# **Principles for Target Setting**

**Overview**

The quality of a trainee’s teaching should be assessed against the Teachers’ Standards in full at the end of the PGCE course. During the course, a trainee is assessed against the rigorous, ambitious planned University of Worcester (UW) ITTE curriculum which includes all elements of the Core Content Framework (CCF). Reviewing the evidence of the impact a trainee has on the learning and progress of pupils over time is a key process in this assessment. To make progress, the trainee and mentor need to work in partnership, setting, monitoring and reviewing targets to support a continuous cycle of improvement throughout the PGCE year and beyond. This complex problem solving process is an important part of the **Mentoring Cycle.**

**Figure 1: The Mentoring Cycle**

This guide is intended to:

* Support trainees and mentors to write targets that focus on a trainee’s knowledge, understanding and enactment of the UW ITTE curriculum.
* To support a cycle of continuous development.

To clarify and exemplify good practice in the setting of **SHARP** formative targets.

**Where target setting happens in the University of Worcester PGCE and its purpose**

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| All targets are linked to the Teachers’ Standards. Therefore, most targets should be guided by the assessment criteria in the **Progression** booklet.   |  |  |  | | --- | --- | --- | | **Location of targets** | | **Rationale/purpose** | | 1. Weekly Review forms on PebblePad | *Short Term* | 2-3 priority short term targets identified in partnership between the trainee and mentor for focus during the week. These arise from lesson observations and are reviewed at weekly review meetings. | | 1. Lesson observation forms (3 per week) | *Short Term* | Targets identified at the weekly review are the key focus for identified lessons. Key areas for development arising from the lesson inform the targets for the following week. | | 1. School Reports | *Medium Term* | Mentors periodically (3 times per year) identify medium term areas for development. These targets inform those prioritised for the transition plans. | | 1. Transition plans and the University of Worcester Career Entry Profile (UWCEP) | *Medium and Long Term* | Trainees periodically use their school reports to produce transition plans. The final plan is the UWCEP that is emailed to employing schools and includes targets for the start of the Early Career phase. | |

**The Target Setting Process**

PARTNERSHIP

**S**pecific

Clarifying targets is a complex problem-solving process, therefore initially targets tend to be written in very general terms. They are *blunt* targets. Unravelling the **specific** within the general needs to be done so that actions which demonstrate progress towards the target can be identified. Unravelling takes a little time and it’s always helpful to have someone asking probing questions to help tease out the detail.



**Partnership**

**Mentor** can … draw on all available evidence (e.g. lesson observation feedback, trainee self-evaluation, discussions with teachers etc.) to inform initial discussion. Have some questions pre-prepared to help draw out the detail with the trainee.

**Trainee** can … draw on critical self-reflection, weekly reviews, pupil feedback etc. to identify the key area for development.

**H**ow

Asking the question, “**How** will the target be achieved?” is crucial. If the action needed is beyond current experience, then no progress is made. If the action needed is not challenging, then progress is stagnant, resulting in complacency. So, asking the “How…?” question will also help to hone the target and make it specific. This part of the target setting process then ensures that the target is measurable as each action is completed successfully.



**Partnership**

**Mentor** can … draw on own experience to suggest actions; direct trainee to research or ‘expert’ teachers within the school.

**Trainee** can … draw on suggested actions on lesson observation feedback forms, from discussion with other trainees, from their reading and from university sessions.

**A**chievable

Targets that are set on a weekly basis need to be **achievable** within that weekly timeframe. Targets also have to be achievable within the ‘sphere of influence’ of the trainee – there needs to be an *opportunity* to take suitable actions and *classes* or *age groups* identified. Initially support may be needed from the mentor or class teacher or fellow trainee. But longer term target setting needs to become autonomous allowing for independence and ownership of personal development. Medium- and long-term targets, by their nature, will require a level of support to achieve them and this support should be clearly identified especially in the UWCEP.



**Partnership**

**Mentor** can … check the actions are pitched so that the trainee has the right amount of time and expertise to complete them.

**Trainee** can … manage the time available so that ‘time’ does not become a barrier to success; focus on personal organisation; schedule tasks in a realistic timeframe.

**R**elated to the UW ITT Curriculum (including the CCF)

The target setting process is, as indicated in the introduction, a means of gathering evidence of a trainee’s knowledge, understanding and enactment of the UW ITTE curriculum. Therefore, targets will need to relate to the curriculum and language in the Progression booklet but do not need to take on the exact wording. Targets need to be more specific and tailored to the needs of the individual trainee. It is likely that a target will cover elements of several subject specific curriculum principles and these should be clearly identified as the target is constructed. Careful and regular use of the **Progression** booklet will help with this process.



**Mentor** can … deconstruct the UW ITTE curriculum with the trainee and support them in prioritising so that progress becomes visible.

**Trainee** can … become familiar with the language of the UW ITTE curriculum; make use of the Progression booklet to track progress against each principle.

**Partnership**

**P**rogressive

All trainees entering the PGCE course are suitable to train to teach but all have very different prior experience. When setting targets the starting point must be decided on an individual basis. The Progression booklet outlines a clear route from ‘emerging’ through to ‘high performing’. Becoming familiar with the characteristics of each stage and the language used in the descriptors will help to frame each target appropriately.



**Mentor** can … establish a trusting relationship with the trainee so that appropriate challenge can be leveraged at the right time.

**Trainee** can … write a clear introduction, including prior experience, on the ‘About Me’ page in PebblePad which is shared with mentors; be prepared to take the initiative; be prepared to be challenged and take risks.

**Partnership**

**Example of an outcome of the Target Setting process**

**Context**: The trainee is placed in School 1 and is being asked to plan a retrieval practice task.

This is the first opportunity the trainee has had of planning such a task. She has observed her mentor using a retrieval practice tasks in two lessons. She has made notes about the structure of the tasks and how her mentor managed the classroom during this phase of the lesson. She has also reviewed appropriate university sessions on How Pupils Learn and a subject session in which different task types were discussed. The trainee and her mentor have discussed the expected prior knowledge of the students and have considered a key potential misconception that may emerge. The trainee is progressing towards ‘emerging’ in Subject Knowledge and Pedagogy  and How Pupils Learn.  C:\Users\Laws1\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.MSO\B701AE6F.tmp

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| **Target (What?)** | **Strategies (How?)** |
| Plan a retrieval practice task with Year 7 set 1 for week beginning 1st November which is focused on helping students remember how to find the area of a rectangle. | * Choose one of the two retrieval practice task types observed. * Identify the key knowledge and understanding that students need to ‘bring to mind’. * Share planning in advance with mentor A. Make any suggested adjustments. * Consider how the task will be managed and how the mentor will provide support. * Write a short plan identifying what will be done and what the likely response from the pupils will be. * Teach the phase of the lesson, write an evaluation and discuss at the weekly review meeting. * Identify further opportunity to practice planning and teaching this phase of a lesson. |

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**Examples of Progression in Target Setting**

From ***Emerging*** to ***Confident***

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| **Target (What?)** | **How will you achieve the target?** | **Lessons where target will be demonstrated** | **Curriculum Thread** |
| Establish clear rules and routines to [manage behaviour](#Thinking1). | * Establish clear expectations at the beginning of the lesson to create an atmosphere that is unreservedly positive. * Use a seating plan to make sure that I know pupils’ names. * Use praise, rewards and sanctions following the school behaviour policy | Observation lesson 9X3 – Friday lesson 3. | **BM4** (Also BM3) |
| Use a ‘chunking’ technique to break the lesson into [timed learning episodes](#Thinking2) focusing on the plenary to consolidate learning. Reflect on the impact. | * Observe RT teach and identify the key ‘chunks’ (with timings). * Plan the lesson for 7Y2 in clear chunks with times * Identify the key learning outcomes for each chunk * Plan a plenary that consolidates the learning * Reflect at the weekly review meeting on the effectiveness of the lesson and use this for planning next week. | 7Y2 Thursday P3. | **HPL6** (Also HPL4) |
| To demonstrate [questioning skills](#Thinking3) that include all learners and that probes understanding. | * Take responsibility for developing questioning skills by observing SR teaching (11X2 – Monday p3) * Encourage learners to participate and contribute using a random name generator to include more pupils in the lesson (observed lesson 9X3 Friday p1) * To use the ‘pose, pause, pounce and bounce’ technique to probe understanding. | Observation lessons Monday p3 and Friday p1. | **A2** (Also BM1, PB4) |

From ***Confident*** to ***Good***

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| **Target (What?)** | **How will you achieve the target?** | **Lessons where target will be demonstrated** | **Teachers’ Standard** |
| Take ownership of the start of 10Bs lesson and share [**expectations**](#Thinking4) at the beginning of group activities. | * Set up the classroom with exercise books on each desk and 10 questions relating to prior learning on the board. * Stand by the door to welcome pupils to the lesson. * As they enter the room, direct pupils to sit quietly and start the questions. * Explain the group task and rules for working together. Check understanding of the task instructions before telling pupils which table each group will work at and who is in each group. * Share expectations about giving out and collecting in resources. | Year 10B  (all 3 lessons). | **BM1** (Also BM5) |
| Pre plan and ask [**knowledge based questions**](#Thinking5) to focus pupils in 11C. Ask for examples to illustrate the meaning of the key term. | * Identify key pupils (who often have misunderstandings and require clarification) to focus on when questioning. Ask a focus pupil a question about the key term or definition. Once the focus pupil has answered then ask another (stronger) pupil – do you agree with the answer? * Bounce question back to first pupil if they didn’t answer fully. * Ask pupils questions to show they can give an example to apply the key term. * Ask questions based on a business scenario. | Year 11C  (Wednesday period 4.) | **HPL2** (Also SKP1) |
| Actively evaluate Year 9 lessons, [**seek advice**](#Thinking6) to support specific pupils and show that you have acted on agreed targets. | * Make specific reference to key parts of lessons when reflecting in weekly review. * Independently talk to colleagues/SENCo for advice on working with specific pupils. * Clarify targets and strategies in post lesson discussions and act on these in the next Year 9 lesson. | Year 9 lessons (week beginning 2nd March and 9th March), | **PB4** (Also PB2) |

From ***Good*** to ***High Performing***

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| **Target (What?)** | **How will you achieve the target?** | **Lessons where target will be demonstrated** | **Teachers’ Standard** |
| Use [**flexible questioning**](#Thinking7) in an extended class discussion with Y8 in order to develop critical thinking for a range of pupils. | * Observe two colleagues – reflect and make notes * Familiarise myself with question stems for higher order thinking * 15 minutes ‘talk plan’ with mentor * Ensure knowledge of key scenes in R&J * Manage a class discussion with Y8 using flexible questioning to develop critical thinking for different ability pupils within the class | Y8  (Thursday period 2). | **AT1** (Also A2, HPL1). |
| Take the initiative and explore different [**teaching strategies**](#Thinking8) to create an innovative approach to a Y10 Shakespeare unit and high-quality resources for Y12 scheme of work for a new novel. | * I will use my A3 reading to give me ideas to offer different approaches to teaching Shakespeare * The Head of Department has asked me to run a team meeting to share this after the official presentation so that I can model and explain the strategies to staff * Write up my ideas within the department’s scheme of work template * Read the new novel for Y12 * Explore literary criticism of the text to help me build my subject knowledge confidence * Meet with my HoD and mentor to show them the first draft of the medium-term plan for Y12 | Year 10 and Year 12.  Two weeks after May half term. | **HPL10** (Also HPL7, AT2). |
| Take the initiative by offering a [**curriculum enrichment**](#Thinking9) opportunity for Y8 and supporting with the organisation of a Y10 theatre trip in order to become more fully involved with school life. | * Research what is available in school extra-curricular provision * Chat to mentor about a half term creative writing club for Y8 * Volunteer to go on the Y10 theatre trip and ask the member of the English department if I can go through the organisation aspects of the trip with her; filling in the risk assessment form, writing a letter to go to parents, collection of monies, etc. * Discuss time management of additional activities with the NQT in the department. | Year 8 and Year 10.  Week beginning 8th June for Year 8 and  Friday 12th June for Year 10. | **PB1** (Also PB2, BM7). |

**Thinking Scaffolds to support SHARP Target Setting**

Text in *italicised red* format is taken directly from the Progression Booklet.

***Emerging* to *Confident***

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| **Blunt Target** | Improve behaviour management | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | Problem is not knowing names, being negative and not clear with expectations |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need?  **How?:** asking the ‘**how…?**’ question will help to hone the target and make it specific. This ensures that the target is measurable as each action is completed successfully. | Improve my use of – using seating plans, know names, set clear expectations, being positive, using the school behaviour policy. |
| **Achievable** | Can I achieve the target in my professional context? Can I achieve it in the time frame? Do I have the opportunity? Which class(s)/year group will I focus on?  **Achievable:** Targets need to be **achievable** within the time frame and ‘sphere of influence’. Consider the opportunity for suitable actions including identified classes or age groups. | 9X3 over the next week (observed lesson on Friday). Observe CW teaching 9Y3 on Tuesday  **Progressive:** Use the **progressive** language from the Progression Booklet. In this case wording from ‘confident’ has been used. |
| **Related – to the Progression booklet** | Which is the main Standard and are there any others? | Specifically BM5. Also BM3 |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be?  **Related to the UW ITTE curriculum:** Target should relate to the curriculum threads in the Progression booklet. Focus on 2-3 bullets (as appropriate) for each target. | *“Communicate high expectations for learners” (BM5) also “model positive attitudes, values and behaviours” (BM3)* - be very explicit at the beginning of the lesson about what is expected. “ (emerging to confident)  “*Manage classes appropriately*” (BM5) - use seating plans so that I know pupils’ name. Use the school C1, C2, C3 behaviour policy (emerging to confident)  “*Use praise, rewards and sanctions*” (BM5) – (emerging to confident) |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target:** Establish clear rules and routines to manage behaviour (observation lesson 9X3 – Friday lesson 3) (BM4 and BM3)  **Actions:**   * Establish clear expectations at the beginning of the lesson to create an atmosphere that is unreservedly positive. * Use a seating plan to make sure that I know pupils’ names. * Use praise, rewards and sanctions following the school behaviour policy | |
| **Blunt Target** | Effective use of lesson time. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | Feedback suggests that lessons start well but I cannot deliver all that I plan and lessons over run without the opportunity to consolidate the learning at the end. I do not ‘really’ know what the pupils have learnt. |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | Watch my mentor teach a lesson and think about how it is divided into chunks. Use the lesson planning tool kit to help me plan a lesson in chunks. Identify how each chunk addresses a specific learning objective. Evaluate and reflect on the success of this strategy. |
| **Achievable** | Can I achieve the target in my professional context? Can I achieve it in the time frame? Do I have the opportunity? Which class(s)/year group will I focus on? | 7Y2 period 3 on Thursday (observe them in advance being taught by RT on Monday) |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | HPL6 and HPL9 |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | Break the lesson into chunks matched to learning outcomes to ‘*structure lessons that support learning*’ (HPL6)  Put timings onto the lesson plan focusing on the final ‘chunk’ to consolidate the learning ‘ making *effective use of lesson time*’ (HPL6)  Use information from the plenary to ‘*review and evaluate teaching’.* (HPL9) |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target:** Use a ‘chunking’ technique to break the lesson (7Y2 Thursday P3) into timed learning episodes focusing on the plenary to consolidate learning. Reflect on the impact (HPL6 and HPL9)  **Action:**   * Observe RT teach and identify the key ‘chunks’ (with timings). * Plan the lesson for 7Y2 in clear chunks with times * Identify the key learning outcomes for each chunk * Plan a plenary that consolidates the learning * Reflect at the weekly review meeting on the effectiveness of the lesson and use this for planning next week. | |

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| **Blunt Target** | Improve questioning. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | Lesson observations have highlighted the need to improve my questioning skills. I tend to focus on pupils with their hands up. I accept answers without probing using mostly recall questions. |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | Have a go at a no hands up approach to questioning (random name generator and some targeted focused questions for individuals). Use the ‘pose, pause, pounce and bounce’ technique. Observe how staff in the department use questioning. |
| **Achievable** | Can I achieve the target in my professional context? Can I achieve it in the time frame? Do I have the opportunity? Which class(s)/year group will I focus on? | Target all groups next week with formal lesson observation feedback on Friday p1 (9x3) |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | A2 but also BM1 and PB4 |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | Observe SR teaching and focus on how they use questioning ‘*to respond positively and proactively to advice from mentors/expert colleagues* (PB4)  Use a random name generator to engage more pupils in the lesson -‘*to encourage learners to participate and contribute.*’ (BM1)  Use the ‘pose, pause, pounce and bounce’ technique ‘*to use formative…assessment strategies that indicate a learner has made progress*’ (A2) |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target:** To demonstrate questioning skills that include all learners and that probes understanding (A2, BM1 and PB4)  **Action:**   * Take responsibility for developing questioning skills by observing SR teaching (11X2 – Monday p3) * Encourage learners to participate and contribute using a random name generator to include more pupils in the lesson (observed lesson 9X3 Friday p1) * To use the ‘pose, pause, pounce and bounce’ technique to probe understanding. | |

***Confident* to *Good***

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| **Blunt Target** | To be able to set high expectations in terms of behaviour and aim for consistency. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | Establish a strong start to every lesson where expectations are clearly communicated to the class. Take ownership of the seating arrangements and groupings, and give clear instructions about how and when pupils move around the classroom. Have an initial task ready before pupils enter the classroom and give instructions so they can begin straight away. Plan for the transitions between tasks so that there is minimal disruption when moving to start group work. Share expectations (or rules) about how to work in a group and roles of each person. |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | Greet each pupil at the door. Use the seating plan, and plan for which pupils will work together in group work. Indicate the groupings in lesson plans. Plan for the transition between individual work and how pupils will move to work in groups. Set and share expectations about distributing resources and packing away at the end of the lesson. Implement school behaviour policy. |
| **Achievable** | Can I achieve the target in my professional context? Can I achieve it in the time frame? Do I have the opportunity? Which class(s)/year group will I focus on? | Focus on one class (10B) for the three lessons timetabled next week. It is achievable to begin these routines straight away and use them all week. There is no scheduled disruption to teaching time all lessons will be taught consecutively with 10B. |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | BM1 and also BM5. |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | Confident (*Use routines to maintain a safe learning environment*), moving to good (*create a culture of respect and trust with pupils that promotes challenge and aspirations. Apply rules, sanctions and rewards in line with school policy, escalating behaviour incidents as appropriate*.) |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target: Take ownership of the start of 10Bs lesson, (Tuesday L3) and share expectations at the beginning group activities (BM1 and BM5).**  **Action:** set up the classroom with exercise books on each desk and 10 questions relating to prior learning on the board.  Stand by the door to welcome pupils to the lesson.  As they enter the room, direct pupils to sit quietly start the questions.  Explain the group task and rules for working together. Check understanding of the task instructions before telling pupils which table each group will work at and who is in each group.  Share expectations about giving out and collecting in resources. | |
| **Blunt Target** | Target questioning to pupils who need support during lessons. Ensure that I pick up on and challenge misconceptions. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | To identify specific pupils who need support. To explain key terms and check if those pupils understand the key terms. |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | Identify key pupils (who often have misunderstandings and require clarification) to focus on when questioning. Ask a focus pupil a question about the key term or definition –  e.g. What is SWOT analysis?  Once the focus pupil has answered then ask another (stronger) pupil – do you agree with the answer?  Bounce question back to first pupil if they didn’t answer fully.  Ask pupils questions to show they can give an example to apply the key term-  e.g. What would be a strength of the production methods used by Coca Cola?  e.g. When Sprockets Cycles build bikes, they have fixed costs and variable costs to pay. What are the fixed costs and variable costs for Sprockets Cycles?  e.g. Is a loan a good source of finance for a small business? Why?  Give a scenario for a business, e.g. ask ‘Which sources of finance could be suitable for business X?’ |
| **Achievable** | Can I achieve the target in my professional context? Can I achieve it in the time frame? Do I have the opportunity? Which class(s)/year group will I focus on? | Focus on one class (11C) for the two consecutive lessons timetabled next week. |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | HPL1, and SKP1, AT1, and HPL6 |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | HPL1 Confident (*make regular use of assessment to garner learner confidence in the taught content and or skills*) moving to good (*monitor and assess learners’ achievements and provide feedback to them based on their specific needs as individuals*).  SKP1 Confident (*pre-empt misunderstandings and misconceptions*) moving to good (*be aware of common misconceptions and know how to address these to help pupils master important concepts. Provide tasks that support pupils to learn key ideas securely.*)  AT1 Confident (*track the needs of different learners and, with support of mentors/expert colleagues, plan lessons that meet their needs*) moving to good (*adapt lessons, whilst maintaining high expectations for all, so that all learners have the opportunity to meet expectations and experience success*) |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target: Pre plan and ask knowledge based questions to focus pupils in 11C. Ask for examples to illustrate the meaning of the key term (HPL1, SKP1, AT1)**  **Action:** Identify key pupils (who often have misunderstandings and require clarification) to focus on when questioning. Ask a focus pupil a question about the key term or definition. Once the focus pupil has answered then ask another (stronger) pupil – do you agree with the answer?  Bounce question back to first pupil if they didn’t answer fully. Pupils give an example to apply the key term. Ask questions based on a business scenario. | |
| **Blunt Target** | Reflect on lessons and act on and value feedback. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | Evaluation of lessons to include specific examples of areas of good practice, identifying where pupils made most progress and areas for development. Take the initiative to ask for advice and feedback from colleagues and act on this. |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | Make specific reference to key parts of lessons when reflecting in weekly reviews. Independently talk to colleagues/SENCo for advice on working with specific pupils. Clarify targets and strategies in post lesson discussions and act on these. |
| **Achievable** | Can I achieve the target in my professional context? Can I achieve it in the time frame? Do I have the opportunity? Which class(s)/year group will I focus on? | Focus on Year 9, one lesson a week for the next two weeks. |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | PB4 |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | PB4 Confident (*respond positively and proactively to advice from mentors/expert colleagues*) moving to good (*use weekly reviews to evaluate professional practice – responding positively and proactively to advice/feedback from colleagues*) PB2 Good – discuss and analyse with mentors the importance of the right support (eg. from the SENCO) |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target: Actively evaluate Year 9 lessons, seek advice to support specific pupils and show that you have acted on agreed targets. (PB4 and PB2)**  **Action:** Make specific reference to key parts of lessons when reflecting in weekly reviews.  Independently talk to colleagues/SENCo for advice on working with specific pupils.  Clarify targets and strategies in post lesson discussions and act on these in the next Year 9 lesson. | |

***Good* to *High Performing***

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| **Blunt Target** | Use more questioning to adapt learning. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | Observation feedback shows that I have made improvements with questioning. I can now confidently implement a spread of questioning to ensure inclusivity. I pre-plan key questions to consider the appropriate pitch and challenge for my pupils (mostly using Bloom’s Taxonomy templates to help me structure these).  My mentor has commented that I now need to think about how I can ‘reflect in action’ and teach in the moment to be more flexible with my questioning. She has asked me to use questioning to support different pupils with their own rates of progress.  I want to challenge all pupils to stretch their thinking and understanding around the text to deepen the engagement with the key themes and characterisation in *Romeo and Juliet.* |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | * Observe an RQT in History who has been noted to question pupils effectively * Feedback to my mentor on what I observed in the history lesson (10 minutes of weekly review meeting) * Observe my Head of Department lead a class discussion in Y10 on the demise of Lady Macbeth with no pre-planned questions * Interview the HoD for 10 minutes after school to find out how she ‘planned’ the lesson * Re-visit question stems on Bloom’s Taxonomy sheet * Spend 15 minutes of my weekly review meeting this week explaining my findings and proposed plan for my Y8 *Romeo and Juliet* lesson |
|  |  | * I need to time manage this target specifically to make sure that I can use all the above scaffolds available to me * It is achievable if I map this into my planner and adjust my marking schedule accordingly. * I can ease myself into a practice lesson by choosing my high ability Y8 class. I have good relationships with them and we are doing Shakespeare. This means I can feel more confident ‘taking a risk’ and I can transfer some of the English practice I saw in Y10 Macbeth. * My HoD or mentor will swap classes with the normal class teacher this week so they can observe and evaluate my questioning specifically. |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | **AT1** with elements of A2 and HPL1 (also contributing to BM1) |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | Move from using pre-planned targeted questioning to stretch and challenge individuals (*AT1 good – adapt lessons whilst maintaining high expectations for all* ) to flexible questioning throughout a class discussion in which all or most pupils are actively involved, where pupils are challenged to re-think or develop their ideas and extend their evaluation of the writer’s craft. (*AT1 high performing – plan to connect new content with pupils’ existing knowledge – reframe questions to provide greater scaffolding or greater stretch.* ) Listen carefully to the pupils’ responses and use these as learning opportunities with the rest of the class to either summarise or hypothesise about characters’ future actions. Encourage pupils to make predictions in a safe environment and comment on each other’s thoughts. (*BM1 – high performing – create inclusive lessons using intentional and consistent language in which pupils feel their contributions are consistently values and welcomed.***)** |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target: Use flexible questioning in an extended class discussion with Y8 in order to develop critical thinking for a range of pupils (AT1, A2, HPL1, BM1)**  **Action:**   * Observe two colleagues – reflect and make notes * Familiarise myself with question stems for higher order thinking * 15 minute ‘talk plan’ with mentor * Ensure knowledge of key scenes in R&J * Manage a class discussion with Y8 using flexible questioning to develop critical thinking for different ability pupils within the class | |

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| **Blunt Target** | Develop my contribution to the design and provision of an engaging curriculum. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | I have been creating and producing my own teaching resources to complement a medium term plan (one of which I used for assignment 2). I also attended a departmental inset and contributed to the planning of a new scheme of work. I want to develop my practice in this area in my final term in order to hone my skills for my NQT year and to achieve high performing in all aspects of HPL. The area of focus in going to be in two year groups:   * Y10 to revise the current Shakespeare scheme which I will use as part of my assignment three research (impact of active approaches to teaching Shakespeare). * Y12 to plan a medium term plan for a new novel that the department will be teaching in September. |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | * I need to take advantage of my quicker planning time now that I am planning sequences of lessons and pencil in time to create the schemes * I plan to use a weekend day when I am not so tired and feeling more creative so need to ensure this time is free * I will use my A3 reading to give me ideas to offer different approaches to teaching Shakespeare * The Head of Department has asked me to run a team meeting to share this after the official presentation so that I can model and explain the strategies to staff * Write up my ideas within the department’s scheme of work template * Read the new novel for Y12 * Explore literary criticism of the text to help me build my subject knowledge confidence * Meet with my HoD and mentor to show them the first draft of the medium term plan for Y12 |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | * Focus on Y10 and Y12 * Yes, there is time as I can use this work to count towards my A3 study and my Post 16 experience * I will choose to use a weekend days to work on this so that I work more effectively * I have a timeline from discussions with my HoD and mentor |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | HPL10 Elements of HPL7 and AT2. |
|  |  | I want to move from HPL10 – good - *making a positive contribution to curriculum planning showing some examples of innovation and making creative use of resources to plan lessons to take account of the needs of groups of pupils and individuals*(which I did with my weekly planning and assignment resource) to TS4e – high performing - *showing initiative and examples of innovation, for example within a scheme of work, producing high quality innovative resources to ensure that all pupils make very good progress***.** |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target: To take the initiative and explore different teaching strategies to create an innovative approach to a Y10 Shakespeare unit and high quality resources for Y12 scheme of work for a new novel. (HPL10)**  **Action:**   * I will use my A3 reading to give me ideas to offer different approaches to teaching Shakespeare * The Head of Department has asked me to run a team meeting to share this after the official presentation so that I can model and explain the strategies to staff * Write up my ideas within the department’s scheme of work template * Read the new novel for Y12 * Explore literary criticism of the text to help me build my subject knowledge confidence * Meet with my HoD and mentor to show them the first draft of the medium term plan for Y12 | |

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| **Blunt Target** | Be more involved in wider school life. | |
| **SHARP** | **Key questions** | **Breakdown of target** |
| **Specific** | What exactly do you want to achieve? What is the area of specific focus? | Feedback shows that my mentor and Head of Department consider that I have become a member of the team in the English Department. I have attended two school parents’ evenings.  The focus for the target is broader than subject or departmental involvement with the school. My mentor thinks that my professional persona could be developed further through embracing more of the wider school life. |
| **How** | What actions will you need to take to achieve the target? What support will you need? | * Research what is available in school extra-curricular provision * Chat to mentor about a half term creative writing club for Y8 * Volunteer to go on the Y10 theatre trip and ask the member of the English department if I can go through the organisation aspects of the trip with her; filling in the risk assessment form, writing a letter to go to parents, collection of monies, etc. * Discuss time management of additional activities with the NQT in the department |
| **Achievable** | Can I achieve the target in my professional context? Can I achieve it in the time frame? Do I have the opportunity? Which class(s)/year group will I focus on? | * Yes, I can achieve this but I will need to take care to adjust my work plan accordingly * Yes, this can be a longer term target which is spread over a half term * I have chosen Y8 for the creative writing as I teach two Y8 classes and will have some ‘known faces’ in this group. There are also some able pupils who have shown an interest in this area. |
| **Progression** | Can I use the language from the Progression booklet? Where am I at and where am I aiming to be? | PB1. Some of PB2 and BM7. |
| **Related – to the Progression Booklet** | Which is the main curriculum thread in the Progression Booklet and are there any others? | Move from *regularly contributing (PB1 – good) to the wider life and ethos of the school* to becoming more fully involved in school life contributing positively to the wider school culture developing a feeling of shared responsibility for improving the lives of all pupils within the school *(PB1 – high performing***)**  Move to *work as part of a team, seek challenge, feedback and critiques from mentors/expert colleagues in an open and trusting working environment*.(PB2 – high performing) |
| **Revised SHARP Target with actions** | **Target: To take the initiative by offering a curriculum enrichment opportunity for Y8 and supporting with the organisation of a Y10 theatre trip in order to become more fully involved with school life. (PB1 and PB2)**  **Action:**   * Research what is available in school extra-curricular provision * Chat to mentor about a half term creative writing club for Y8 * Volunteer to go on the Y10 theatre trip and ask the member of the English department if I can go through the organisation aspects of the trip with her; filling in the risk assessment form, writing a letter to go to parents, collection of monies, etc. * Discuss time management of additional activities with the NQT in the department | |

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