# **Effort Grades**

# A student making Excellent effort...

**Excellent effort** means being committed to getting the most out of all learning opportunities available. It is what all students should aim for.

- Actively participates in the lesson at all times, and is fully engaged;
- Actively seeks feedback on how to improve the quality of their work and completes all DIRT;
- Shows great resilience, and perseveres with all challenges, even when they are difficult;
- Manages their time and work efficiently, and is highly self-disciplined;
  - Uses their initiative in a range of situations, and doesn't always have to be told what to do:
- Consistently makes an Excellent level of effort, working above and beyond expectations, including completion of homework;
- Demonstrates consistently high levels of pride in presentation of work.

### A student currently making Good effort...

**Good effort** means being a responsible and hard working student, who tries their best most of the time.

- Shows a Good interest in their learning and is attentive and focused;
- Responds well to feedback and targets and completes work to the expected standard; including DIRT;
- Shows resilience, and is willing to persevere when things get difficult;
- Takes responsibility for their work, and is well organised;
- Willingly does all that is asked of them, and sometimes more:
- Consistently makes a Good level of effort in class and homework;
- Demonstrates consistently good levels of pride in presentation of work.

#### A student currently making Inconsistent effort...

Inconsistent effort means that a student is probably doing most of what they are supposed to do, but is failing to push him or herself or make the most of the opportunities available.

- Generally participates in the lessons, and is generally focused;
- May not always try hard enough to improve their work after feedback or complete DIRT;
- Shows some resilience, but might give up when things get difficult;
- Spends an adequate amount of time on tasks and is usually well organised;
- Does the minimum that is asked of them, but not much more;
- Might make a Good level of effort in class or homework, but this is not always consistent;
- Sometimes demonstrates inconsistent levels of pride in presentation of work.

# A student currently making Poor effort...

Poor effort means that a student needs to seek more support or engage better with intervention to become a more responsible learner.

- Makes little effort to be involved in the lesson, and may disrupt the learning of others instead;
- Fails to act on feedback provided or complete DIRT, and as a result, may not make much progress;
- Is not interested in being challenged, and will give up without trying;
- Spends an inadequate amount of time on tasks;
- Takes little or no responsibility for their own learning or behaviour;
- Effort is frequently a cause for concern in class and homework;
- Demonstrates consistently poor levels of pride in presentation of work.

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