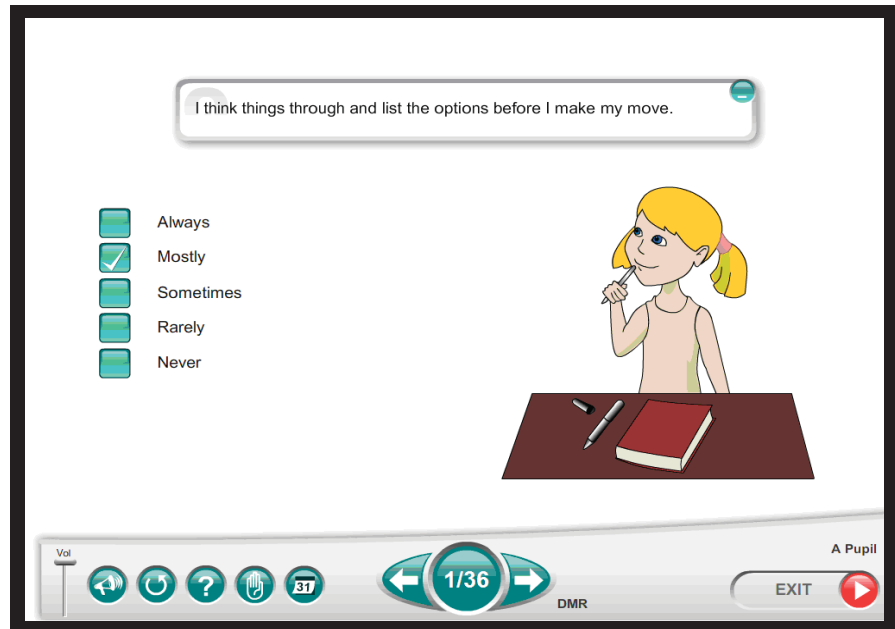


GOAL Customer Update

New Decision Making Readiness Tool

EDI has recently launched a Decision Making Readiness tool (DMR) to help secondary school teachers and careers advisors determine decision-making competence in students and tailor teaching accordingly.

Delivered through GOAL - the tool comprises three elements: planning, self-awareness and knowing others; providing insight into the support each student requires when making career choices.



The DMR tool is designed to be used with students aged 14 and over who are faced with important choices about their future. These include Year 8 students choosing year 9 options, subsequent GCSE selection and older students moving to further education. The tool can also be used with specific groups including those with special educational needs, looked-after children and Gifted and Talented pupils.

The simple 40-minute test comprises a bank of statements where students indicate whether they agree or disagree on a scale of 1-5. Examples include: 'I think things through and list the options before I make my move'; 'Before starting on a task I wait to see what my friends are doing', 'I get stressed if there is a lot to think about' and 'Things just happen to me which I can't do anything about'. The results help to determine how students make their choices. For example, some may act on a hunch whilst others may be influenced by friends or put off from making a decision all together.

Results from the test will prove invaluable to form tutors and careers advisors as they help to identify three groups: students who need direct, intensive help over time; those who require infrequent personal help and those who just need information to inform their decisions. The results also provide teachers with a baseline to measure whether interventions and support are helping to improve a student's ability to make reasoned choices and plans. Support can be tailored to each student's strengths and weaknesses and delivered in the most appropriate manner.

DMR complements the Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning (SEAL) measure also available within GOAL. This helps teachers to gauge the emotional intelligence of pupils across five domains - self awareness, ability to manage feelings, motivation, empathy and social skills.

For more information about the DMR Tool or GOAL please visit www.goalonline.co.uk, call 024 7651 6560 or email schools@ediplc.com.

SEAL

More and more schools are now incorporating SEAL into their curriculum. In response to requests from schools EDI now has an online SEAL measure/questionnaire for pupils. The SEAL measure consists of 56 items covering the five SEAL aspects of self-awareness, managing feelings, motivation, empathy and social skills. Pupils respond on a four point scale indicating their agreement with statements like 'If I've had a problem doing something, I like to have another go at it'. Each statement appears on a separate screen together with an appropriate graphic. Audio is available if required.

The SEAL measure takes pupils about 30 minutes to complete making it very doable in a lesson or tutor period. The measure is marked immediately with a class and pupil being available. The pupil report gives the pupil's score in each SEAL aspect together with a brief summary of what the score means and what actions the pupil might take. The pupil report provides teachers with a starting point for discussions with individual pupils.

Teachers have found the EDI SEAL measure useful in bench marking pupils at the start of year and in measuring progress at the end of the year.

GOAL online assessment - the perfect maths solution

GOAL online assessments are used by teachers to quickly and easily assess pupil's progress in Mathematics at Key Stage 3. The reports generated from the assessment bring you noticeable benefits:

- APP relevance: Pupil reports are linked to APP assessment focus
- Evidence of ability: reports provide tangible evidence of your pupils' strengths and weaknesses
- Personalisation: reports inform next steps for each pupil's learning
- Instant: automated marking and instant reports are generated, saving you time

For more information, please read our [maths assessments leaflet](#).

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VQ Day celebrates vocational qualifications

23 June 2010 will mark the third annual VQ Day - a celebration of the millions of people who gain vocational qualifications every year. EDI is helping to lead the celebrations and we want schools like yours to get involved.

The number of pupils taking a VQ in schools doubled last year, creating a stepping stone to enhanced skills, further study and better job prospects - and we think that's worth celebrating.

Now in its third year, VQ Day is well established and schools, colleges, employers, MPs and learners across the country all get involved. It's really simple:

- Go to the VQ Day website www.vqday.org.uk to find out all you need to know about VQ Day
- Order posters and leaflets for free to promote VQ Day in your school
- Enter our VQ Learner Awards
- Host an event at your school or speak to your local college and co-host an event with them - more details available at www.vqday.org.uk/get-involved

You can download information and materials or contact the VQ team at vqday@bbpr.com.

There are many paths to success - let's celebrate them!



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