# PEER CRITIQUE

GIVE KIND, SPECIFIC AND HELPFUL FEEDBACK

# WHAT IS PEER CRITIQUE?

Peer critique can help you and your peers improve your work by giving encouraging and constructive feedback. To do this, we can use the "Kind, Specific, and Helpful" method. Here's how it works: Feedback should be kind, making sure to encourage and support your partner. It should be specific, providing detailed and clear comments. Lastly, feedback should be helpful, giving actionable suggestions that your partner can use to make tangible improvements.

# WHY IS PEER CRITIQUE USEFUL?

The peer critique process helps you improve your work by getting valuable nuggets of feedback from your peers. Being "kind, specific, and helpful" ensures that the feedback you give and receive is supportive and motivating. It's useful because your partner's insights are practical, helping you make small adjustments that elevate your work to excellence. This process also boosts your confidence, knowing that your contributions are valued and meaningful.

# HOW DO I GIVE 'KIND, SPECIFIC, HELPFUL' FEEDBACK EFFECTIVELY?

# **BEKIND**

**GIVE THOUGHTFUL PRAISE** 

# **OBSERVE PARTNER'S WORK..**

Think about what your partner did well and make brief notes to capture your observations:

What did I like the most? What did they do well?

# PRAISE ONE EXAMPLE...

- You effectively showed...
- You beautifully demonstrated...
- You creatively used... to...
- Impressive utilisation of...
- Sophisticated use of... to....

# **BEPOSITIVE & ENCOURAGING...**

- I really like the way you used... This made me feel/think...
- Throughout, you made excellent use of...
- The most successful part is... This is because...
- I enjoyed this because it shows...

# **BE SPECIFIC**

**GIVE PRECISE FEEDBACK** 

# **PINPOINT IMPROVEMENTS...**

Share feedback on specific aspects of your partner's work that could be improved:

What part needs improving or more detail? What is missing?

# **FOCUS ON YOUR PARTNER'S..**

- Paragraph or word choice
- Accuracy/working out/steps
- Use of a specific technique
- Analysis of an idea or concept
- Use of supporting evidence

#### **BE HONEST & PRECISE...**

- In the first/second/ third paragraph, you could...
- An idea that needs developing is here...
- This [point to work], is hard to understand because...
- Your analysis of... is a bit confusing because...

# **BE HELPFUL**

GIVE ACTIONABLE GUIDANCE

# **EXPLAIN THE NEXT STEPS...**

Explain how to act on feedback by providing clear, actionable steps for improvement:

What steps can I suggest? What support can we refer to?

# **DURING GUIDANCE, REFER TO...**

 MODEL RESPONSES Like in the model, try to use...

Compare,

with...

- **SUCCESS CRITERIA** Let's identify what we're missing...
- TEACHER EXAMPLE Look how the teacher used...

#### **BECLEAR & CONSTRUCTIVE...**

- To improve, add/rewrite/ perform... so that...
- Don't forget, you need to include... This will help to...
- A specific strategy you could introduce is... Using this will...
- Consider using... in/when... This is effective because...

