

# English maths and ESOL Conference

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## Thurrock Adult Community College

Helping and supporting  
adults to learn new  
skills, expand their  
abilities and transform  
lives for over 40 years.



# Thurrock Adult Community College



- The provider of choice for community learning and skills in Thurrock, for over 40 years, with a ‘Good’ Ofsted rating.
- Part of Thurrock Council which is a unitary local authority along the East Thames Corridor, in South East Essex, with a population of 165,200.

97% of learners  
are likely to  
recommend Thurrock  
Adult Community  
College to friends or  
family

(IPSOS MORI poll, 2017)



3<sup>rd</sup> best institution in the  
country for GCSE maths  
A\*-C  
(all ages)

National Achievement  
Rate Tables 2015-16



# Our aims

Explain the journey

Show what we learned during 'Teach Too'

Show how we applied the lessons

Show How it works now

# Welcome

- 4 years ago we didn't have a maths GCSE cohort
- Changes in Childcare requirements (maths and English GCSE at A\*-C) changed our perspective
- Teach Too research project  
"**maths in childcare**" with the Institute of Education



# Teach Too (phase 2)

“maths in childcare”

Learners, tutors, specialist tutors and employers together

Listening to one another

Understanding

Testing and reviewing understanding

Changing the Curriculum

# Maths Curriculum

- Pre GCSE maths – short units
- GCSE maths
- Functional Skills maths
- Going into vocational sessions
- Embedding maths in vocational teaching
- Common sense and maths...



# Initial Assessment

- Assessments are key to the strategic success.
- All of our students are assessed before being placed on a course.
- Why are they here?
- What happens if they do not get the course of their choice

# Course Planning

- Number of weeks available
- Course content / revision
- Linking topics

# Expectations - students & tutor

- Week 1
- Homework
- Independent Study
- Revision

# What we have achieved

- Successful maths GCSE provision
- An effective curriculum strategy
- Excellent pre-assessment
- A curriculum framework that works

# Issues going forward

- New maths GCSEs
- Style of exams (formula/methods expected)
- Changes in language and rigidity for adults (not in KS4!)
- Role/status of Functional Skills

# Thank You

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