

With the help of God, are flourishing together in faith, courage and love'



Let's flourish together...

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about what it means to be aspirational and how we can be aspirational.

Thought for the week

We all have the right to be aspirational and aim for the stars! To win the race you've got to be in the race; to be aspirational is to give yourself a chance of achieving great things and telling yourself that you can! If we focus on building each other up, and not allowing anyone to knock anyone else down, imagine the school community we could create! Let's encourage each other to use the gifts we've been given to be aspirational - to aim high and to not let anyone say anything to put you down.

"Friends, don't get me wrong: By no means do I count myself an expert in all of this, but I've got my eye on the goal, where God is beckoning us onward—to Jesus. I'm off and running, and I'm not turning back."

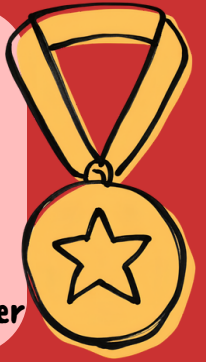
Philippians 3:13-14

'Skittles' collective worship impacted on me because it made me think that rather than asking God for things I want, it made me think about asking God what He wants me to aspire to do.'

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Collective Worship

18th September



This week in collective worship

This week we have focused on our school value of Aspiration. We have considered what it means to be aspirational and have ambitious goals to work towards.

In class collective worship we were inspired by the story of Derek Redmond, who had worked hard to reach his aspirations of running in the 400m final in the Olympics. 150m into the race, he suffered an injury that would have made anyone else give up. However, Derek was resilient in his determination to complete the race that he had worked so hard to compete in and finished the race, although in immense pain.

We heard the story of Joseph and how even though life was not easy for him, he used his aspirations to help others and is an inspiration with the things that he achieved.

Mr Andrews spoke to us about what respect actually means for ourselves, for those around us and for our community. We reflected on our aspirations of all our students respecting the roads so that we can all stay safe. We were entertained by some very old road safety clips that have reminded us of the importance of staying safe on the roads. We welcomed Skittles to talk to us and we explored aspiration using a LEGO challenge to show how guidance shapes our success. While one student built with instructions and another worked from a picture, Skittles explained that the Bible acts as our instruction manual, guiding us toward love, kindness, and purpose. Skittles talked us through biblical examples of aspiration like the Tower of Babel and the story of Moses, alongside his own story of leaving restaurant management for youth work; he illustrated that true ambition isn't about personal fame. Instead, Christian aspiration means using your talents to serve others and asking, "What does God want me to build?"

We have also considered how we can encourage each other to have the courage to be aspirational; the ways in which we can build each other up to achieve great things so that we can all flourish together.

Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,
Thank you for giving each of us unique gifts and talents. Give us the drive and ambition to aim high and do things to the best of our ability so that we can be the best we can be and flourish. Help us also to encourage others to reach their aspirations.
Amen

