

Week 5.7.21-23.7.21	Core Value Focus Truthfulness
<p>Scripture Link “Walk with integrity, be righteous, Speak with truth” Psalm 15:2</p>	<p>Message from the Principal In our Christian vision we speak of “giving our all to all” to enable us to be the very best version of ourselves. An essential element of this is being true to ourselves, being at peace with ourselves, with our decisions and actions. Each day we say our academy prayer where we ask God for peace in our academy. This comes about through truthfulness. In the QEA Way we ask students and staff to behave in a truthful way, to own and learn from mistakes and move forwards with positivity.</p>
<p>Message from the Chaplain At QEA we can tell the truth and be truthful to ourselves because we are an open and loving community. In the Bible King David benefitted from having a friend that helped him to see the truth about a sin that David committed. Nathan the prophet (whose name means gift of God) came to the king to help him see the truth. What a gift. David wrote psalm 51 in response. In this famous text David says that God desires ‘truth in the innermost’ part and God will make him wise if he is honest with God. David was confident that if he repented God would forgive him. Jesus message of love is equally for anyone who will come to him truthfully. A loving community makes a place for being true to ourselves and true with each other. In our Collective Worship we also looked at Martin Niemoller who was a Christian who resisted the German government in the 30s. He regretted not speaking out for people he disagreed with and wrote the poem <i>‘Then they came for me’</i>. Through King David and Martin Niemoller we see how we need to have God’s strength to be truthful to ourselves and truthful to others. We are fortunate at QEA to have a community where honesty is important and it is a safe and loving place to be truthful.</p>	<p>Discussion points</p> <p>What role do friends play in helping us to be truthful?</p> <p>What difficulty do you think Nathan felt coming to King David to challenge him on his sin?</p> <p>Psalm 51 is full of confidence in God’s offer of forgiveness. Do we feel confident in believing in God’s love for us?</p> <p>How do you think Niemoller felt about not speaking out more?</p> <p>How can we practice speaking the truth in love like Nathan? What characteristics does it take?</p>

A Prayer for Truthfulness

Lord you see our hearts

May our words and our actions reflect the best version of ourselves

Help us to live in freedom by telling and believing the truth

May we be an honest and open and loving community

Thriving, growing, loving in spirit and in truth.

Amen