

ATTITUDES TO LEARNING (A2L)

At Paignton Community and Sports Academy we believe a student's attitude to learning is the biggest determining factor in the progress they will make with us. All students, no matter what their ability, can demonstrate attitudes to learning which show they are highly motivated, and which maximise their chances of success. We use our 'Attitudes to Learning' grid to help staff determine what level a student is working at. We also share this with students and this grid will accompany your child's report, which will be published in December.

The 4 grades for 'Attitudes to Learning' are:

'Highly Motivated'

'Engaged'

'Passive'

'Disengaged'

The A2L grid that staff and students are using together is;



'Attitudes to Learning' at Paignton Community and Sports Academy

<u>Highly Motivated</u>	<u>Engaged</u>	<u>Passive</u>	<u>Disengaged</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Excellent focus ● Seeks challenge ● Perseveres ● Asks questions to extend thinking ● Approaches learning with active interest ● Invites feedback ● Responds positively to praise and critique ● Learns from setbacks and mistakes ● Reviews own progress, acting on the outcomes ● Starts learning readily ● Seeks own solutions to problems ● Organises time effectively ● Sets an example ● Takes responsibility 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Good focus ● Responds positively to challenging activities ● Completes all work set to good standard ● Answers questions ● Connects ideas ● Shows a desire to improve ● Takes action based on feedback ● Shows good application ● Can find solutions to problems ● Seeks help when needed ● Organises time well ● Follows all instructions ● Shows kindness, consideration and respect ● Listens carefully 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 'Coasting' ● Not always focused ● Avoids challenging tasks ● Not always working hard ● Sometimes attempts to act on feedback ● Requires close supervision to ensure tasks are attempted and instructions followed ● Misses some homework deadlines ● May distract others ● May be off-task ● May be unprepared for lessons ● Relies on others to do the work ● Shows a lack of effort at times 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shows little focus ● Work often incomplete or inadequate ● Does not attempt to act on feedback ● Responds negatively to praise or critique ● Normally needs pressure to attempt learning tasks ● Does not engage unless closely monitored ● May refuse support ● Misses most homework deadlines ● Does not listen ● Distracts others ● Disrupts the classroom or school environment ● Rarely prepared for lessons

'Attitudes to Learning' is underpinned by the 'Growth Mindset' concept, which can be adopted by both adults and children. A growth mindset is a learning theory developed by Carol Dweck...

***'It revolves around the belief that you can improve intelligence, ability and performance. ...This means that by helping students to develop a growth mindset, we can help them to learn more effectively and efficiently.'* (innerdrive.co.uk)**

At Paignton Community and Sports Academy we truly believe that a positive attitude to learning will lead to success in education and life.



Your child's next report will include Progress and Attitude to Learning grades. We will no longer be assessing effort, homework or behaviour in the reports as these fall into our A2L categories. All parents have access to behaviour and homework via www.classcharts.co.uk.

As always, the reports will be used by staff at the Academy to celebrate success and remove any barriers to learning. Your involvement in the process is crucial and we welcome any communication from you at home.

If you are interested in finding out more about successful attitudes or a growth mindset for children then please follow this link to INNERDRIVE - <https://www.innerdrive.co.uk/>. Also, there is an inspirational book called 'You are awesome' by Matthew Syed. Reviews include...

'An inspiring, uplifting read. I wish I'd had it as a kid.' - Dermot O'Leary

'An awesome book about becoming awesome. How inspiring it is to know that there's a path to awesomeness and that anyone - absolutely anyone - can go down that path. This book shows you how.' - Professor Carol Dweck

'I read You Are Awesome in one go, and then read it again! It answered so many questions I had about how to get better at some of the things I struggle with. It has stories of how others have been successful and makes you feel that you can do it too. After reading You Are Awesome I've changed how I approach difficult things. I've told all my friends to read it!' - Freddie Smith, age 10

