

THE BENEFITS OF ACADEMIC DILIGENCE

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- **ALL OLD GIRLS PRESENT AND ONLINE**
- **DISTINGUISHED STUDENTS**
- **INVITED GUESTS AND THE PRESS**

WHAT IS ACADEMIC DILIGENCE?

- **First is the word ‘Academic’**
- **Second is the word ‘Diligence’**
- **Third is the combination of the words ‘Academic and Diligence’**

- **‘Academic’ has to do with school work, disciplines or subjects, lessons, lectures in schools.**
- **Diligence has to do with your determination and careful effort. The habit of being diligent, persistent and hardworking as a student can be a herculean task, but developing the habit of diligence can make you come out the best in your class and bring great achievements while you are in school.**
- **So, Academic Diligence is the combination of the efforts and determination required and put into the learning and acquisition of the subjects being taught in school.**
- **The ability to work assiduously on academic tasks which are beneficial in the long-run but tedious in the moment, especially in comparison to more enjoyable, less effortful diversions.**

Why is diligence important for you as a student?

- **Diligence is from the Latin word 'industria' giving the word industrious.**
 - **Being diligent is being industrious, hardworking**
 - **To be diligent therefore means to be industrious**
 - **Diligence brings about success**
 - **Diligence is the mother of success**
- **It is being focused and persistent**
 - **Being thorough in all you do**
 - **Having a purpose and an objective**
 - **The student must be balanced and thorough in mental, physical, social and spiritual dimensions**
 - **It is a persistent personal attention**
 - **A decisive work ethic**
 - **A zealous and careful nature in one's actions and work.**
 - **It is the opposite of negligence.**

How to be diligent as a student

- **Be very close to God. Have a spiritual life. Joshua 1: 8**
- **Plan and organize your days and week**
- **Have a personal time-table**
- **Set goals for yourself**
- **Stay focused on your goals**
- **You must be balanced in all areas – emotionally, spiritually, academically, culturally, traditionally, psychologically, mentally and socially**
- **Look at deadlines**
- **Remove or eliminate distractions**
- **Prioritize your tasks**
- **Use your time efficiently**
- **Surround yourself with hardworking friends.**
- **Have time for relaxation – sports, religious activities, cultural activities, etc**

Benefits of Academic Diligence

- **What do you stand to gain by being diligent?**
- **Gain admission into higher learning (Colleges of Education, Polytechnics, Universities, etc.)**
- **Diligence brings an increase in substance (Proverbs 10:4; 12:24, 27; 13:4; 21:5)**
- **Being successful in all you do, brings satisfaction (Prov. 13:4)**
- **Promotion (Proverbs 12:24; 22:29)**
- **Impressive achievements and recognition at all levels**
- **Favourable impression on others**
- **Makes you a ruler – (Prov. 12:24) - Dominion – you dominate and become indispensable**
- **Brings wealth and blessings (Prov. 10:4)**

CONCLUSION

- **AGGS is known for diligence in all fields or endeavours of life.**
- **Time will not permit me to enumerate old girls who have made AGGS proud because of their diligence.**
- **We are here to reward diligence and encourage diligence.**
- **Therefore, be diligent in your studies.**
- **Be diligent at home.**
- **Be diligent in your community, local, national and international levels.**

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