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L'ÉT001: Pilot Phase#1

Evidence Based Pedagogy

Total Education is rooted in the latest advances in cognitive neuroscience and educational theory and practice. We keep abreast of the evidence so our students stay ahead of the curve.

Mind the Gap

*Self-Confidence / Critical Thinking / Discipline / Debate / Public Speaking
Creative and Academic Writing Fluency / Perspicacity /*

These are the skills, qualities and characteristics that often constitute the gap between students educated at the best private schools, with wealthy and/or well educated, professional parents, and those educated at even very good state schools, without a university or professional background to draw from or aspire to. Total Education closes this gap, with a radical skills-to-knowledge based curriculum in which we are always, as Josep Guardiola might put it, “working with the ball”. There is no separation of instruction/comprehension/application, but a “Total Approach,” where every moment of every class achieves all three at the same time.

Numbers First

The unfairly labelled “soft skills” are increasingly recognised as vital for success at school, university, and in later life, but Total Education does not focus solely on these essential qualities. We expect to see an increase in examination performance in every subject across the board, with one module, for example, on “The Psychology of Examination Success”, where the use of simple tricks and practices so essential for my own career have been built into a simple and robust pedagogy such that they can be easily transmitted, absorbed, and applied. Examination success is a core goal and expected outcome of the Total Education program.

British Values

We take British Values one step further, by instituting a Parliamentary Democracy into the classroom, with the teacher as House Speaker, the election of Whips, a hand engineered Division Bell, and Parliamentary Process at the heart of our students' educational experience. Every lesson will educate, raise questions upon, and encourage critical reflection in respect of, Democracy, the Rule of Law, Individual Liberty, and Mutual Respect and Tolerance. British Values are the rich and fertile the soil in which Total Education grows.

Take Them by the Hand

Literature, philosophy, plays and poetry, great works of history or the classics, can be intimidating for the TikTok generation, more used to 60 second dopamine swipes than longer periods of study, reflection, concentration, and knowledge retention. It's no use standing across the road and shouting at them to "come over here, it's nicer, trust us!"

We must walk across the road, take them by them hand, and reassure them, convincingly, in order to bring them with us. With Total Education's science-based multi-sensory approach, drawing upon music, film, art, and exercise, we enliven and engage our students with the vivacity of media more familiar to a digitised generation. This allows us to, as it were, build a bridge across the torpid river of fear and uncertainty, to Great, challenging, classical, ancient, works, and the like.

Video Coaching / Writing with the Masters

It's amazing the difference that seeing yourself speak, stand, gesticulate, can make to one's sense of oneself and the quality of one's performance. Video coaching allows students to gain a new perspective on themselves and radically improve their real world qualities of articulation, posture, pacing, in contexts as varied as a job or university interview to a heated debate at the pub. Total Education practitioners are also master craftsman when it comes to writing, adopting a method of intensive annotation and rewriting handed down by Professor Veena Das, the former head of Anthropology at John Hopkins University. By showing different ways, asking how might a construction be more compelling, more interesting, rather than just correcting spelling punctuation and grammar, Total Education takes the written word of our students to the next level.

Different Lives: Series #1

There is more than one way to climb a mountain, but sometimes the path can be difficult to see, especially for young people increasingly trapped within the echo chambers of social media and the myopia of reinforcing algorithms. Having lived and worked across the UK, Denmark, France, Italy, Greece, Germany, Sweden, Lebanon, Guatemala, Argentina, and Brazil, the team behind Total Education have built an impressive network of successful professionals, academics, and artists, in many fields around the world who, passionate about education and the democratisation of opportunity and success, have kindly volunteered their time to deliver, in person or via Zoom, a short presentation of what they have done, how they got to where they are, and a Q&A session where students can discuss the many forking paths to life after exams.

Building on Experience, Building on Success

Total Education comes from many years of experience teaching and mentoring, privately to individuals and collectively in schools and universities, self-employed or as part of an organisation, and in collaboration with institutions such as the Sutton Trust, Wellington College, the University of Cambridge, the University of Oxford, the University of Edinburgh, the University of Lund, the Centre for Science and Policy, the Organisation for Economic Co-Operation and Development, Kong Gulerod Film, the Royal Academy of Arts, University of the Arts London, and the Royal Danish Academy of Fine Arts, to mention but a few. With a proven track record of student achievement and improvement in a variety of disciplines and contexts, and professionals from the Lead Designer for Nike Europe to the founder of Redemption Roasters, we have an unparalleled history of academic success at the most prestigious institutions in the world, and a unique portfolio of artistic and professional projects behind us. You can trust that, with Total Education, the future of your students is in good hands.