

# Thomas Tallis School Habits of Mind



Here is a list of examples of what each of the habits may look like in action:

## Inquisitive

1. Problem finding through asking searching questions
2. Asking adults or siblings for ideas and advice
3. Exploring unusual and/or challenging sources of information
4. Making the best use of resources available for research
5. Visiting galleries, museums, libraries and other places of interest
6. Using the internet strategically (and safely)
7. Independent and wide ranging reading
8. Talking to others out of the classroom about open ended topics
9. Wondering aloud about a range of ideas



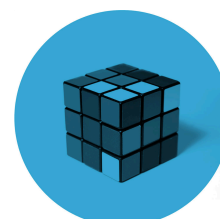
## Collaborative

1. Giving constructive feedback to others about their work
2. Presenting aloud in class
3. Listening and responding carefully
4. Working conscientiously in pairs or small groups
5. Being a reliable and positive team player
6. Talking to others about feelings or problems
7. Completing home learning activities with others
8. Using social media to improve understanding and publishing work online
9. Taking part in the School Council and other student voice activities



## Persistent

1. Volunteering to tackle challenging topics
2. Not being afraid to make mistakes
3. Being resilient when things are not going well
4. Having the courage to do what you think is right and resisting peer pressure
5. Tolerating the views of others and expressing empathy
6. Asking for support when needed and not suffering in silence
7. Devising strategies for staying on task when feeling distracted
8. Not worrying when things are unclear or confusing
9. Being comfortable with not knowing the answer and working through a problem



## Disciplined

1. Developing and refining work independently and in response to advice from others
2. Ensuring that you are well-equipped for learning with the right tools and attitudes
3. Being on time to school and lessons
4. Experimenting with new ways of tackling problems
5. Reflecting on and setting own targets for improvement
6. Doing homework on time and to the best of your ability
7. Weighing up the positives and negatives about a particular situation or approach
8. Developing new skills and techniques
9. Changing your own behavior if it's unhelpful



## Imaginative

1. Trusting in your instincts
2. Applying a different approach to the same problem
3. Making connections between ideas
4. Experimenting with unfamiliar ideas
5. Taking part in role play activities and adopting a different viewpoint
6. Making connections with past learning
7. Combining ideas and concepts together to create something new
8. Playing with ideas and/or ways of doing things to see what's possible
9. Making connections with new people

