

## S2 Learning Group

November 2014

### Points Discussed

We discussed what motivates pupils to work hard. They listed the following in the order given below:

- Doing something you enjoy
- Competitions
- Tests
- Teacher making the lesson enjoyable
- Group work
- Co-op work
- ICT/Smartboards

They said that they are demotivated by:

- Copying notes/work from powerpoints
- Boring tasks

The group were very clear on the purpose of assessment and the variety of methods used by teachers. They are all very comfortable with peer assessment. They said that they sometimes move class after an assessment (maths and English) and were aware of the reasons for this. Some like being given a score but also like to be given comments on how to improve. They said that they do read these and that they help them to see what they need to work on. Some said they are put off by a low mark and that this reduces their motivation.

All of the group felt that they have made progress in all subjects since the start of S2.

Mrs Allison will hold a special assembly to highlight this to everyone.

Some of the group were still unsure of what was meant by the broad general education. They felt it would be good to highlight this at an assembly. All were aware of E's and O's and said that these are often listed on their self-evaluation sheets or booklets.