

THE AGS LEARNER

The idea that intelligence can be increased rather than seen as something fixed is one that educationalist, Dr Carol Dweck, calls “The Growth Mindset” . This principle is at the heart of our current discussions on how we can develop AGS students as learners, enabling them to think less in terms of talent and more in terms of growth through application.

Following two thought-provoking forums with staff and students identifying the characteristics of the Ideal Learner at AGS, some interesting patterns are beginning to emerge. Out of some twenty-five possible characteristics, the staff ranks self-motivation at the top of the list, whilst students give the top place to organisation. Interestingly, when combining the scores from staff and students, resilience, self-motivation and the ability to organise are the skills seen as the most important to aspire to. We are looking forward to combining the viewpoints of parents following the next parent forum, but we welcome suggestions from all parents. Please email me (vbeckley@ags.bucks.sch.uk) or Mr G Singh (gsingh@ags.bucks.sch.uk) if you would like to add to this discussion designed to develop AGS students into better learners.

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