

## Worship with Us



Weeks- 1/9/25-24/9/25	Core Value Focus- Empathy
<p><b>Scripture Link</b>            “This is my commandment, Love one another as I have loved you”  <b>John 12:12</b></p>	<p><b>Message from the Principal</b>            As we come together for the first time as a brand-new school community this September, we take time to focus on our Christian vision and values.            The need for empathy immediately springs to mind as we consider our new cohort of Y7 students who are embarking on a new chapter of the education. Also of course, our outgoing Y11s who have just celebrated their GCSE results before moving on to the next step in their lives.            We are very proud of the way our staff and students come together to form a family, and I have no doubt that all our Y7s will be embraced as part of that loving family.            Sending all our families positive and caring thoughts as this new school year begins.</p>
<p><b>Message from the Chaplain</b>            As we start another year, we welcome many new people into the QEA family as well as welcoming back those of us who already share in the QEA way of life. It’s a time to reconnect after the summer break. 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. So, what is empathy? It’s the ability to understand and share the feelings of another. The Christian faith reminds us above all to remember to love one another as Christ loved us. Treat others how you wish to be treated. How can you show empathy to those around you this week?</p>	<p><b>Discussion points</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ When have you felt welcomed? How did that make you feel?</li> <li>▪ When have you felt or shown empathy?</li> <li>▪ What have we seen around us that demonstrates empathy?</li> <li>▪ What do you think it means to love one another?</li> <li>▪ Is loving someone always easy?</li> </ul>

### 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