To achieve a performance descriptor, a student must display at least four of the listed criteria.

Performance descriptor	How can you support your child?
<ul> <li>Ambitious</li> <li>Fully prepared, on time and equipped to face all learning challenges.</li> <li>Completes independent work and homework.</li> <li>Actively seeks out feedback and uplevels.</li> <li>Takes lesson content further and shows initiative.</li> <li>Offers new ideas.</li> <li>Takes control of their own learning.</li> <li>Always willing to discuss and answer questions.</li> <li>Asks relevant, thought-provoking questions.</li> <li>Supports the learning of others.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Enable creativity e.g. projects on areas that interest them, such as photography of their local area, writing short stories, choreographing a dance.</li> <li>Explore the world with them; visit museums, art galleries, get out in nature. Discuss what you see.</li> <li>Discuss aspirations and set ambitious goals together.</li> <li>Encourage resilience; when they fail, try again.</li> <li>Watch, read, and discuss the news together to promote critical thinking and link their learning to the wider world.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Active</li> <li>Fully prepared, on time and equipped to face all learning challenges.</li> <li>Completes independent work and homework.</li> <li>Thinking and engaging with class activities.</li> <li>Responds positively to feedback and uplevels their work to improve.</li> <li>Shows they are actively listening to their teacher and their peers.</li> <li>Always willing to discuss and answer questions.</li> <li>Seeks clarification when unsure.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Encourage your child to attend a range of extra- curricular activities.</li> <li>Ask your child open-ended questions about what they are studying in school.</li> <li>Discuss aspirations and set ambitious goals together.</li> <li>Encourage resilience; when they fail, try again.</li> <li>Encourage regular reading and writing of different types of texts, both fiction and non-fiction.</li> <li>Watch, read, and discuss the news together to promote critical thinking and link their learning to the wider world.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Passive</li> <li>Fully equipped and on time.</li> <li>Completes teacher-set homework.</li> <li>Does not actively seek to contribute in lessons, but answers questions when asked.</li> <li>Work is completed, but not always to the best of their ability.</li> <li>Needs prompting to develop and uplevel their work to improve.</li> <li>Doesn't seek clarification when unsure.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Relate daily life to a range of subjects; mental maths when shopping, reading a map when travelling, etc.</li> <li>Ask your child about what they are studying in school and what questions they answered.</li> <li>Encourage regular reading by having reading material and let your child see you reading them.</li> <li>Ask to see your child's school work regularly. See if they have uplevelled in red pen.</li> <li>Discuss aspirations and the importance of education.</li> <li>Communicate with your child's teachers about their progress and ways to improve.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Resistant <ul> <li>Is not fully prepared, equipped or on time.</li> <li>Needs many prompts to start and complete work.</li> <li>Work is often incomplete, including homework.</li> <li>Distracts the learning of others.</li> <li>Does not always follow instructions.</li> <li>Does not actively participate in lessons.</li> <li>Often gives up when asked a question.</li> <li>Contact home has been made about behaviour for learning.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Have a copy of your child's timetable and help them to organise their equipment the night before.</li> <li>Encourage a healthy lifestyle; quality sleep, exercise, time away from screens, avoid sugary drinks etc.</li> <li>Have a routine and quiet space for homework.</li> <li>Discuss aspirations and the importance of education.</li> <li>If your child is on report, monitor it daily and have regular conversations with them, their tutor and Head of Year. Reward your child for a positive report.</li> </ul>