



# **Assessment Academy**

## Assessment Essentials

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*"A gem of a course! This is the most valuable CPD I have had in a long time. The quality of materials is excellent and the ability to work through the course in one's own time is extremely helpful for the busy teacher!"*

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## Assessment Essentials - an overview

Assessment Essentials focuses specifically on 'what every teacher needs to know about assessment'.

The ten-week course responds to clear and pressing problems identified by the Carter Review of Initial Teacher Training ("... assessment is the area where most improvement is required").

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*"The course has been genuinely useful and encouraged me to re-think some of the departmental-level assessment practices we had."*

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Assessment Essentials represents the best of what we know about assessment direct to teachers in a manageable format, with **no need for cover or travel**.

## What is the structure?

The course follows a micro-lesson structure, designed to fit around the busy timetable of teachers and is a commitment of around 1.5 hours per week.

It includes insight interviews with leading thinkers and practitioners – **Dylan Wiliam**, **Daisy Christodoulou**, **John Hattie**, **Rob Coe** and others – who will help teachers reflect on and develop their practice.

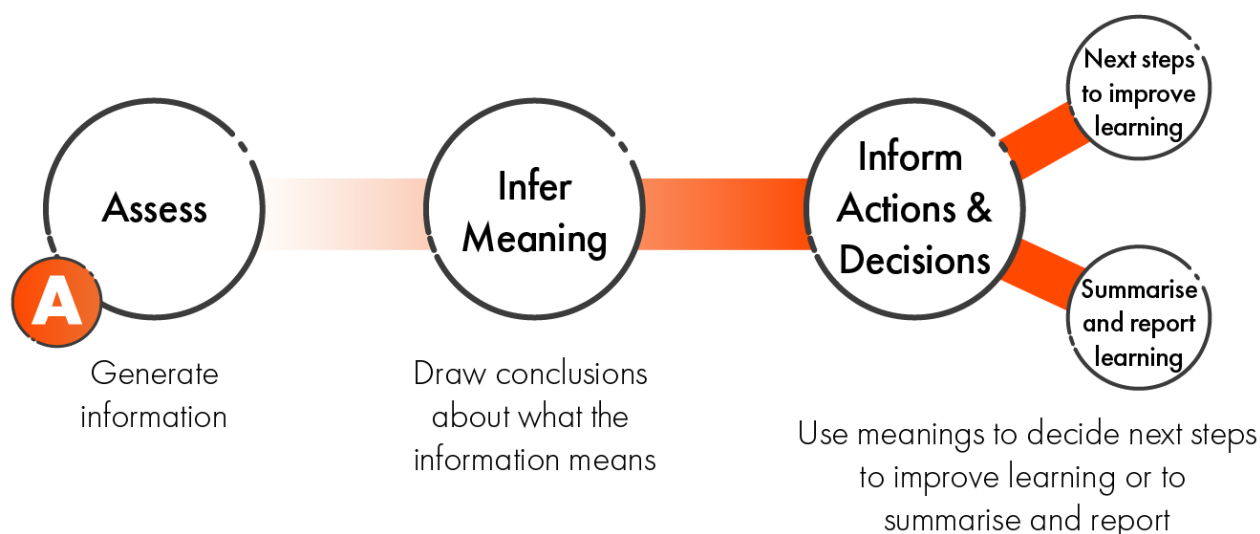


Dylan Wiliam

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*"I have really enjoyed this course – it was exactly what I needed for my CPD and way beyond the quality my school can provide in-house!"*

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## What will you learn?

**Week 1:** Introduction and perspectives on assessment

**Week 2:** Making the invisible (learning) visible

**Week 3:** Harnessing assessment as a powerful learning event

**Week 4:** Intent, implementation and impact

**Week 5:** Enhancing your assessment practice

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*"I love the activity in Week 5 and Week 10 (assessment practice and implementation). It helped me to reflect on my assessment methods. Thank you!"*

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**Week 6:** The power and potential of feedback & delivering effective feedback

**Week 7:** Fairness in assessment

**Week 8:** Theory into practice: selecting and designing assessments

**Week 9:** Theory into practice: selecting and designing assessments (pt.2)

**Week 10:** Embedding great assessment in your classroom

## How have teachers benefited from Assessment Essentials?

**Collaborative conversations:** *"It has been great to have conversations with a trusted colleague about new ways of assessing and helping our students improve. It has been invigorating as a professional as well to hear what other teachers are doing in the classroom."*

**Interviews with expert practitioners:** *"The audio clips are just wonderful. It is really interesting and beneficial to hear the voices and experiences of different professionals. The voices and opinions were varied and this allowed me as the learner to think about my own experiences/opinions/thoughts."*

**The online learning platform:** *"I really liked this course being online. Before enrolling I was worried I had to find time and travel to a local school each week. However, being an online course allowed me the freedom to fit it around my own schedule."*

**Self-reflection:** *"I thoroughly enjoyed this course. I found myself reflecting immediately on my own practices as soon as I started the course which has been very helpful. Thank you."*

**Implementing change:** *"I have thoroughly enjoyed completing this course and it has helped me to consider the effects of my questioning a lot more. I have also edited the way that I mark a lot of the work given to me by the students."*

*"I feel that this course has been extremely useful. It has taught me a number of strategies that I have implemented in the classroom. Thank you very much."*

**Sustained Learning:** *"So far the best course I have ever attended in my eight-year teaching journey. All modules are carefully created and fit the purpose. And sufficient time was given to complete each task."*

**Bridging the gap between research and the classroom:** *"Assessment Essentials makes training for teachers really accessible and that is very important for a busy teacher! The speakers and educators in this course are very knowledgeable and really contribute to much of what I now know about assessment."*