

COMMUNICATION
TEAMBUILDING
PROBLEM SOLVING

Thinking Efficiency



Imaginative work-related learning & enterprise training for students

Overview

Thinking Efficiency offers an insight into proven organisational efficiency techniques and their potential for reducing costs, increasing profits and improving competitiveness. Often omitted from business studies teaching, these commonsense yet counter-intuitive ideas can have a dramatic effect on company profitability. The ideas include elements of lean thinking and can be adapted to any type of organisation or personal endeavour. Customer value is central to lean thinking. Thinking Efficiency helps to identify those value and non-value adding activities and through value stream mapping, eliminate the '7 Wastes', create flow in work and pull from the customer, all with perfect quality. Using less is the ultimate objective – less human effort, less inventory, less space and less time. Concepts are introduced in a lively and engaging way and practical exercises involve both communication and team working skills.

Programme Duration & Options

Half Day (AM or PM): Introduction to Thinking Efficiency.

Full Day programme incorporates practical team exercises to demonstrate the key principles. Timings can be adjusted to fit school timetable. Giant Impact programmes offer flexibility to mix 'n' match programmes to suit individual needs. The modular design allows a Half Day Thinking Efficiency programme to work particularly well with all other modules such as Job Application, Interview & Recruitment, Enterprise, Practical Sales & Marketing, Study for Work and Sixth Form Team Building & Gelling.

Special Note: *Thinking Efficiency blended learning solutions are available to enable teams to work on real organisational issues. These could include cross cutting teams of students, teachers, administrative and catering staff, facilities management, senior management and governors.*

The objectives would be to find real cost saving solutions to real organisational problems, to engender a continuous improvement culture and to help communication throughout the school.

Student Year Groups

Students studying Business Studies in years 10, 11, 12 & 13.
(50 - 100 students)

Learning Outcomes

Students are introduced to simple, yet very powerful concepts that challenge commonly held views. Practical tools are provided to enable students to analyse processes and identify inherent waste and to find creative ways to eliminate it. Team working, communication and problem solving are important elements to this programme.

School Resources

Assembly/sports hall with small worktables and chairs. Small quantity of stationery. Data projector and screen. Two members of staff to support two experienced presenters.



