

ASSOCIATE

## MARK CREASY

*“We’ve always done it that way is no reason to always do it that way”*



*“I couldn’t help thinking that traditional homework was putting us on some sort of hamster’s wheel” - Unhomework*

Mark is a happily married father of one, his 9 year old daughter Jessica who provides so much inspiration for his work. Having qualified in secondary PE and English from Exeter 17 years ago he worked across a range of subjects, teaching from Year 7-13, in the state secondary sector working up to the role of Headteacher.

Having had a self confessed educational epiphany 4 years ago he sought to return solely to the classroom. To achieve this he made the switch to primary education and became a Year 5 teacher at an independent co-ed school in Buckinghamshire, co-ordinating Learning for Life (PSHE) and RE across the school.

It’s one of the biggest bones of contention in school life, dividing academics, teachers and indeed families. Every school does it yet so few seem to do it right. We are talking, of course, about homework and we are delighted that Mark Creasy’s pioneering work is helping

transform it from ‘*There’s the bell, finish this off at home!*’ to a practice that genuinely adds value to the school experience of children, teachers and families.

It is this belief which underpins his first book, *Unhomework*, how to get the most out of homework without really setting it. Written with the perspective of both an educator and a father Mark seeks to find the learning in every opportunity, for the children and him.

### Feedback from recent events:

*“Thank you very much for the course, I thought it was great. I will be starting to Unhomework my class this week. It fits very nicely into my area of development (culture for/of learning) and as such I will be trying to persuade the school to move in this direction”*

*“I feel inspired to try a little harder to get it right and make it fun at the same time. Thanks so much*

*for your time and hard work. I have nearly finished the book and it is a great read”stimulating and thought provoking. I love that it gave me some ‘scientific’ backing to many of the things I have held closely and felt passionate about when teaching children and adults alike”*

### Books written by Mark Creasy:

- *Unhomework*
- *There is Another Way* (contributor)
- *The Working Class* (contributor)

Mark has been with Independent Thinking since October 2013.

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