





Lesson Structure 2025-2026

Our lesson structure is based on research surrounding the principles of outstanding teaching (e.g. Rosenshine's Principles). It is not prescriptive and you will see elements of the structure across a number of lessons. Subjects are autonomous and use the structure to suit their subject discipline.

Activity	Key components	Resource Ideas
Do Now	 ✓ Teachers meet and greet at the door and lessons begin with Do Now task completed independently ✓ Ensure your 'Do Now' tasks demonstrate the following – Preview, Review, Improve or Drill 	 ✓ Retrieval (e.g. Connect Four) ✓ Assess prior knowledge ✓ Vocabulary task ✓ A quotation to evaluate. ✓ Chronology task
Lesson Outcomes	 ✓ Ensure learning outcomes are specific, measurable and linked to prior knowledge. ✓ Explain how learning outcomes link to Catholic social teaching principles. 	 ✓ Include two or three learning outcomes per lesson. ✓ Are driven by learning, not activities.
Activate	 ✓ Ensure you prioritise the essential knowledge and skills. ✓ Adapt your activate tasks. ✓ Ensure students learn new content/skills in engaging and interesting ways. ✓ Ensure your instructions and explanations are clear, simple and in small steps. ✓ Ensure you continually circulate. 	 ✓ Explicit instructions ✓ Reading tasks ✓ Comprehension tasks ✓ Collaborative work ✓ Media Clips. ✓ Class discussions.
Progress Check	 ✓ Ensure that an inclusive progress check is completed at least once during the lesson. ✓ Ensure you assess students' understanding of content/skills delivered during the 'Activate' task. ✓ Offer timely support and clarify misconceptions. ✓ Use this as an opportunity to interleave. 	 ✓ Mini whiteboards. ✓ True or False activities. ✓ Multiple choice questions. ✓ Cold calling.
Model	 ✓ Ensure that modelling is completed at least once during the lesson. ✓ Scaffold your modelling activity. ✓ Share your thought process. 	 ✓ I do, you do, we do. ✓ Use visualisers. ✓ Use examples of students' work. ✓ WAGOLL/WABOLL. ✓ Metacognitive modelling ✓ Assess an example and improve it.
Resilience	 ✓ Ensure pupils have adequate time for independent practice. ✓ Adapt the resilience task to support and stretch students. 	 ✓ Extended writing (including exam questions) ✓ Debates/Presentation ✓ Create / Build / Cook / Perform
Plenary	 ✓ Assess students' progress towards achieving the learning outcomes. ✓ Use this assessment to inform your future planning. ✓ Encourage students to be self-regulated and reflective. 	 ✓ Practice application of key vocabulary ✓ Exit tickets ✓ Cold calling ✓ Mini whiteboards