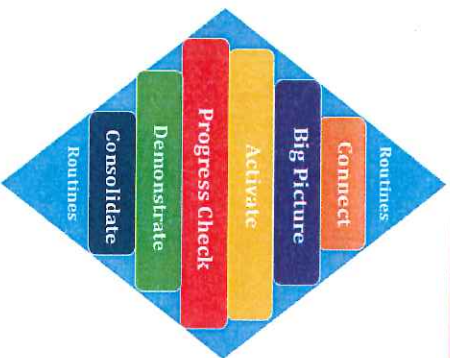


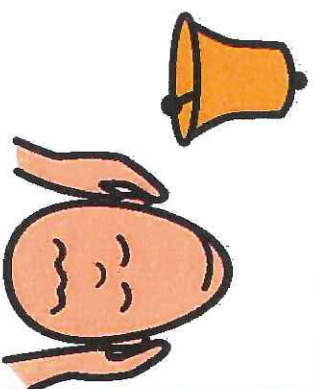
Accelerated Learning: The Next Level

As you know, your lessons follow the 'Accelerated Learning' format. This already means you can independently demonstrate your learning. However, on Diamond Day you might be expected to take charge of different parts of the lesson.



Your mission:

- Be independent
- Be resilient
- Be active



Taking responsibility = no need for bells!

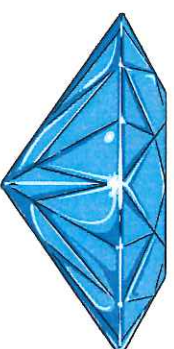
A big experiment on **Tuesday 29 November** is to see whether you really can take responsibility for yourself. We're going to turn off the school bells for a day! Won't it be nice without that ringing in our ears? It will certainly make our school a more grown up place to be in. You have the times of the day in your planner; it will be up to you to make sure that you are in the right place at the right time - no excuses!

All classrooms will have a clock working in them to help you. Are you up to the challenge? We're trusting you to do it!

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DIAMOND DAY

TUESDAY 29
NOVEMBER 2016



Years 7-10



**INDEPENDENT
LEARNING
AND
GROWTH
MINDSETS**

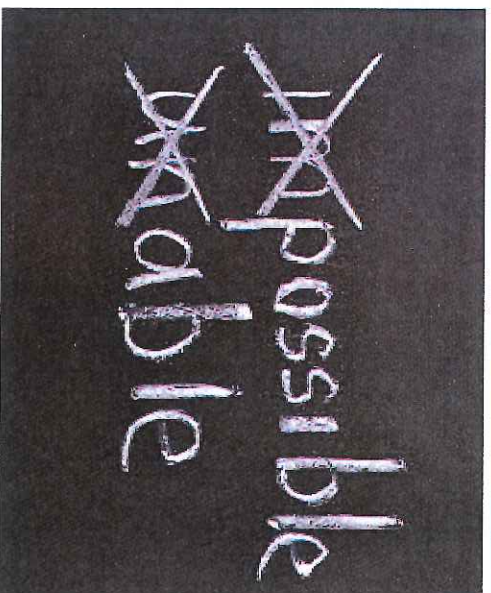
What does 'growth mindset' mean?

Growth mindset is about growing your brain to allow you to develop your skills. This means learning new skills through building a 'can do' attitude.

Here's the science:

Science shows that the brain can grow and develop. The brain itself is not fixed. Neurons make connections. Learning new things, practising and trying hard can strengthen the connections, allowing messages to travel more effectively and efficiently.

The first time you try something, the connections are narrow and fragile. But with each effort and learning, they connect and strengthen – eventually growing from garden paths to super highways. The scientific term for this is 'neuroplasticity'.



Key phrases / thoughts for the day

INSTEAD OF.....	TRY THINKING.....
I'm not good at this	What am I missing?
I give up	I'll use a different strategy
It's good enough	Is this really my best work?
I can't make this any better	I can always improve
This is too hard	This may take some time
I made a mistake	Mistakes help me to learn
I just can't do this	I am going to train my brain
I'll never be that smart	I will learn how to do this
Plan A didn't work	There's always Plan B
My friend can do it	I will learn from them

Will you rise to the challenge?

Your teachers work really hard, you should be working harder than them!

On Tuesday 29th November, these are some of the things you will be expected to do:

- Work in teams and rely on each other instead of the teacher
- Problem solve
- Think creatively
- Work outside of your comfort zone e.g. without chairs or tables
- Judge other people's work
- Lead the learning

Diamond Day takes a lot of planning. Please say 'thank you'!