



— TSI AND BARBARA PRIESTMAN ACADEMY PRESENT —

**COURSES AND WORKSHOPS**

# Thinking Schools International

## Introduction



**Barbara Priestman Academy in Sunderland has gained Advanced accreditation from the University of Exeter and as such has placed “thinking” at the heart of their teaching and learning.**

They have developed a common language for learning which encompasses visual tools and other approaches e.g. Philosophy for Children and Dramatic Enquiry which enable their students to become independent, confident, lifelong learners demonstrating flexibility of thought and resilience.

The work of TSI and accredited Thinking Schools involve explicitly teaching children how to think reflectively, critically and creatively, and ensuring these skills are employed in the co-construction of a meaningful curriculum and associated activities. Successful outcomes are reflected in students across a wide range of abilities demonstrating independent and co-operative learning skills, high levels of achievement, and both enjoyment and satisfaction in learning. Benefits have also been shown in ways which all members of the school community interact with and show consideration for each other and in the positive psychological well-being of both students and staff.



*“The recent report on the impact of a whole-school approach to the teaching of thinking shows clearly the significant impact on progress and attainment”.*

# Thinking Schools International | Courses and Workshops

Barbara Priestman Academy and TSI work in partnership and have developed the following joint programme of courses and workshops which we believe will be of interest and value to primary and secondary schools, both mainstream and special. All have a practical focus.

## Full Day Courses - £150 + VAT

The full day courses are delivered by a TSI consultant and run from 9am to 4pm.

### February 2018

**8th** Leading a Whole School Approach to the Teaching of Thinking

### March 2018

**1st** Questioning Skills for Teachers and Students

**6th** Developing Positive Dispositions and Attitudes

### April 2018

**19th** The Effective Learner

### June 2018

**14th** Creating a Thinking Classroom

## Twilight Courses - £50 + VAT

The Twilight courses are delivered by Barbara Priestman Academy and run from 4pm to 5.30pm.

### February 2018

**22nd** An introduction to Thinking Maps

### April 2018

**26th** An introduction to P4C

### May 2018

**17th** Dramatic Enquiry

**All Courses and Workshops take place at Portland Academy in Sunderland.**

To find out further information about what our Courses and Workshops have to offer, visit our website [www.thinkingschoolsinternational.com](http://www.thinkingschoolsinternational.com) or email [admin@thinkingschoolsinternational.com](mailto:admin@thinkingschoolsinternational.com)  
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