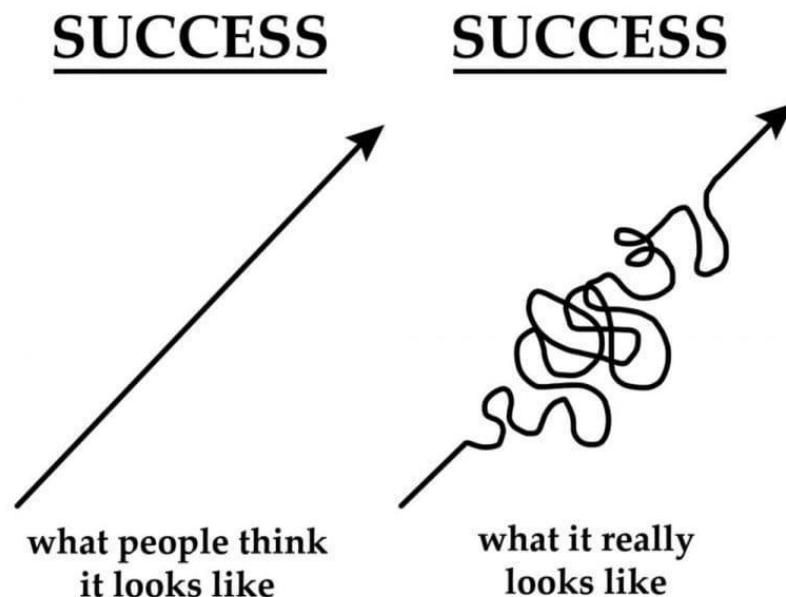


New beginnings



It is hard to believe that we are at the end of three full weeks in school. In assembly I have been talking to pupils about our school values, and seizing opportunities to grow, improve wellbeing and achieve success. I talked about thinking hard as a precursor to learning. The digital age can provide all too many opportunities to 'look up' answers. However, to be academically successful you need to think hard. I asked pupils to challenge themselves to embrace desirable difficulties in the classroom. It is after all the way to making knowledge permanent and making progress.

I left pupils with a quote from Leonardo da Vinci, "Success lies in the relentless execution of the basics."

The sentiment in this quotation is particularly applicable to our GCSE and A Level pupils. We had two very important evenings this week, aligning with the theme of my assembly. The Lower 5 GCSE Transition Evening and the Upper 5 GCSE Information Evening. It was fantastic to see so many parents and pupils attend. We discussed the academic year ahead, available support, and how to develop the vital academic skills required for GCSE and beyond.

I look forward to seeing our pupils grow and achieving their own success this academic year.

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