

Year 3 Autumn Term Virtues

Curious and Active

Pupils in a Jesuit school are growing to be **curious** about everything; and **active** in their engagement with the world, changing what they can for the better.



“It is the role of the teacher to see that opportunities are provided that will challenge the imagination and exercise the will of the students to choose the best possible course of action to flow from and follow up on what they have learned. What they do as a result, while it may not immediately transform the world should at least be an educational step in that direction and toward that goal



Our year 3 virtues tree.



We went on a trip to Techniquest and learnt all about the human body.



We celebrated Diwali. Year 3 dressed up in traditional Indian dress, filled the yard with Rangoli patterns and made Diya lamps.



Intentional and Prophetic

Pupils in a Jesuit school are growing to be **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.

An **intentional** person is someone who lives deliberately; someone who builds up their own worldview and then tries to live by it. To live intentionally is to march to the beat of a different drummer.



“If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer.”

Henry David Thoreau (1817-62)

The busy-ness of life can sometimes feel overwhelming. It is no different for young people: demands made by schoolwork and examinations, the many activities to which their parents ferry them, peer pressure and social media, and just growing up and finding their place in an increasingly complex and fractured world. Of course there is excitement and often fulfilment in all this. But the pressure to conform and go along with what everyone else thinks and says and does is immense. The effect is to lose control – a feeling that this whirl of activity is not allowing me to be me.

Living intentionally is not about stepping away from the world but is rather about trying to achieve a balance where you know what is important for you and what you want to spend your time and energies doing. Living intentionally can only happen if one is attentive to one’s experience, noticing the influences which drive us along and discerning which are good and which not so good, guided by conscience. It means living ethically, with a set of values.

“I choose . . .

to live by choice, not by chance; to be motivated, not manipulated; to be useful, not used;
to make changes, not excuses; to excel, not compete.

I choose self-esteem, not self-pity;

I choose to listen to my inner voice, not to the opinion of others.”

anonymous

Jesus Christ was a person who lived intentionally and is a model of a good human life. (CJE n.61) His words, actions and example reflect his values.



We worked very hard making Christmas decorations for our Christmas Fair. Profit went to a charity of our choice, Noah's Ark.





Year 3 decided they would like to weed, tidy, sweep and clean our garden ready for St Helen's open day.



The department of Welsh Language voted for our chair and vice chair to represent us during our Senedd.

