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# Developing Confidence and Self Esteem A Guide for Parents and Students

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### The Crucial C's

Student's behaviour may not always be consistent or sensible however the role of parents and carers can make this time a smoother journey by understanding these key factors:

#### Connect: They need to believe that they belong

- If they do they feel secure and will reach out and make friends.
- If they don't, they will feel insecure, isolated and will seek attention, sometimes negative attention

#### Capable: They need to believe they can achieve

- If they do they will feel competent and will develop self control, self discipline and become self reliant
- If they don't they will feel inadequate, inferior and will seek control, power and become defiant or dependent.

## Count: They need to believe they can make a different

- If they do they feel valuable and will contribute and assume responsibility
- If they don't they will feel insignificant and hurt and will seek revenge.

#### Courage: They need to believe they can handle what comes

- If they do they feel hopeful and will face challenges, will try new things and will develop resilience.
- If they don't they will feel inferior and hopeless and will give up and won't be prepared to try new things.

#### Key Ingredients

- Always look for the positives
- Remember all students are unique, recognise and value their strengths
- Encourage and be open to their views
- Show an interest in their world, even if you don't understand it
- Provide structure—not too much, but not too little either
- Keep some emotional distance. If they are anary it is more about them than it is about you.

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