

# Working with your teachers.....

# The FIRST thing to remember...

Think about this:

- Sixth Form is something that you have chosen to do (or maybe you couldn't think of anything else to do after Year 11!).
- It's a great opportunity to develop those skills that will take you through to university / apprenticeship / career.
- When things feel difficult, or challenging just think about your ultimate goal!

# Develop a positive working relationship with your teachers.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RQZcXCDr4Wc>

(1950s classroom, American, but that doesn't matter!)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SFnMTHhKdkw> (A TED talk...)

As you watch the second video note down Rita's comments about teacher / student relationships.

- How do the approaches of these two teachers differ?
- Let's flip things around: what can *students* learn from this video about working with their teachers?

# Practical things you can do

## Be **PROACTIVE**

Use your teachers to help you make progress

In lessons:

- Ask questions; if you don't understand something simply ask. If you don't yet feel confident to ask in class ask at the end or e-mail.
- When work is returned, yes, feel good about what you've done well. BUT search out the things that you haven't nailed yet – and sort it!
- Use your topic checklists (given out by subject teachers) to identify the gaps. Start the process of being responsible for your own learning! Don't be a passive learner!

# Reviews with your teachers (the summary assessment)

Now you're in sixth form you will have reviews with your teachers and tutors about your progress.

Use these! Come to the meetings prepared!

What concerns do you have? What are you stuck on?

Be honest – no excuses, just look for solutions.

Ask what **you** can do to improve your grade in the next half term.