The Cotswold Way - Thinking

Thinking is about using creative, critical, and metacognitive processes to make sense of information, experiences, and ideas. These processes can be applied to purposes such as developing understanding, making decisions, shaping actions, or constructing knowledge. Intellectual curiosity is at the heart of this competency.

Students who are competent thinkers and problem-solvers actively seek, use, and create knowledge. They reflect on their own learning, draw on personal knowledge and intuitions, ask questions, and challenge the basis of assumptions and perceptions.

	Basic (rarely)	Novice (sometimes)	Proficient (often)	Advance (consistently)
Critical Thinker	• I rarely ask questions in class	• I sometimes ask questions in class	• I often ask questions to seek answers	• I consistently ask questions to seek answers
Knows how to be a thinker	• I rarely explain my thinking	• I sometimes explain my thinking	• I often explain my thinking	• I consistently explain my thinking
Curiosity	• I rarely display curiosity	• I sometimes display curiosity	• I often display curiosity by asking questions	• I consistently display curiosity in all areas
Creative Thinker	• I rarely use a range of thinking tools	• I sometimes use a range of thinking tools	• I often use a range of thinking tools	• I consistently use a range of thinking tools
Finding Information	• I rarely find relevant information	• I sometimes find relevant information	• I often find relevant information about a topic	• I consistently find relevant information about a topic