

Our Ref: CF/SBR

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Dear Parent/Carer

As you'll be aware, we are very keen to positively promote our Ecco GRIT qualities here at school. We feel the development of such qualities and character skills will help our students both here at Ecclesfield and throughout their entire lives. Working with staff and students, we have designed our very own GRIT qualities and see these as:

- Having a **g**reat attitude (being positive, helpful, eager to improve)
- Being **r**esilient (bouncing back when we fall down/get something wrong)
- Being **i**ntrepid (stepping out of our comfort zone and being brave)
- Being **t**enacious (being patient and listening)

As part of our aim to recognise students who show and successfully apply these GRIT qualities to their learning, we have introduced a #HotChocFri, whereby a select group of students are invited to have hot chocolate with a member of the Senior Leadership Team on a Friday morning. They also receive a letter home and will be added to the GRIT wall of fame here in school. Most importantly to me, they have the chance to be recognised and thanked with words for their hard work and efforts in their learning.

Having trialled this before Christmas, we are now ready to roll this out more systematically whole school. I have asked staff to identify students who, after having shown one or more of the GRIT qualities in their lessons over a period of time, have seen this have a positive impact on their learning.

This is something I would now like to engage parents/carers with as well and I would therefore welcome your support in nominating. Please bear in mind the following criteria before nominating:

- Students must have shown one or more of the GRIT qualities over a **sustained period of time** in a certain lesson.
- Through applying these qualities, this has led to a **positive impact on their learning** (Obviously evidenced via their enjoyment in the subject, grades, teacher comments etc.).
- It could be that they have done something out of school, again over a period of time, which might have helped their **character or personal development**. Do they go to a club and volunteer? Do they help out in the community and make a difference here?

The key message is that we want GRIT to be seen as something which has had/is having a clear impact on learning/development and is not a 'one off'.

You can now proudly nominate by emailing Grit@eccoschool.com Please state your child's name, mentor group, GRIT quality/qualities shown and the reason why. We will follow this up and hopefully we will be able to pass on this recognition soon. (Please note we are only able to have a few students every week so it won't necessarily be the week you nominate).

I believe this is a great way to recognise our students for developing key skills which will help them throughout their lives and having parents/carers on board to nominate makes it even more special. Therefore, I thank you for your continued support.

Any questions, please do email me cfancett@eccoschool.com

Kind regards,
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Great attitude. GRIT

Be positive and have a 'can-do' attitude. Communicate well with others and accept advice. Be optimistic and know how to lift your mood.

We are positive when we think positive thoughts. We can be negative in ourselves and don't let negative thoughts take up space in our heads for the day.

Examples

- Think what someone might say to you.
- Think what you can do to help.
- Think what you can do to help others.
- Think what you can do to help yourself.
- Think what you can do to help the world.
- Think what you can do to help the future.
- Think what you can do to help the past.
- Think what you can do to help the present.
- Think what you can do to help the future.




Resilient. GRIT

Bounce back quickly after things have gone wrong. Try again, try a different approach. Push to achieve your goal in small steps. Keep your emotions under control and stay calm.

We are resilient when we show determination and commitment. We set ourselves a goal and don't let anything get in the way of it. We are resilient when we show determination and commitment. We set ourselves a goal and don't let anything get in the way of it.

Examples

- Set yourself a goal. Push yourself to do it.
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Intrepid. GRIT

Be brave. Develop yourself by stepping out of your comfort zone to try new things. Take on challenges and learn to cope with any feelings of panic or fear.

We are intrepid when we show courage and we don't let our fears stop us.

Examples

- Try something new.
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Tenacious. GRIT

Learning takes time. Be patient. Listening, thinking and concentration skills are essential. Accept that it's part of learning and life to make mistakes. Reflect on what's happened and why.

We are tenacious when we show determination and commitment. We set ourselves a goal and don't let anything get in the way of it. We are tenacious when we show determination and commitment. We set ourselves a goal and don't let anything get in the way of it.

Examples

- Listen to what someone says.
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