

Forrester High School

Sharing & Celebrating Our Values

Programme 2013/2014



Sharing & Celebrating Our Values at Forrester High School will provide experiences which will be meaningful to all students and staff, aiding their spiritual development.

The school community comprises staff, students and families from a variety of faith backgrounds and worldviews. This diversity will be valued and considered when planning acts of religious observance.

To further these aims, the school will therefore plan:

- to allow all students and staff to engage in shared activities reflecting and expressing their spiritual needs and aspirations;
- to celebrate important occasions in the life of the school and the community; and
- To involve students and staff in experiences which stimulate, challenge and extend their capacities for spiritual response to the world in which they live.

We will look at who we are to the various people that we relate to in life, what these people mean to us and how we can create positive relationships with those around us. We hope to give focus and meaning to the journeys of both staff and students - empowering and energising, encouraging each member of our school community to be all that they can be for themselves and also to others, both in school and in the wider community.

There are 6 Sharing & Celebrating Our Values Events that all students and staff can attend:

- 3 will take place during our assembly programme
- 3 will be held on separate days. Students can opt out of some of these.

September 2013: Forrester is Giving (Opt out)

It is in giving you receive
and receiving you give...



We will be looking at who we are and how we relate to other people. Giving will be the theme – asking who gives to us and who we can give to. We will also focus on the various relationships we will possibly pass through as a - child, parent and grandparent. Forrester will support their chosen charities for the year which are Macmillan Coffee Morning, Hopscotch and Children in Need.

October 2013: Forrester is Respectful

Understanding other people and how to relate positively to others will be our focus. We will explore a range of tools which can be used to approach conflict and broken relationships with greater maturity and insight. In English our students will focus on respecting differences in each other, tolerance, prejudice, bullying. Rights of the Child and the abuse of these rights plus focus on a reflective, autobiographical look at themselves.



November 2013: Forrester is Remembering (Opt Out)



Students through assemblies will be educated using materials from Poppy Scotland plus selling of Poppies. Students will learn about different Acts of Remembrance.

December 2013: Forrester is Sharing (Opt out)



At Christmas, we rush about and try to buy the right gift for everyone that we love. We try to make sure that it is exactly the right gift for them and we desperately try to keep everyone happy. **Is this what Christmas should be about?** We will be welcoming students, parents, carers and the community to our Christmas Concert and welcoming Senior Citizens along to our Annual Coffee Morning.

January 2014: Forrester is Commemorating

Remember the Holocaust.

Presentation from S3 students to S1 during assembly along with a talk from our 2 Senior Students who travelled to Poland to visit Auschwitz as part of the Lessons from Auschwitz project.



March 2014: Forrester is Global (Opt out)



Our focus in Forrester is not just for our immediate community. We are citizens of the world. Decisions we make in this school and our lives at home affect other people throughout the world. Our shopping habits and how we make and use energy have implications for those living in different parts of our world. In Assembly we will be looking at our current links with communities throughout the world and will further explore the opportunities we have to be positive change makers in our world.

Social Subject follow the life of a Sponsored Child in Togo and S2 Geographers raise funds to buy an acre of threatened tropical rainforest in Brazil and Guatemala.

Input also from staff running The International Group and staff & students who have carried out voluntary work in Africa.