

Our wonderful Students - your Sons

What do you **really** want for your children? I want mine to be happy and self-reliant. I want them to be understanding of others and see value in themselves. A measure of courage and risk-taking wouldn't go amiss. And I'd really like them to have the confidence to be creative, aim high but have the reboundability to recover from failure.

The key question is: do we, as adults, have those skills? Wouldn't we quite like to be that person described above? On the basis that our children learn from our behaviour, we should all aim to spend the summer making lots of mistakes – so that our children can watch how we learn from them – and try things that may well end in disappointment – so they can watch how we overcome failure. The long-anticipated AGS Learner, from its origins as a brainstorm of ideal attributes to five crystal clear values, is ready to launch in September. So let's all have fun practising those skills – ownership, motivation, resilience, innovation and courage – and when you visit us next, come and see for yourselves the AGS Learner in action.

That way, our wonderful students – your sons – will be ready to learn not what is already known but to have a hand in creating all that there is still to know.

Thank you to everyone who has taken the time to respond to the ideas here; I welcome all your replies and hope that you will email me (vbeckley@ags.bucks.sch.uk) or Gurdeep Singh, Assistant Headteacher (gsingh@ags.bucks.sch.uk) if you would like to share your thoughts.

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