

Worship with Us

Learning and Loving
Together Forever

Weeks- 2.9.24-27.9.24	Core Value Focus- Empathy
<p>Scripture Link “This is my commandment, Love one another as I have loved you” John 12:12</p>	<p>Message from the Principal Welcome back to the new school year- we hope you’ve all had a restful summer. This year we welcome another big Year 7 cohort. To prepare for this we have spoken to our other year groups about their experience of the “first day at big school!” They talked to us of the inevitable nerves, the worry about getting lost and making new friends. Then they also reminded us of our core values- of empathy, togetherness and nurture. They reassured us all that the sense of family at QEA would see us through and that we are united in our empathy for the newest members of our family. We all know what that first day feels like. So, welcome to Year 7 and their families. We’re excited for you to join us and feel the love of our school community.</p>
<p>Message from the Chaplain Welcome to another school year! I hope the summer has been an opportunity for you to rest, spending time doing what you enjoy. We always start the year with our core value Empathy, as we want this to be felt and shared throughout the entire QEA school family. I wonder how many of you remember your first day at secondary school. How did you feel? This year we welcome a new cohort of year 7s who I am sure are feeling a mixture of excitement and nerves. Let us remember how we felt on our first day and extend that empathy we have to our new year 7s as we reflect on the scripture attached to this core value: to love one another. At QEA, we are committed to every student in our care. We will journey with them through the rough and the smooth, the highs and the lows, supporting and caring for one another</p>	<p>Discussion points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • When have you felt or shown empathy? • How can we show empathy to the new year 7s? • What have we seen around us that demonstrates empathy? • What difference can you make today to those around you? • What do you think it means to love one another? • Is loving someone always easy?

regardless of the outcome. As always, each of our core values will be shared and considered in our Collective Worship throughout the year. I look forward to journeying with you throughout this year.

- What can we find out from the Christian faith about loving one another?

A prayer for Empathy

Loving God you ask us to love as you loved us

Thank you for Jesus who walked among us who suffered with us and for us

Help us to find and help those who are struggling

Help us to find steps that show love in our school community

May you fill our hearts with love and empathy even when we find it a challenge

Because you gave your all for us

All: God of Comfort, comfort us that we may comfort others (2 Corinthians 1:3-5)

Amen