

Collective Worship

5th June

Spirituality...Aspiration

This week in collective worship we have been reflecting on developing our spirituality through our aspirations.

Thought for the week

To be truly aspirational requires courage and it requires resilience. We should all have things to work towards, things we want to achieve - and nobody can tell us we can't! But, nobody ever achieved their dreams by sitting back and waiting for things to happen - we need to proactively chase our dreams with absolute determination. This will require hard work and patience; it will require accepting the fact that failure is inevitable but Thomas Edison didn't create a light bulb on the first try. Let's be aspirational, not just for ourselves but for the world around us and the people in it.

"Where there is no vision, the people perish." — Proverbs 29:18

'When I sang at the Summer Concert, I felt really proud of myself because I like showing people what I have inside me.'

Pupil voice

This week in collective worship

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about the link between spirituality and our aspirations, and how we should set our sights high on the things we want to achieve. We considered the fact that our passions are often what make us feel spiritual. We reflected on the parable of the mustard seed and how sometimes we need to take risks to achieve our aspirations.

Skittles led an engaging collective worship about his passion for skateboarding and his aspirations to be able to skateboard. He explained that he didn't get on a skateboard for the first time being able to do it - he fell off a few times during the learning process. He reminded us that God is there to pick us up when we fall; we shouldn't be afraid of trying new things and striving to achieve our aspirations. He reminded us to aspire to be the person we want to be.

We held an incredible Music and Arts festival which absolutely showcased our amazing young people achieving their aspirations! We had students who just a few months ago would never have said that they would have had the confidence to perform in front of all those people! There was an enormous range of talented performers, including the Battle of the Band winners, the Matilda cast performed a song from the upcoming show, some incredible soloists wowed us and the group ensembles were also very impressive. There was a wonderful display of artwork from across the school on display, including some of the Arts Award projects. Huge thanks go out to our Music and Art departments; we have incredible aspirational staff too!

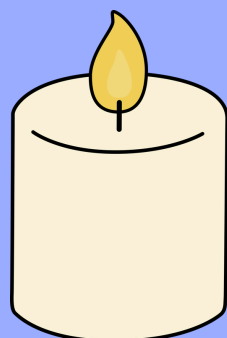
Our Spirited Arts Competition for 2026 was launched! We reflected on the different themes for this year's competition and considered the different ways in which we could potentially respond to the themes. We are looking forward to once again seeing creativity at St Michael's shine through; this is another opportunity for our students to truly flourish.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,

Help us to use our spirituality to be aspirational - to know that we can achieve our goals if we are resilient and determined. Help us to set our sights on the things we can do that really make a difference.

Amen



Each person uniquely made in God's image merits the best that we can give.