

Attitude to Learning

The Attitude to Learning Descriptors below should be used as a guide and a 'best fit' judgement made.

ATL Grade	What does it mean? What can you do to improve?
1. Highly engaged & independent	<p><i>You believe in yourself and take extra responsibility for your learning in order to make great progress and achieve:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are always punctual, organised and ready to learn, e.g. you have all the equipment you need to support your learning. • You always listen carefully to teachers and other students so that you can learn from them and build upon their ideas. • You make excellent and regular contributions to group work and class discussions. • You develop what you have learnt in lessons in your own time, e.g. doing wider reading, completing extension tasks. • You always hand in your homework on time and show you have worked hard on it. • You are determined to succeed and never give up – even when it is hard, you show resilience. • You read your teachers' feedback and act on the advice to help you improve your mark next time and make progress.
2. Active	<p><i>You believe in yourself and take responsibility for your learning; but you could improve some things:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are always ready to learn and usually have the equipment you need. • You regularly listen carefully to teachers and other students so that you can learn from them • You usually get involved and make positive contributions to group work and class discussions e.g. asking and answering questions. • You are trying to take responsibility for your learning and progress, e.g. doing wider reading, completing extension tasks. • You usually hand in your homework on time. • You read your teachers' feedback and act on the advice to help you make progress.
3. Inconsistent	<p><i>You try to believe in yourself and are generally positive about your learning, but you don't always achieve your full potential and are not doing as well as you could:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You listen to instructions and carry out tasks but not always to your full potential. • You listen to teachers and other students, but you can sometimes get distracted and miss key information. • You sometimes answer and ask questions, but you don't always make the effort to and rely on other students. • You read your teachers' feedback, but don't always add sufficient detail to improve your work • You usually complete your homework but don't take the opportunity to add the detail needed for full marks. • You sometimes give up too easily and need to show more resilience when working on challenging tasks.
4. Disengaged	<p><i>You don't always believe in yourself and this is shown in your attitude and means you aren't achieving your full potential.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Your learning might be being affected because of your attendance, punctuality and lack of equipment. • You interrupt lessons, which means you stop the learning of other students e.g. talking when the teacher is talking. • You do not always complete the work expected in the lesson or it is rushed and of poor quality. • You don't always do what the teacher asks, you may argue and answer back. • You often fail to hand in homework on time or have clearly rushed it. • You don't always read your teachers' feedback or complete the improvements needed.