

At Cardiff High School, your teachers will use several techniques to help you maximise learning opportunities in lessons. Here are four of the most commonly used with a brief explanation of why we use them and how we think they will help you to think, talk, and write about your learning.

Do Now Tasg Cyflym

A **Do Now** is a task that your teacher will ask you to complete at the **start of the lesson**. It is designed to get you thinking from the outset of every lesson and to make sure you are paying attention to the most important thing- the learning.

Do Nows often require you to refer to prior learning. This might be from last lesson, last week, last term, or even last year.

This process of remembering is how we help you to move learning into your long term memory.

It is an excellent way of making the learning stick!



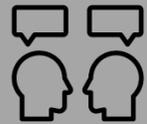
Everybody Writes Sgwennu Sydyn

Everybody Writes is a quick **individual activity completed in silence**. It is a way for your teachers to help you get your thinking started and we often describe it as thinking on paper. It gives you the opportunity to jot down **initial** thoughts, answers, ideas, opinions, or hypotheses. Committing your ideas to paper will make you think more deeply about them and that is why it is so important that 'Everybody Writes.' It is part of the process of thinking which we know is essential to learning.

As this is a way of **starting our thinking**, we often use it as a *Do Now*. We know that it can help with your confidence if you have a chance to share your thinking with a partner or small group before discussing more widely and so many of your teachers will follow **Everybody Writes** with a **Turn and Talk**.



Turn & Talk Troi a Trafod



Your voice matters in our classrooms and we want you to have every opportunity to develop your learning by talking purposefully and productively.

We can use classroom talk in many ways:

- to clarify our thinking
- to share ideas
- to check our understanding
- to ask questions

A **Turn and Talk** is a short burst of discussion that will enable to do all of these things. Sometimes they will be planned and sometimes your teacher will see you need time to talk things over.

Being an active participant in your learning means you are more likely to remember it!

No Opt Out Dim Osgoi



Classrooms should be places of participation and enquiry as we learn and develop our knowledge and skills. **No Opt Out** is about **our responsibility to each other as learners as we build this culture of learning together**.

The process of learning is incredibly important and it is inevitable that as we make progress we are going to make some mistakes or find some things more challenging as we endeavour to understand increasingly complex ideas, processes, or concepts.

No Opt Out is designed to support you to:

- feel confident enough to try even when you are not sure
- recognise that thinking deeply is part of the learning process
- accept that learning can be a struggle at times

Questions will often be posed after an **Everybody Writes** or a **Turn & Talk** so that you can offer ideas in a supportive space.