

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 **“Standing Firm for Ourselves and Others.”** This is drawn from Jesus’ parable of the wise and foolish builders, guiding us to reflect on the secure foundations of the Trust.

We will emphasise the importance of hearing sound guidance and putting it into practice, recognising how our actions affect others as well as ourselves. Throughout the year, we will use readings from wisdom literature (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes) to explore aspects of the 10:10 ethic and the Trust Learning Habits, reinforcing these as the foundations on which we build our community.

As is the Trust’s practice, all assemblies will be framed in liturgy from the Christian tradition and include a Bible reading that shapes the message. Each passage will be explored through a modern story or example, before students are invited to reflect on its application to their own lives.

The content for each term is:

<b>10:10 Ethic / Theme</b>	<b>Themes</b>	<b>Etiquette and learning habits</b>
Good gifts used in service	Knowing yourself and your own foundations; being an agent for good	Curiosity and enquiry, appreciation, creativity, enjoyment in doing good, responsibility, always giving your best
Don't stay in a bad place	Acknowledge areas of weakness and accepting support to overcome these challenges	Saying sorry, admitting mistakes, being honest, being reflective, learning from mistakes, forgiving others
Unique value in community	Moving forward confidently together as a community built on strong foundations	Looking outward, being helpful, being friendly, making a positive impact, celebrating success, noticing others

We aim to include a variety of modern examples and are, once again, asking for your input. This year we would like to showcase examples of those who experience atypicality or difference; this may include those with physical disabilities or neurodivergence. If you would like to share a story or example, please complete [this survey](#).

Once we 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)