

Top 10 tips for engaging students



- 1.** Be **enthusiastic** about maths about the games and most importantly about what your NP can add to the activity.
- 2.** Try to create an **atmosphere of support** – if your students feels like being wrong is fine, as long as they try, they will try.
- 3.** Use your real life **experiences and tell stories** to build a context for the problem you are trying to explain.
- 4.** Creating **word pictures** and using imagery when explaining problems can open your explanations to your audience.
- 5.** Including **tactile activities**, which let students touch and move things, will engage those who have a more practical attitude to learning.
- 6.** If you **listen to what they have to say**, they will listen to what you have to say, as well as listening to each other.
- 7.** Asking **open questions** will make students answer fully and may encourage a discussion.
- 8.** If you are struggling to make yourself or a problem understood to all, **ask students to explain** to each other, and listen to them – you will learn a lot.
- 9.** **Praise students** and be specific: “I like the way you have really considered a variety of options here.”
- 10.** The best way you can engage students will almost always be through **having some fun** – enjoy yourself and they will too.