challenging targets again!"

CPD advice by @pruman21

"Observe and be observed by a trusted coach who will give constructive feedback.

Look at different departments and plan collaboratively. Save time, share expertise."

CPD advice by @purplehelljam

"There's no such thing as an outstanding teacher. It's a myth. Every teacher is different. Love your subject, collaborate with colleagues, get to know the kids and try your best."

CPD advice by @ReynoldsBSGD

"Have high expectations. Do not accept poor behaviour, discourtesy or lack of engagement as an 'occupational hazard'. Be resilient and thoughtful in addressing these issues. Observe experienced teachers."

CPD advice by @rkclancy

"Show the kids you care. Nothing is more powerful than having a positive role model. Believe you are it. Believe you can make a difference. You can"

CPD advice by @rlj1981

"Make it relevant, make it concise and developmental. Ask yourself;
'Does it push you in the right direction?'
'Does it cater for your strengths?'
'Is it specific to your needs?'"

CPD advice by @robertsniomi

"Teaching - from NQT to SLT - is a management role. And good management - more than planning or data - is about daring to listen to people and respond to what they're saying."

CPD advice by @robinjmarsden

"Remember that we learn by doing: not by being told. Try to turn learning experiences into active ones where learning is discovered and then exploited through quality reflection and questioning."

CPD advice by @ruthstimpson

"Ally yourself with 'radiators' (colleagues who project enthusiasm and an ongoing commitment to developing their teaching expertise) whilst avoiding the 'psychic vampires' (staff who moan about students and the school)."

CPD advice by @sgort100

"Question pupils to monitor progress. This will help you build on prior knowledge rather than testing what is already known.

Planning and preparation are key."

CPD advice by @SheinaWright

"Make it simple, clear, consistent, robust, assessable, and realistic to implement given workload. Make sure it is reviewed honestly by all, at a date agreed at end of CPD."

CPD advice by @simondis

"Know your strengths: share them and teach to them. Know your weaknesses: don't avoid them - observe colleagues to help you improve upon them. Remember: it's the students that matter."

CPD advice by @SJHG28

"Listen to your gut, but don't let pride, your desire to be "cool," or your memories of how teaching and learning "used to be" stop you from taking unconventional advice."

CPD advice by @spedtools

"Read something, an article relating to your subject area (T&L/Research) everyday and talk to someone about it.

You may meet some opposition but you will keep learning."

CPD advice by @SporterEdu

"Get to know your students as people and create a positive classroom culture of empathy and respect. Make the learning experience as engaging and purposeful as possible for your students."

CPD advice by @steacym

"Take ownership of your classroom, develop relationships and partnerships, be enterprising, be open to ideas and change, take opportunities to step outside your comfort zone and most importantly never stop learning."

CPD advice by @Stephen_Logan

"Listen, read, watch and learn everywhere you go. Be positive about new ideas. Respect all stakeholders as sources of ideas. Listen to your students.

You cannot know it all."

CPD advice by @stephendrew72

"Learn to develop relationships effectively. Read, discuss, talk with colleagues. To gain trust you must be respected. Respect comes from high expectations and hard work, for and from all."

CPD advice by @stowdawn

"Be prepared to be world famous. Immerse yourself in worldly networking. Immerse your students in rich worldly tasks. The days of students sitting at their desks keeping quiet are dead."

CPD advice by @Sullivan_scotty

"Tell the children that they are the best that you have ever taught, even if they are not. Don't be afraid to show the children the real you!"

CPD advice by @sunnyfieldsmrr

"Never stop loving your subject. Keep learning, read the news (and bring it to the classroom); blog, tweet, go to a lecture, read a book ... Nothing is a substitute for enthusiasm."

CPD advice by @TalkingDonkeyRE

"Get out to other schools and see what they are up to. Take their best ideas.

Adapt. Innovate. Embed. Every school has something great worth seeing!"

CPD advice by @tambotaylor

"Show your students that you truly care about them. If they don't think you care about them, they don't care about your lessons."

CPD advice by @TammieMatos

"Get into as many classrooms as possible. In the first instance, build a repertoire of techniques by observing others putting them into action; your personal style will develop with time."

CPD advice by @TandLteam_myton

"Don't try and 'copy' another teacher. Take bits, yes, but trying to do everything that he/she is doing which works for him/her, may not work as well for you."

CPD advice by @teach2infinity

"Spend time doing the things that REALLY matter. Keep things in perspective.

Remember what a privilege this job is and make enjoying learning a priority; for you and the children."

CPD advice by @teacherstaples

"Smile, laugh, dance and relax. Teaching and learning is all about relationships. It's about the future. It's about sharing. As you open the door, don't forget to keep breathing. Good luck."

CPD advice by @theshortt

"Do not be scared to try something different."

CPD advice by @thirtyways

"Talk to others about your work. Be human; talk to students about their lives and the real world. Watch other teachers as much as possible."

CPD advice by @thisiseducation

"Observe and learn from as many different people as possible. Note the different techniques and try them out. Become an individual not an immitation of one style/colleague."

CPD advice by @travelgeordie

"Get on top of your marking. Mark 3/4 books every day. Know what they are doing, not what you think they are doing!"

CPD advice by @treesy99

"Enthuse in the classroom; value your pupils as individuals who are worth getting to know. Turn up every day, expecting to learn, and smile lots before Christmas."

CPD advice by @trekkiep

"Never underestimate the power of smiling. A smile sparks a relationship and education is all about this. Build positive relationships with all. Get this right and everything else comes easier."

CPD advice by @TrulyMands

"Know you can't do it all. Talk to people, share frustrations. Be open to learn and be ready for things you hadn't expected to add to your workload - prioritise, rest."

CPD advice by @walshsmile

"Don't be put off by failure. If you believe in it, you'll discover how to make it work. Success comes from trying things more than once, getting feedback each time."

CPD advice by @WatsEd

"You will mess up. It's a great thing; embrace it! Share how and why you've messed up with colleagues you trust and the conversation will help you both develop further."

CPD advice by @WellacreTL

"CPD is information learning and sharing,
NOT simply giving. Make sure your
participants enjoy a MEAL by taking
something away that they can Modify,
Experience, Appreciate and Learn from."

CPD advice by @wilkinsonw10

"Put knowing girls and boys by person outside the classroom above all else. Let them know you are interested in who they are and their welfare. Have high expectations of each and every one."

CPD advice by @echeadmaster

"Get to know your kids.

Find creative ways to give each one some

1-1 time. Listen to their stories; the `stuff` in
their lives. They`ll love you for it."

CPD advice by freelanderchris@hotmail.co.uk

"Know your students as well as you possibly can."

CPD advice by @gbremote

"Be brave, positive and consider the impact upon your students. Consider your capacity to engage and deliver; collaborate with others. Smile and keep it all in perspective."

CPD advice by @DHSBProctor

"I have learnt more from linking up with inspirational teachers on Twitter - the ideas, and the support you can learn, exactly when YOU wish and at your speed!"

CPD advice by #Unknown

"Remember how much experience and knowledge exists within a single school and look for opportunities to share this: lesson study, peer observations, team planning..."

CPD advice by Mrdmeyer

"Observations help, sharing good resources and using subject specific forums is great for advice. An annotated Powerpoint / seating plan with data saves time, rather than a full lesson plan."

CPD advice by @KCook_History

"Ask secret questions of what you find challenging. Seek answers through internet research and colleagues. Apply ideas, evaluate and refine. Create a bank of your trusty ideas and share!"

CPD advice by @mizzy999

"Fake it until you can make it'. Your confidence will grow daily and you will eventually become the teacher/leader/staff member you aspire to be.

Believe in yourself."

CPD advice by @NickchesterUTD

"Everyone in a school can make a difference to your day. Office staff, canteen staff, the kids, fellow teachers etc. So try to smile and always say thanks!"

CPD advice by @nowmrsbeattie

"Be brave and film yourself. Analyse the video with a colleague you trust and respect. Do it at the start of the year, set an improvement target, then do it again later in the year."

CPD advice by @sarahtodd10

"Always be prepared for things not to go to plan. Sometimes the best ideas are those which happen by mistake or in response a disastrous lesson (or part of it)!"

CPD advice by @vickiteaches

"Enjoy, enjoy and enjoy.

Every day you are making a positive difference to a child's life."

CPD advice by Wendy Talbot @Loo9

A free CPD resource by @TeacherToolkit

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