

As a community, we apply the pupil profile to every aspect of our school life and encourage all our students to seek to understand these virtues and more importantly to practise them every day. Developing a young person's character is essential as they continue on their spiritual journey.

Our Saint Mary's Pupil Profile virtues unite us all as they are principles to live by, irrespective of faith. Pope Benedict addressing the young people at The Big Assembly, St Mary's University, Twickenham, 17th September 2010 asked the question;

"My question for you is this: What are the qualities you see in others that you would most like to have yourselves? What kind of person would you really like to be?"

The Catholic Pupil Profile gives a model of what a good person looks like and invites young people to make these virtues their own, shaping who they aspire to be.

We ask our pupils to be:

Grateful and generous: **Grateful** for our own gifts, for the gift of other people, and for the blessings of each day; and generous with our gifts, becoming men and women for others.

Attentive and discerning: **Attentive** to our experience and to our vocation; and discerning about the choices they make and the effects of those choices.

Compassionate and loving: **Compassionate** towards others, near and far, especially the less fortunate; and loving by their just actions and forgiving words.

Faith-filled and hopeful: **Faith-filled** in their beliefs and hopeful for the future.

Eloquent and truthful: **Eloquent** and **truthful** in what they say of themselves, the relations between people, and the world.

Learned and wise: **Learned**, finding God in all things; and wise in the ways they use their learning for the common good.

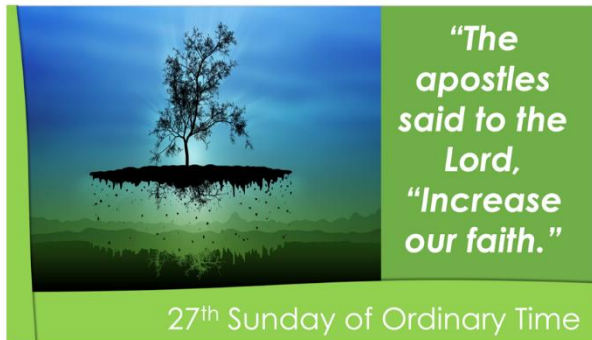
Curious and active: **Curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.

Intentional and prophetic: **Intentional** in the way they live and use the resources of the earth, guided by conscience; and **prophetic** in the example they set to others.

Faith filled and hopeful

"For me to be faith-filled is to have faith in myself, in others and in God.

I have faith that God has chosen me. He has given me talents and skills to do something great for him and I'm able to learn new skills and help the people around me.

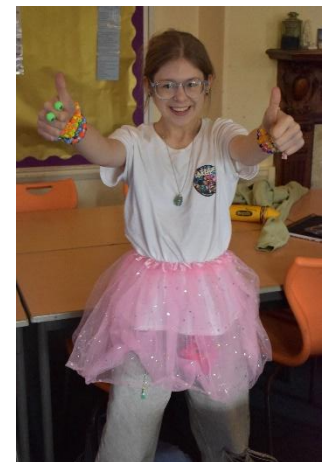


Having faith means I can trust that my friends, my family and the community I live in, will support me, help me and encourage me no matter what.

During Sacred Spaces we take the time to think about how we can make

God's way our way. Prayer helps me to understand that God's way is the way I should go. When I do his will, I am happy and the person God wants me to be, this leads me to be hopeful and courageous for the future.

God has promised to be with us always. He gave us his son Jesus, to teach us and to show us the way. God wants us to be happy and to have life to the full!"



Loving and Compassionate

"To be compassionate is to not only to care about someone else but to be moved to do something to help them. Being part of the SVP Team has helped me to really put this into practice, each week we get together and

talk about how we can make a difference to our local community.

I really like the idea of 'turning concern into action'. We've been given opportunities to learn about SVP, about social justice and about how to engage in social action in a positive, purposeful and meaningful way. It opened my eyes regarding the amount of

Reverse Advent Calendar

How do I do it?
It's easy, rather than treating yourself everyday, treat someone who really needs it. Each form room will have a bag or box for you to add a new item each day. See the items in the calendar for suggestions. Your contribution will help to provide some Christmas extras as well as essentials in emergency food parcels.

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people that need help, big or small, & the good we can do by simply talking or spending time with someone.

To be loving is to be kind, not only to our friends but to those we find difficult as well. If we are compassionate and loving, we show we are concerned about others. We are sympathetic to others. We care about others. We forgive others and we try to do something to help them. Being part of SVP has helped me to be more considerate & mindful of people & their situation."

Grateful and generous



"For me to be grateful is to always appreciate the gifts and blessings we have been given. To be generous is to give something to someone else, to share with someone else, willingly and happily, without expecting anything in return. You can be generous by putting other people's needs before your own and by looking for ways to help rather

than waiting to be asked. I think always following the 'golden rule' to treat others with the respect and kindness that you want for yourself is the best way to be generous. Since starting at St Mary's there have been lots of opportunities to be generous for the CAFOD brighten up some of my friends got together to make cakes and biscuits for a bake sale, we sold everything we made! It was so good to know we were helping people to get access to clean water just by selling some cakes.

Our trip to Morocco made me appreciate the differences in opportunity, privilege and global inequality it made me feel really thankful for the privileges I have. Studying arid environments and water scarcity helped me to recognise the fragility of the planet and how important it is to be more generous to help others and help the planet."



Attentive and Discerning

"As a pupil I know my teachers really care about me because they provide revision sessions for all subjects' after school to support me to make progress in that subject which improves my confidence and wellbeing. If I can't attend the revision sessions then subjects will send me the work they did and offer other times to catch up. If I have an issue with the homework or what's been covered in the lesson or I require information about an event or trip coming up all the information is there for me on Edulink. As a pupil at St Mary's I have the opportunity to earn achievement points for anything connected with school. We get an update on how our tutor group are doing and House prizes get awarded for the House that gets the most points. At the end of term, we have a reward assembly where lots of awards and certificates are handed out. What I like about this is that achievement points are for all students and all abilities."



Learned and Wise

"As a pupil at St Mary's, I am encouraged to take responsibility for my learning in lessons and work independently when asked too. I receive feedback in my books in all subjects which I get the time to respond to. For option at GCSE, I have chosen subjects which I am really interested in and this had made me feel responsible enough to make these choices and motivated to pursue my interests. I really feel like the opportunities I have make me feel like I am cared for and challenged and I am able to pass that one to other people who are not so lucky. For me going on the Battlefields trip was an amazing way to learn about our history away from the textbooks, it made everything that happened feel real to me. Reflecting on the sacrifices made on the battlefields helped me to understand the sacrifice they made. We learnt about the personal stories of young soldiers we were near to our age. It made me realise how important peace is and how it can begin with each of us, we need to learn for the past and try not to make the same mistakes."



Curious and Active

"In our own way, we are all Active and Curious. We have our goals, aims and desires. As a pupil, I am encouraged to take part in lots of different activities, to bond and make new friends, I remember when I started at St Mary's we had lots of team building activities to really help me find new friends and get to know other people. In lessons I get challenged at weaker subjects and tested in my stronger subjects.



St Mary's pupils are encouraged to reach to their goals, follow their dreams and try hard in lessons. St Mary's also helped me to try harder in lessons and to help other people around me who needed it. I am motivated to be active, I love to take part in the Whole School's Mass readings, it helps me to be more confident and less shy. It brings me closer to the Lord and

Christianity itself. To be Curious, I am able to ask questions, especially in RE where I can learn about different beliefs and ideas about God. Last thing is that my friends really bring me up in times of stress and need, and they appreciate me for who I am. They respect me and my personality and ideas. Being Active and Curious is to try to be open to new horizons and to progress and to eventually do well in the future."



Intentional and Prophetic

"My experience of Intentional and Prophetic was when I joined the SVP team. Everyone in the team is kind and friendly and all are confident about speaking about our faith and of God. The SVP team teaches you how to love each other, how to act prophetically, how we can make the world a better place for everyone; how God's intention for us all can be lived out by our actions, words and deeds. We've done this in lots of ways, I really liked making Christmas cards for the people at St Michel's hospice, it was nice to make something personal for them and to remind them they are not forgotten. I liked doing the Operation



Christmas Child, we learnt about the charity in our RE lessons and all of our form group got involved. I filled a shoebox with gifts for a child who wouldn't be getting anything this Christmas. It was nice to think about the kind of things I would like to get, we all wrapped up our gifts in a PE lesson and we even had Christmas music."

Eloquent and truthful

"In English we learnt that eloquence goes beyond just speaking well. It means trying to connect deeply with the people listening and we need to make sure our message is clear. When we were getting ready for our presentations in English we had to decide on a topic we felt strongly about. I chose the environment: Is fast fashion destroying the planet? I really enjoyed researching the facts and finding out how fast fashion doesn't just waste resources but it also pollutes water and releases microplastics into the oceans. For the presentation I had to have my speech ready and I had to think about questions people might ask me. I knew I had to make sure my facts were accurate, I couldn't just make things up. I felt really nervous and the most difficult part was not knowing what the questions would be. At the end I was relieved and I managed to answer all of the questions. It felt good to get people to think about fashion in a different way."