

Dear Staff and 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 '**All the good that I need**'. Our readings for the year will be taken from the Psalms. These are religious songs from the Hebrew Bible. Some are songs of joy and celebration. Some are songs of lament and sadness. Their common feature is a craving for goodness and reaching out to God as a source of strength, security, and love. The diversity of the Psalms enables us to explore the fundamental elements of the 10:10 ethic throughout the year: recognising we are created for good; seeking support when we are in a bad place; and celebrating our unique value in community.

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. This year we would like our modern examples to focus on the arts – musicians, authors, artists, digital artists and content creators, and their works or creations.

The coverage for each term follows the ethos statement:

<b>10:10 Ethic</b>	<b>Theme</b>	<b>Summary / Explanation</b>
<b>Good gifts used in service</b>	<b>Identity</b>	Examples of art or artists expressing a clear sense of self, celebrating the good within each of us as human beings, reflecting on the idea of learning and growth.
<b>Don't stay in a bad place</b>	<b>Struggle</b>	Examples of art or artists expressing the struggle of human life, encountering difficulties, holding onto hope, and searching for good in the world.
<b>Unique value in community</b>	<b>Confidence</b>	Examples of art or artists stepping out in confidence, with a clear message, contributing to the betterment of society, and creating good in the world.

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 you to give examples of art or artists** (encompassing musicians, authors, sculptors, painters, digital artists, content creators, screenwriters and more) who reflect the idea of goodness within, or the search for goodness without, celebrating the full range of human life and emotion.

**In order to share a story / example, please complete the survey here:**

<https://forms.office.com/e/bfRDveyvr5>

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 to planning our assemblies for the year with these ideas in mind.

With thanks and best wishes,

Dame Alice Hudson, Father David (Trust Chaplain) and Stephanie Alvis (Chaplaincy lead at William Perkin)