


The benefits of the


TSI Approach

and what it can do for your school



“ This approach has transformed the way we work...we are truly a 21st Century school, concerned not just with what our students learn, but with how they learn, and how they grow in confidence, independence and critical thinking.

Executive Principal
Rochester Grammar School
(Advanced Thinking School)



“ Fundamentally the biggest impact has been that the children are more independent in their work, work more effectively collaboratively and there is a huge sense of trust between the teacher and the pupil and this in itself creates the kind of environment that leads to deep learning.

Headteacher
St. Benet's RC Primary School, UK
(Accredited Thinking School)



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Growing a Thinking School for Primary
and Secondary Education.



A whole school approach to thinking is being adopted by a growing number of schools and educational organisations across the world, all of whom recognise and are realising the benefits of this approach.

Benefits for Pupils, Teachers and School:

- > Proven raised attainment
- > Improved attendance
- > Develops skilled, independent, reflective learners
- > Develops thinking skills to suit the needs of 21st Century Learners
- > Improved teaching and lesson quality
- > Creates a common thinking language throughout the school
- > Thinking Skills embedded at the heart of the curriculum
- > Creates vibrant, collaborative learning environments
- > Transforms whole school
- > Raised teacher motivation and morale

Any school considering embarking on the thinking school journey must be fully aware of the commitment involved.

Transformation cannot take place overnight. At TSI, we suggest it takes at least three years to fully embed thinking skills across the whole school successfully. This allows a year for each thinking 'pathway' to become firmly established throughout the school.

TSI offers support in the planning phase and training in three thinking pathways:

- > **Visual Tools for Thinking** (e.g. Thinking Maps)
- > **Dispositions for Mindfulness** (e.g. Habits of Mind)
- > **Enquiry and Questioning** (including Philosophy for Children)



Commit to this three year journey and TSI can offer your school the following support throughout the process:

- > **One day planning** with school drive team to develop an action plan
- > **High quality training** by experienced trainers in the three suggested pathways
 - Visual Tools for Thinking – 1 day
 - Dispositions for Mindfulness – 1 day
 - Questioning for Enquiry – 1 day

(Training requirements can be adapted to suit the needs of the school)
- > **A dedicated, experienced advisor** on hand throughout the school's three year journey
- > **Opportunity to gain accreditation as a Thinking School** from the University of Exeter
- > **Membership of the TSI Thinking School Network** including:
 - High quality on-line resources for each thinking pathway
 - Numerous classroom resources on-line for each thinking pathway
 - Growing Thinking School Guide
 - Learners Links to related websites
 - Members Book Shop
 - Member of a growing thinking community, with opportunity to make links with schools at home and abroad
 - Information on relevant conferences
 - Regular Newsletters and updates



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