

Kings Langley Character Traits

Stickability – the ability to stick at something even if it hurts

Self-regulation – the ability to control your actions and communications

Empathy – the ability to put yourself in someone else's shoes

Character Virtues

Moral virtues:

- **Compassion** is showing care and concern for others
- Caring is looking after and providing for the needs of others
- Courage is acting with bravery in fearful situations
- **Empathy** is being able to understand the thoughts and feelings of another person and to put yourself in their position
- Fairness is treating others equally
- Forgiveness is giving someone another chance after they might have hurt you
- Friendship & Friendliness is the ability to make close friends and acting agreeably towards strangers
- Generosity is giving something for someone else's benefit
- Gratitude is a feeling of appreciation towards someone or something
- Honesty is telling the truth and being sincere
- Humility is not boasting and being aware of how much you owe to others for your success
- Integrity is the quality of having and following strong moral principles
- Justice is to have an understanding of what it is to uphold what is right
- **Optimism** is the ability to be positive
- Patience is the ability to wait and to tolerate difficulties you face as you try to achieve your goals
- **Respect** is showing regard for someone's feelings, wishes or rights
- Self-discipline is the ability to control yourself and to be organised
- Tolerance is the ability to be able to accept differences

Intellectual virtues:

- Autonomy is the ability to be critically independent in your thinking and actions
- **Co-operation** is working well with others
- Communication is having skills of verbal and written engagement as well as listening to others
- Creativity is being able to create and to use your imagination
- Critical Thinking is the ability to think reflectively and to come to independent conclusions
- Curiosity is being eager to know or to learn something new
- Focus is when you pay close attention to something and block out possible distractions
- **Open Mindedness** is not being prejudiced about new things, peoples and ideas
- Reasoning is the act of making a decision or judgement with the help of evidence
- **Reflection** is the ability to ponder alternative possibilities and not jump to conclusions
- **Resourcefulness** is the ability to find a quick and clever ways to overcome difficulties
- **Respect** is having regard for others and valuing them non-instrumentally as persons
- Wisdom is making the right choices at the right time



Civic virtues:

- **Citizenship** is your involvement in your community and society
- Civility is being polite and courteous in behaviour and speech
- **Community Awareness** is to actively and meaningfully learn from, and share information with different parts of the community
- Friendliness is the quality of being kind, thoughtful or affectionate towards another person
- Neighbourliness is a disposition to be friendly and helpful to others
- Service is the act of doing work that benefits other people
- Social Justice is being able to attend to fairness, entitlement and deservingness
- Volunteering is giving your time to help someone else

Performance virtues:

- Ambition is having a strong desire to want to achieve something or reach a certain goal
- Confidence is being certain in your own abilities or that a certain course of action is best
- Creativity is being able to create and use new ideas
- Determination is focusing your energy on finishing a task, especially when it is difficult
- Leadership is helping yourself and others to do the right thing by setting a direction or building an inspiring version
- Motivation is having a strong reason and drive to accomplish something
- **Perseverance** is the steady persistence in a course of action, especially in spite of difficulties
- Problem Solving is finding solutions to problems
- Resilience is being able to recover quickly from struggles and setbacks
- Teamwork is the ability to work with others effectively and efficiently