

Drama Mentorship Conference West Lodge 8 February 2001

[Kenneth Taylor](#) from Middlesex University welcomed delegates and opened the Conference.

Welcome

- Welcome packs were distributed with materials for the day.
- Delegates were invited to browse through the *Drama Mentorship Guidelines*.

Jonothan Neelands

- Practical workshop looking at material student teachers might prepare.
- This material is available in the [Files](#) section of the Drama Mentors Yahoo Group.

Assessment

- Using Jonothan's lesson 'as if' he were a student teacher we attempted to complete the Drama section of the ATS form.
- We considered positive feedback and target setting and how to support a student who takes criticism badly.

Key Input

- 36 week course
- Tutor = 60 days = 1/3
- Mentor = 120 days = 2/3
- Ken made the point that Drama Mentors can make a great difference to the quality of the work that students produce.

Ofsted Grading

Complies with Secretary of State's current criteria	1	Very Good
	2	Good
	3	Adequate
Does not comply with Secretary of State's current criteria	4	Poor Quality

Outcome 1999 – 2000

	Cell	Grade
T1	Quality of the Training	2
T2	Accuracy & Consistency of the Assessment against the Standards	2
ST1	Trainees' Subject Knowledge	2
ST2	Trainees' Planning, Teaching and Class Management	2
ST3	Trainees' Monitoring, Assessment, Recording, reporting & Accountability	2

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The Support we can offer

- Mentorship Guidelines
- Regular Meetings
- Observation
- Target & Review sessions
- Subject input

Developing the Quality of the Drama

Taken from John O'Toole and Brad Haseman *DramaWise*

- Tension
- Focus
- Place & Time
- Language & Movement
- Mood & Symbols

New Approaches

- Structured input of subject
- Support with monitoring pupil work
- Targeted research projects
- Cross moderation

Group Discussion

- The New Mentorship Guidelines. How have they worked in practice?
- How best can we support Drama Students through School Experience?
- New approaches?

Skills Tests

- The TTA have introduced three new tests
- Literacy
- Numeracy
- ICT
- View them here <http://www.canteach.gov.uk/>

Next Conference

- We agreed to attempt a second event in the summer?

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