Attitude to Learning for school and for life



Our Ethos

"We are High Storrs. We are here to learn, succeed and thrive. We are respectful, safe and responsible."

It absolutely clear that students with great learning behaviours do well and it is crucial to further develop these behaviours and build good habits from the outset. We know when we see a student with a certain attitude to their learning, a student doing the right things week in and week out, that they will succeed.

We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act, but a habit."

Aristotle

How we put this into practice

- Our Attitude to learning documents are tied to our Ethos and values and are integral to our practice and reporting systems.
- We communicate the learning habits and behaviours we expect to see at each Key Stage of learning through our A2L criteria (see page 2). These are displayed in classrooms and also communicated through trackers and assemblies.
- Teachers & support staff model the behaviours we are looking for and assist students in developing these behaviours in and out of lessons.
- We track current A2L at regular intervals, involving students in self-assessment and discussion about ways to improve their learning behaviours
- We communicate with families sharing their children's current A2L level through trackers, parents' evenings and phone
 calls home
- We celebrate students who consistently perform well in terms of A2L and those that also make significant improvements
- We support those students who require further support through interventions (such as: peer mentors, Key stage lead mentoring etc)

Each key stage has it's own A2L criteria as each stage of learning requires students to develop their learning habits further.

KS3 – Y7-8	KS4 Y9-Y11	KS5 Y12-13
We BUILD great learning habit's	We DEVELOP great learning habit's	We MASTER great learning habit's
By binding the learning habits' and	By further Developing students learning	We want our students to be successful
attitudes we are looking for we are	habits and attitudes we are helping them	for school and life and mastering
setting the correct tone in order for	to SUCEED in their KS4 pathways	learning habits is the key to this in order
students to LEARN effectively		for them to THRIVE as lifelong learners

Students use self-assessment several times each year to better understand where they are in developing their own learning habit's. To do this they use our A2L self-assessment grids.

A2L Criteria

The descriptors for each of the Key Stage specific A2Ls are to be found below – <u>one is the lowest and four/five is the highest</u>. Each level details learning behaviour in the classroom and independent learning. There is, of course, reference to punctuality, organisation and meeting deadlines but the A2L descriptors also include using feedback to improve, contributions to group discussions and the ability to concentrate on the task in hand for sustained periods. Moreover, we have included resilience and commitment. We want to encourage students to have a go, make mistakes and view the mistakes simply as learning. This is often termed a 'growth mindset' and is so important in helping students meet the challenge of GCSEs and A Level examinations as they progress through school.



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Y12 & Y13 ATTITUDE TO LEARNING – MASTERING GREAT LEARNING HABITS at HIGH STORRS SCHOOL A key part of the MLT mission is success for all. We work towards that by building strong learning behaviours and positive habits at each age and

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We Thrive by:

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	\2 L	Engagement in Lessons	Engagement in Lessons Organisation, planning Independent learning Reference & revision (including homework)		Response to Feedback	Resilience & commitment	
		Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being determined and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being respectful and:	
To Thrive	Mastering Level 5	Always maintains concentration and engagement across sequences of lessons, however challenging. Absorbed in their learning at all times. Works equally well collaboratively and independently. Learns effectively with and from others, developing and consolidating their own work and the work of others. Able to initiate and maintain sophisticated and wide-ranging discussion in an accomplished way.	Identifies and applies proven strategies when planning and preparing for formal assessments (e.g. summarising notes, accessing and completing past papers and reading revision guides and textbooks). Can set meaningful medium and long term goals and prioritise time; has an enormous capacity for work.	Organisation is exemplary and deadlines are met. Is consistently intellectually curious; seeks to extend/challenge knowledge through independent wider reading.	Automatically and consistently reflects upon and utilises feedback. Values mistakes as part of learning. Asks meaningful questions to develop and consolidate learning.	Attends every lesson. Punctuality is exemplary Makes a sustained contribution to the life of the school.	
		Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being determined and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being respectful and:	
To Thrive	Mastering Level 4	Regularly maintains concentration and engagement across sequences of lessons, however challenging. Absorbed in their learning at all times. Works equally well collaboratively and independently. Shapes the direction of talk, responding with flexibility to develop ideas and challenge assumptions.	Understands and applies proven strategies when planning and preparing for formal assessments. (E.g. re-writing notes, accessing and completing past papers and reading revision guides and textbooks). Applies a range of strategies to consolidate and reinforce, committing learning to memory.	Organisation is exemplary and deadlines are met. Demonstrates effective time management skills that reflect the academic calendar and can balance external commitments. Engages in extended reading and evidence of this reading is present in their work.	Automatically reflects upon and utilises feedback. Asks meaningful questions to deepen learning and understanding. Values mistakes as part of learning.	Attends every lesson. Punctuality is exemplary Has a positive attitude towards all aspects of school life.	
		Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being determined and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being respectful and:	
To Thrive	Mastering Level 3	Regularly maintains concentration and engagement across sequences of lessons. Values the contributions of others and builds on them to move the discussion forward.	Regularly uses a variety of resources to enhance and refine their work. Applies effective revision and learning strategies.	Demonstrates effective time management skills – meets all deadlines. Enhances learning through recommend reading.	Demonstrates the skills to review their performance in formal assessments and trial exams and modifies how they plan and prepare in the future. Values feedback and knows what they need to do to develop as a learner and the actions they need to take to improve.	Attends most lessons. Punctuality is exemplary. Shows grit and determination to achieve success. They are a consistent role model in classrooms and the school.	
		Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being determined and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being respectful and:	
To succeed	ring	Maintains concentration and engagement across sequences of lessons. Challenges, develops and responds to what they hear in discussions in thoughtful and considerate ways.	Demonstrates the skills required to plan and consolidate their learning and prepare for formal assessments.	Works to meet the majority of deadlines and is focussed on the assessment objectives.	Engages with feedback to deepen understanding of their own next steps in learning. Seeks further feedback when necessary to deepen understanding Uses feedback from formal assessments to support revision.	Attends most lessons. Punctuality is exemplary. Shows grit and determination to achieve success. Is tenacious about their own post 16 learning and encourages others	
		Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being determined and:	Being inquisitive and:	to be equally positive. Being respectful and:	
To succeed	Mastering Level 1	Maintains concentration and engagement across sequences of lessons. Listens closely to discussions. Makes contributions that move discussions forward.	Plans learning tasks (such as essays, written responses, project work or experiments) with increasing independence. Can organise work logically and coherently (e.g. they set out work in a logical order, they store and organise learning. effectively for revision).	Works to meet most deadlines and is focussed on the assessment objectives.	Uses feedback to check what they have learned and monitor their own progress and next steps. Can prioritise which areas of their work to address to improve. Beginning to understand their strengths as a learner and to address their weaknesses.	Attends most lessons and is mostly on time Sets goals and works hard to achieve them. Is inquisitive and shows an enthusiasm for Sixth Form	

Below Mastering Level 1

<u>Thrive</u> Mastering Y12 & 13 M1 M2 M3 M4 M5



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Y9, Y10 & Y11 ATTITUDE TO LEARNING - DEVELOPING GREAT LEARNING HABITS at HIGH STORRS SCHOOL

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A	2L	Behaviour for Learning	Engagement in Learning	Responsibility for Learning	Feedback for Learning	Independent Learning
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
To Thrive	Developing Level 5	*Consistently curious about all aspects of the learning *Always remains positive and determined even when work is very challenging. *A consistent role model in lessons and around the school.	*Always on time for every single lesson and arrives ready to learn *Always maintains concentration and engagement across the series of lessons. *Values the contributions and ideas of others in class and will consistently build on them in pair, group and whole class discussions to move the discussion forward.	*Always comes to the lesson with all the necessary equipment, e.g. pens, books, kit etc. "Is consistently highly organised, storing exercise books, hand-outs and other resources carefully and ready for review and revision. "Classwork is always completed to an exceptional standard and X takes opportunities to extend and deepen knowledge (e.g. extension tasks, most challenging tasks) "X has the skills and motivation to create and follow a plan very effectively for both the completion of longer tasks in lessons and for a period of revision before an assessment or exam	*values all feedback and always uses it to make corrections and improve future work even when not directed to by the teacher. *Knows what they need to do to develop as a learner and always takes action to improve *Consistently demonstrates the skills to review own performance in formal assessments (including trial/mock exams) and expertly adapts revision plans and preparations for future assessments	*demonstrates effective time management skills, meets all deadlines with all homework. *All independent work in lessons and homework is completed to an exceptionally high standard *fully understands the need for robust notes for GCSE studies – independently catches up on missed notes or seeks clarification for deeper understanding *has developed highly effective revision and learning strategies for assessments, tests and exams. *Consistently seeks opportunities to improve learning and understanding, e.g. through wider reading, attending extra revision sessions,
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	completing or re-doing past papers etc. Being determined and:
To Thrive	Developing Level 4	*Almost always curious about all aspects of the learning *Almost always remains positive and determined even when work is very challenging. *Often role model in lessons and around the school.	*Almost always on time for every single lesson and arrives ready to learn *Almost always maintains concentration and engagement across the series of lessons. *Values the contributions and ideas of others in class and builds on them in pair, group and whole class discussions to move the discussion forward.	*Almost always comes to the lesson with all the necessary equipment, e.g. pens, books, kit etc. *Is highly organised, storing exercise books, hand-outs and other resources carefully and has them ready for review and revision. *Classwork is almost always completed to an exceptional standard and X takes opportunities to extend and deepen knowledge (e.g. extension tasks, most challenging tasks) *X has the skills and motivation to create and follow a plan effectively for both the completion of longer tasks in lessons and for a period of revision before an assessment or exam	*values all feedback and almost always uses it to make corrections and improve future work even when not directed to by the teacher. *Knows what they need to do to develop as a learner and almost always takes action to improve *almost always demonstrates the skills to review own performance in formal assessments ((including trial/mock exams) and can adapt revision plans and preparation for future assessments.	*demonstrates effective time management skills, and meets almost all deadlines with almost all homework. *All independent work in lessons and homework is completed to a very high standard *fully understands the need for robust notes for GCSE studies – catches up on missed notes or seeks clarification for deeper understanding *has developed effective revision and learning strategies for assessments, tests and exams. *will often seek opportunities to improve learning and understanding, e.g. through wider reading, attending extra revision sessions, completing or re-doing past papers etc.
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
To succeed	Developing Level 3	*Increasingly curious and more often than not shows an interest in learning "Will almost always attempt to complete more difficult activities "Conduct is more often than not good with very infrequent lapses that X always seeks to correct when reminded	"Is nearly always punctual and arrives ready to learn "Regularly maintains concentration and engagement across the whole lesson and often the series of lessons. * Is always actively involved in the lessons and can frequently make specific, relevant contributions to group, paired and whole class work/discussions	*Nearly always comes to class with the necessary equipment e.g. pens, books, kit etc. * Is frequently organised, storing exercise books, hand-outs and other resources carefully and has them ready for revision *Work is frequently completed in lessons and to a high standard. *With some support can create and follow an effective plan for both the completion of longer tasks in lessons and for a period of revision before an assessment or exam	"values feedback and nearly always uses it to correct and improve their work. "knows what they need to do to develop as a learner and nearly always takes action to improve (e.g. more past papers, keeping to a homework timetable etc) "nearly always demonstrates the skills to review own performance in formal assessments and in trial/mock exams and with some support can adapt plans and preparation for future assessments	*almost all homework is completed on time *independent work in lessons and homework is completed to a high standard with some very good pieces produced *has a secure understanding for the need of robust notes for GCSE studies – catches up on missed notes with support from teacher *has developed effective revision and learning strategies for assessments, tests and exams. *will sometimes seek opportunities to improve learning and understanding, e. Attending extra revision sessions, completing or re-doing past papers etc.
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
To succeed	Developing Level 2	*Often curious and mostly shows an interest in learning *Will regularly attempt to complete more difficult activities *conduct is mostly good with infrequent lapses that X seeks to correct when reminded	*Often punctual and arrives ready to learn *Regularly remains motivated for lengthy periods in the lesson. *Is regularly actively involved in lessons and can make specific, relevant contributions to group, paired and whole class work/discussions	*Regularly comes to class with the necessary equipment e.g. pens, books, kit etc. 'ls working to improve organisation of classwork and is more regularly creating revision notes for pre-GCSE and GCSE courses 'work is often completed in lessons and to a fair standard.	*Regularly uses feedback to correct and improve work, e.g. completes DIRT activities in class, self-marks and corrects notes. *Will Often use feedback in all its forms (i.e. marking, verbal feedback and tracking) to help them understand their strengths and weaknesses as a learner and sets targets for improvement (e.g. spend more time and care on homework)	*homework is often completed on time and some completed following prompts and reminders *independent work in lessons homework is often completed to a good standard with some very good pieces *has a secure understanding for the need of robust notes for GCSE studies — catches up on missed notes with support from teacher * completes almost all directed revision activities set by teachers.
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
Lo succeed	Developing Level 1	*Can be icurious and show an interest in learning *In some lessons/topics makes attempt to complete more difficult activities *conduct can be good with some lapses that X seeks to correct when reminded	*Mostly punctual and arrives ready to learn *can remain motivated for lengthy periods in the lesson. *Is becoming more involved in lessons and can make specific, contributions to group and paired work and whole	*Mostly comes to class with the necessary equipment e.g. pens, books, kit etc. *Organisation of classwork is improving and X is starting to develop revision notes for pre-GCSE and GCSE courses *work is mostly completed in lessons and to a fair standard.	*Can and does use feedback to correct and improve work, e.g. completes DIRT activities in class. *With support can use feedback in all its forms i.e. marking, verbal feedback and tracking) to help them understand their strengths and weaknesses as a learner	*most homework is completed on time and some completed following prompts and reminders *independent work in lessons and homework is completed to a fair standard with some good pieces *is beginning to understand the importance of completing independent work and catching up on missed notes for pre-GCSE and GCSE success * completes most directed revision activities set by teachers.

Below Developing Level 1

Y10 Succeed Developing Y9, 10 & 11 D1 D2 D3 D4 D5



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Y7 & Y8 ATTITUDE TO LEARNING - BUILDING GREAT LEARNING HABITS at HIGH STORRS

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		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
To succeed	Building Level 4	*Always curious and very interested in learning *Always sticks with work even when challenging and values mistakes as a way of learning *Always a role model for others –meeting all expectations for excellent conduct both in lessons and outside lessons	*Always displays high levels of concentration for full lessons *Is highly skilled at listening and talking in pairs, small groups, as a whole class. *Always makes valuable contributions to discussion – often building on or challenging others' ideas. *Always punctual to lessons	*Always fully equipped for learning (books, pens, kit etc) *Very High standard of organisation of notes, books and folders and uses notes well to prepare for quizzes and assessments *Work is presented to a very high standard all the time *All learning activities are always completed to a high standard and extension work is often tackled	*Always uses feedback to improve pieces of work and future work – often responds to written or verbal feedback and improves/corrects their work without being directly told to do so by the teacher *Can talk about own strengths and weaknesses as a learner	*Always meets all homework deadlines and manages time very well (i.e. balances school work with extracurricular activities and other commitments) *Always completes independent work to a high standard (e.g. homework and extended project work in lessons) *Has developed effective revision skills and prepares well for tests and assessments *Always pro-actively catches up on work missed (i.e. copies up notes from a friend if they missed the lesson)
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
To succeed	Building Level 3	*Usually curious and always interested in learning *Sticks with work even when challenging and increasingly values mistakes as a way of learning *Meets all expectations for very good conduct both in lessons and outside lessons	*Maintains high levels of concentration for the lesson including extended activities and tasks *Is skilled at listening and talking in pairs, small groups, as a whole class. *Makes regular and valuable contributions to discussion - can build on or challenge others' ideas. *Punctual to lessons	*Usually fully equipped for learning (books, pens, kit etc) *Usually a high standard of organisation of notes, books and folders and uses notes well to prepare for quizzes and assessments *Work is usually presented to a high standard *Learning activities are usually completed to a high standard and sometimes tackles extension work	*Uses feedback to improve pieces of work and future work *Can talk about own strengths and weaknesses as a learner	*Usually meets all deadlines and manages time very well (ie balances school work with extracurricular activities and other commitments) *Completes independent work to a high standard (e.g. homework and extended project work in lessons) *Uses effective revision skills to prepare for tests and assessments *Works with the teacher and peers (e.g. borrowing a friend's book) to catch up on any work missed
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
To Learn	Building Level 2	*Mostly shows curious in their learning (and can be very enthusiastic about some topics) *Mostly sticks with work even when challenging, may require some support from peers or adults * Meets most expectations for very good conduct both in lessons and outside lessons	*Developing the ability to concentrate through-out the lesson including extended activities and tasks. May need the odd reminder to re-focus on learning *Developing speaking and listening skills – can respond well when given a focused task in pairs or asked a question in whole class work *Mostly on time to lessons	*Often comes equipped for learning (books, pens, kit etc) *Is developing organisation skills (e.g. sheets stuck in, folder in correct order) *Work is mostly presented to a good standard * Learning activities are often completed to a high standard but may need some prompts to complete notes or add greater depth and detail	*Is developing use of teacher feedback to improve work (i.e. can correct main mistakes/misconceptions) *Is developing self-reflection skills (i.e. can identify strengths and area to improve on in their work or the choices they made in their work)	* Is developing time management skills – meets most deadlines for homework *Most homework is completed independently and to a good standard *Revision skills are developing (i.e. they can use one or two simple methods) *With support from the teachers catches up on work missed
		Being respectful and:	Embracing learning and:	Being responsible and:	Being inquisitive and:	Being determined and:
To Learn	Building Level 1	*Beginning to show interest in learning (ie enthusiastic about some topics/activities) *Beginning to attempt difficult tasks *Beginning to avoid distractions and focus on own learning	*Beginning to show concentration within lessons, may need reminders to re-focus on learning *Beginning to work well with others and respond when given a focused task in pairs or asked a question in whole class work *Mostly on time to lessons	*Mostly comes equipped for learning (but sometimes forgets book, kit or equipment) *With support work is increasingly organised (e.g. sheets stuck in, folder in correct order) *Presentation of work is mixed but improving (e.g. needs to use ruler) *Sometimes completes learning activities. Effort is mixed – sometimes tries hard	*With support can use feedback to improve or correct work	*Beginning to hand homework in on time *Beginning to complete homework (including re-reading notes to prepare for tests) independently (<i>ie without reminders or help</i>) *Beginning to work alone in lessons when teacher provides initial support and scaffold

Below Building Level 1





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The diagram below also shows typical progression through the Attitude to Learning levels. There will, of course, be outliers and we will work to reward strong performance and support those who need to develop their learning behaviours. Every subject will award an attitude to learning grade to every student in every tracker.

Overview & typical expected progression

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KS3 - Building Great	KS4 - Developing Great	KS5 – Mastering Great
Learning Habits to - Learn	Learning Habits to - Succeed	Learning Habits to - Thrive
		M5
		M4
	D5	M3
	D4	M2
	D3	M1
B4	D2	Below Mastering level 1
В3	D1	
B2	Below Developing level 1	
B1		
Below Building Level 1		

KS3

This table shows typical expected progression. However, it is merely a guide. A Y8 student may be working at L1 and a Y7 student at L4 ... there are always outliers.

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4
	Y8	Y8	Y8
Y7	Y7	Y7	

KS4

This table shows typical expected progression. However, it is merely a guide. A Y11 student may be working at L1 and a Y9 student at L4 ... there are always outliers. Students who are not yet meeting the most basic standard (level 1) will be recorded as BL1 (below level 1)

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
		Y11	Y11	Y11
	Y10	Y10	Y10	
Y9	Y9	Y9		

KS5

This table shows typical expected progression. However, it is merely a guide. A Y13 student may be working at L1 and a Y12 student at L5 ... there are always outliers. Students who are not yet meeting the most basic standard (level 1) will be recorded as BL1 (below level 1)

Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5
		Y13	Y13	Y13
Y12	Y12	Y12		
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