

A guide to the points that we award

Advanced Cognitive Performance characteristics

META-THINKING	Meta-cognition
	Self-regulation
	Strategy-planning
	Intellectual confidence
LINKING	Generalisation
	Connection finding
	'Big picture' thinking
	Abstraction
	Imagination
	Seeing alternative perspectives
ANALYSING	Critical or logical thinking
	Precision
	Complex and multi-step problem solving
CREATING	Intellectual playfulness
	Flexible thinking
	Fluent thinking
	Originality
	Evolutionary and revolutionary thinking
REALISING	Automaticity
	Speed and accuracy

What is Meta-thinking?

This is 'thinking about thinking'. To be successful academically students acquire a range of ways of thinking that enable them comprehend information, create thoughts and unscramble complex ideas.

What is linking?

To be successful academically students need to acquire a repertoire of ways of thinking that enable them to make sense of information, create new thoughts and know-how to approach and unscramble complex ideas.

What is analysing?

A key skill in advanced learning is the ability to analyse information in order to position it in the learning schema. Students need to master their understanding of it before they can manipulate it.

What is creating?

A key skill in advanced learning is the ability to be creative in thinking. There is no single definition of what it means to be creative, it is more often about seeing a slightly different possibility from the usual one.

What is realising?

The ability to acquire a repertoire of ways of thinking that enable students to make sense of information, create new thoughts and know-how to approach and unscramble complex ideas.

Values, Attitudes, and Attributes



What is empathetic?

The HPL student profile focuses on creating enterprising learners who exhibit leadership attributes in addition to being able to perform highly in school assessments and exams. The ability to know the contribution that can be made to society for the benefit of those less fortunate; demonstrate citizenship and a sense of community ethos and recognise differences as well as similarities between people and peoples; being aware of our own and others' cultural heritage and sensitive to the ethical and moral issues raised by their studies.

What is agile?

The ability to be agile or nimble in learning is crucial to using and applying knowledge effectively.

What is hardworking?

The role of hard work in creating success has always been understood but we are now clear that it is a truly essential component in optimising life chances in education. No matter how easily a student learns new topics they will not be successful in the long run if they cannot, or do not, work hard.