

# Faith-Filled & Hopeful

This term our focus is, **“faith-filled and hopeful.”**

As a community we are striving to help students grow by passing on the living and faith-filled tradition of the Gospels; by always demonstrating persevering faith in our students and by encouraging them, in turn, to have faith and hope in others. Aptly these virtues are celebrated during the season of Lent, a season of preparation for the greatest celebration of Easter, where as a community we focus on the needs of others around us through prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

This newsletter identifies ways that we can live out the virtues and put them into practice in our every day lives.

As a community we are growing to be **“faith filled “** in our beliefs and **“hopeful”** for our future.



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Members of St Richard Gwyn are growing to be **faith-filled** in their beliefs and **hopeful** for the future.

## Faith-Filled.

To be faith filled is crucial to human wellbeing. We have faith in those who are closest to us. We need to have faith in ourselves to be self confident. We should also have faith in the communities to which we belong to.

## Hopeful.

Without hope we become insular, and it's easy to become lost in our lives. Christianity teaches that God is a God of hope. Hope creates strength and resilience, hope allows a person to face challenges with courage and to never give up.



“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.” *Jeremiah 29:11*



## Questions for reflection.....

1. How do you give hope by persistently building up the faith of students in your community?
2. How do you live out Gospel values? Are they always at the centre of what you do?
3. How do notice when pupils lack faith and hope?
4. What do you do about it?



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**Students are encouraged to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.**

**Staff are encouraged to be faith-filled in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.**

Examples of how to be faith-filled;

- Chaplaincy
- Lead prayer
- Respect towards others
- Perseverance in class
- Demonstrating a positive attitude
- Considering career advice
- Considering option choices
- Asking challenging questions
- Attending homework support
- Attending revision sessions
- Making correct choices to improve standards of behaviour and attitude towards learning

Examples of how to be faith-filled;

- Use the Chapel for personal reflection
- Attend Friday Mass if free on Friday P4
- Consider positive actions to overcome challenge
- Award merits
- Contact home with positive feedback
- Consider what provision for MAT/ALN/FSM/CLA/EAL you provide
- Identify students who require intervention, through effective monitoring

**You must not lose faith in humanity. Humanity is like an ocean, if a few drops of the ocean are dirty, the ocean does not become dirty.  
Mahatma Gandhi (1869-1948)**