



Professional Learning Update

What's new? Teacher Tapp

“How would the world be different if you knew what teachers were thinking at any given moment?”

“Imagine if that was possible. If you could pin-point struggling teachers, then you could intervene and reduce turnover. If you could see how many teachers were struggling with behaviour, or curriculum, or if they were teaching in lots of classrooms, it might tell us why so many are struggling. Or, imagine being able to know, instantly, that the latest announcement by a politician was wildly unpopular. With that information you might be able to stop the silliness of its implementation before it even began.”

This is the story behind a new innovation designed to answer the very question of what, collectively, the teaching profession is thinking at any given point in time. This innovation, the brainchild of Prof Becky Allen and former Schools Week editor, Laura McInerney, comes in the form of a downloadable app which buzzes every day at 3.30pm with new questions. In return for your participation, the app shares with you results of past questions along with informative and relevant blog posts. Thousands of teachers across the UK are now using the app which is providing a very enlightening insight into the thoughts and experiences of the profession nationwide. It won't change your life, but it's interesting and worthy of a look. You can read more about the app [here](#) and you can download it for both iOS and Android.



What's out there?

The EEF will be publishing their long-awaited guidance report on using Metacognition and Self-Regulation to improve the outcomes of learners. Metacognition remains second only to feedback in terms of its effectiveness at securing progress (+7months) according to the research summary provided by the EEF Toolkit. Their guide, which should be published at the end of April will provide clear and actionable guidance on how to apply the principles in the classroom along with examples of good practice. You can sign up for news alerts from the EEF to make sure you are up to date with their latest research and publications on their website:

<https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/news/>





What's Coming Up?

When	What?	Who is it aimed at?	Links
4 th May	#NQTeachMeet18	A TeachMeet aimed specifically at trainees and NQTs, but a great source of inspiration and professional networking for all.	https://bit.ly/2Ghtkiw
18 th May	West Midlands School Leaders Conference - Chateau Impney, Droitwich	School and system leaders from across the West Midlands region.	www.wmschooled.co.uk
9 th June	WomenEd Festival of Leadership - Warwick University	Aspiring and existing female leaders in education and #HeforShe advocates.	https://bit.ly/2ETg7rD
29 June	Research Schools Conference - Shireland Collegiate Academy	All teachers and leaders interested in accessing evidence and research to improve student outcomes and sharing good practice.	https://bit.ly/2H5tk6G

