Hello Year Sixes,

Welcome to our Parklands Community! We are so excited to have you join us!

Something that is really important to us as a school are the 'Character Virtues'. These are eight virtues our staff and student body have come up with, which we as a school promote and encourage each other to develop. You will have the chance to develop all of these virtues during both lesson time and extracurricular.

This booklet will just take you through the eight virtues, with examples of things you can be doing to develop them, and questions to allow you to reflect.

We hope you enjoy learning about each virtue! Stay safe, and see you in September!

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Service is all about considering other people selflessly.



How can you help out your community through this difficult period of time?

Think about how you can repay the people who have supported you through hardship.





CONFIDENCE



Believe in yourself

Confidence is about believing in yourself and believing in others.

> Often, when we face challenges, we need to have the confidence to overcome them.

Think about the number of Challenges you have faced during Lockdown, whether that is regarding School, or family life. Be proud of yourself for having the confidence to face them!

Empathy is putting yourself in someone else's shoes, and understanding how they feel.

The ability to understand and share the feelings of someone else as if they were your own. Many people have faced difficulties during the pandemic. How can you help them?



Think about the what you can do to form a smile on someone else's face.



To be understanding and openly giving without expecting anything in return.

GE

Being generous doesn't mean giving something physical to someone. It can simply mean smiling as you walk past someone, or giving someone the time of day that they need.



To be true to yourself and other people no matter what the situation or consequence. Be honest with yourself and with other people.



This is a difficult time. Open up to people, and listen when they open up to you.

Always be honest. Always be true to yourself.





KINDNESS

You can make someone's day by a simple act of kindness.

> Make a quick phone call to a Grandparent you haven't seen in Lockdown, or send a quick text message to a friend you haven't spoke to recently.

Be kind to people.





This is possibly the most important character virtue through this difficult time. Every single person has developed it.



Everyone has faced difficult difficult circumstances recently. However, the most important thing is how we got through it.

> You are a stronger person as a result of your hardships. Take time to reflect on how you have changed.

The ability to control your behaviour, motivate yourself and be organised.

SEV

During Lockdown, you have been independent. For most of the time, you have been in charge of yourself and how you conduct your life.

> Some people may have taken this extremely well, and managed to balance out their free time and work time. However, others may not have.

Consider how you have spent your time - it's not too late to change.

MASTER YOUR MINDSET

