



Weeks- 26.2.24-22.3.24	Core Value Focus- Good Manners
<p>Scripture Link “Do good, lend and expect nothing in return and your reward will be great” Luke 6:35</p>	<p>Message from the Principal Good manners cost nothing. These are wise words that we probably remember being taught as children, and those of us who are now parents probably repeat to our own kids. As teachers we certainly share this wise phrase with our students. But while these gifts are free to give, the simple offerings of being polite and kind — like saying please and thank you, listening carefully, and making eye contact with people — can bring huge benefits to ourselves and those around us. They can help us appear more confident, maintain more fulfilling personal relationships, lead to us prospering at work and school and generally enjoy happier and healthier lives. Being at school isn’t just about exams and qualifications, it’s about developing the whole person. Our Christian vision and core values enable all staff and students to be the best versions of themselves. This is central to the work we do here at QEA.</p>
<p>Message from the Chaplain Good manners cost nothing but are extremely valuable. They help each of us interact and succeed in school and society. One important thing good manners show is the value we put on others. Christians believe everyone is made in God’s image and as image-bearers of God we deserve to be treated fairly and with good manners. But Jesus also knew when people were faking being nice, faking the good manners and standards, they talked the talk but didn’t walk the walk and Jesus let them know. ²⁷ “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like</p>	<p>Discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What are some reasons to be polite and show good manners which help <i>you</i>? ▪ How do good manners help other people? ▪ What is your motivation for good manners? ▪ Think about one or two words you might try to use more to show good manners or pick from these: Please, thank you, you’re welcome, I apologise for what I said, please forgive me for...

whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. Matthew 27,28

Jesus was very interested in good manners and good behaviour coming from a good heart. When he saw hypocrisy he called it out in clear, direct and blunt language. When we look at Jesus' life it was characterised by great love for people but not just in his manners and he was not afraid to be direct even when it cost him.

He didn't just give his time or politeness to people but, Christians believe, he gave his life for our sins. He died in our place receiving the punishment for our sin. His kindness cost him his life because he *valued* us so highly. We can respond to Jesus' sacrifice by receiving his gift of forgiveness and seeing others as God sees them.

- Think about one or two actions words you might try to use more to show good manners or pick from these: Holding open a door, helping someone who has dropped something, going to someone to say thank you or sorry.
- What do you think about Jesus words?
- Do you know a quote from Jesus which sounds kind or polite?
- What does Jesus sacrifice mean to you?
- How important must God see you as that Jesus would come to give his life for you?

Prayer for good manners

God who watches over us may our words, our actions and our attitudes show the right spirit

Help us to see the value that you see in each of us

Help us to treat others as we would want to be treated ourselves

Thank you for Jesus' words and actions of love and forgiveness

May our manners towards each other reflect the value each of us have

All: Help us to do unto others as we would have done to ourselves
(Matthew 7:12)

Amen