

Dear Parents/Carers,

Each year we set a theme for the assemblies delivered to all students by senior staff. This coming academic year our theme is '**Running the race with perseverance**'. Our readings for the year will focus on the letter to the Hebrews found in the New Testament part of the bible and it is addressed to a church based in Jerusalem. It was a time of upheaval for the region. Jerusalem burns and the temple destroyed in AD70. The message to the believers in this time of trial is that you can trust in God, Jesus suffered too and overcame, so don't cave in under persecution; stay strong persevere, and don't give up!

All the assemblies are framed, as is the habit of the Trust, with a liturgy from the Christian tradition and contain a Bible reading which forms the basis of the assembly message. The reading from Scripture is explored in the context of a more modern story or example before, finally, we ask students to reflect on its application to themselves.

The coverage for each term follows the ethos statement:

10:10 Ethic	Theme	Summary / Explanation
Good gifts used in service	Finding joy in the journey	Examples of those people in the bible and ex students in the Trust who have found joy using their gifts in the world.
Don't stay in a bad place	Rising to difficulty, navigating hurdles	Examples of those people who have made a difference in difficult situations
Unique value in community	Making a difference. Crossing the finish line	Examples of those who worked together to bring about positive change in the world and in the local community.

We have really valued your input and suggestions regarding modern examples over previous years, so that our content reflects the rich cultural diversity of the Twyford Trust. This year we would like our modern examples to focus on ex-students from the Trust and local people who have made a difference often in difficult circumstances. The expectation would be that we could use photo's, articles and other written evidence of the work they have engaged in.

In order to share a story / example, which may be relevant please email:

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Once I receive your responses, the Chaplaincy team will select a range from the suggestions to ensure that the material used has a good balance of cultures and contexts. We very much look forward to having your input and adding these ideas as we plan our assemblies for the year.

With thanks and best wishes,

Father David (Trust Chaplain)