



Collective Worship

Week Commencing: Monday 1st June 2026

Core Value: Respect

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Courage in every step, Faith in every journey.

Opening Reflection

Let us pause, breathe, and take a moment to reflect.

Dear God,

Help us to show respect through our words and actions. Teach us to listen, care for others, and value each person equally.

May we build a community filled with kindness, understanding, and peace.

Amen.



This Week's Theme:

Respect

Respect as a core value means treating yourself, others, and the world around you with kindness, fairness, and consideration. It involves listening to others, accepting differences, valuing people's feelings and opinions, and acting in a way that shows dignity and care.

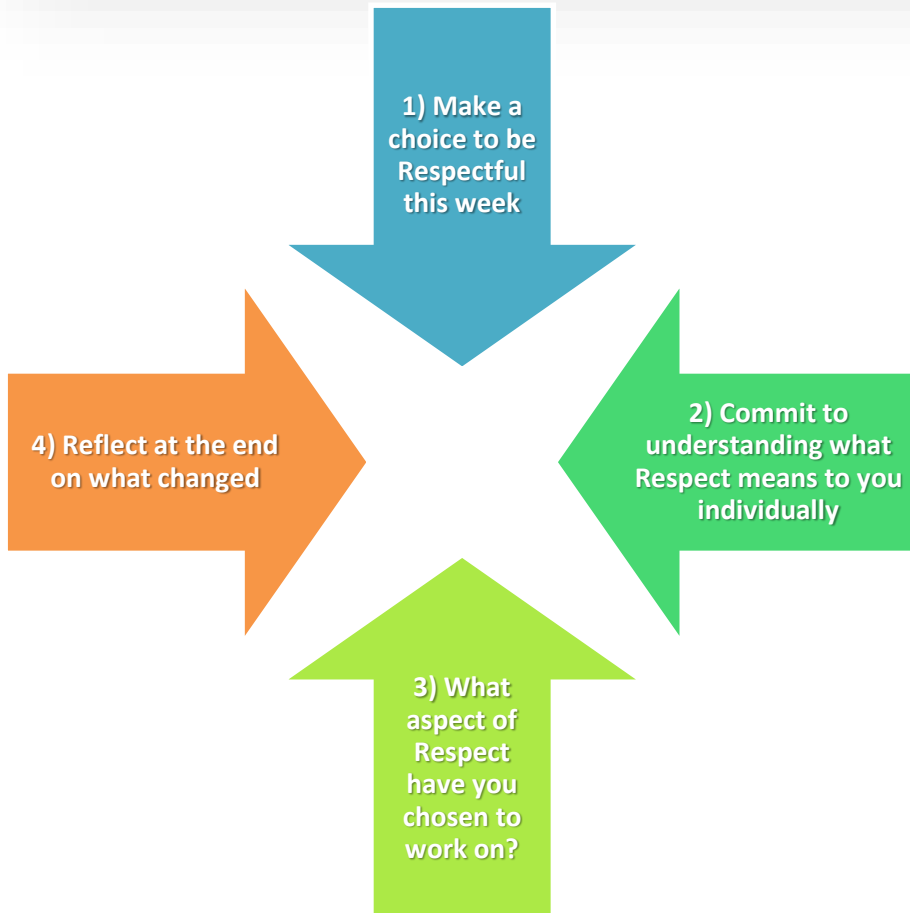
Life gives us challenges. Respect builds character and helps us become the people we are meant to be.

Look at the image below.

Do you agree?



This Week's Challenge



A Story of Respect

Read it here
(Genesis Chapters
37–50)

A powerful Bible story about respect is the story of Joseph and his family. Joseph's brothers were jealous of him and treated him badly, even selling him into slavery in Egypt.

Many years later, Joseph became an important ruler who helped store food during a famine. When his brothers came to Egypt asking for help, they did not recognize him. Joseph had the power to punish them, but instead he chose kindness, forgiveness, and respect.

He welcomed his family, provided food for them, and cared for his father Jacob. Through his actions, Joseph showed that respect means treating others with compassion and dignity, even when they have hurt us.



A Story of Respect

What can we learn?

Respect means forgiving others, even when they have hurt us, as Joseph forgave his brothers.

Respect involves showing kindness and compassion instead of seeking revenge.

Respect means treating others with dignity, even in difficult relationships.

Respect can help repair broken relationships and bring people together.

Respect leads to peace, healing, and stronger family ties.

Reflection Questions: Consider

- What does respect mean to you in your daily life?
- How can you show respect to people who are different from you?
- Can you think of a time when someone showed you respect? How did it make you feel?
- How do your words and actions show respect to others?
- What could you do differently to show more respect at school, home, or in your community?
- Why do you think respect is important for building strong relationships?
- How can you show respect even when you feel upset or angry?



A Story of Respect

**CAN YOU
GUESS
WHO I
AM?**

**Next slide
will reveal
who I am:**



Someone you know was often referred to in derogatory terms and bullied throughout their younger life, on their journey through school and college. This person you might know is going to give you a little insight to their life:

“From an early age, I struggled with a number of people mocking others/situations with negative comments such as ‘ew look at that poof’, and ‘that is so gay!’ being used as an insult when something was not working.

Throughout this time, and during subsequent years, I remained respectful and did not retaliate to the comments being made during these tumultuous years. The motto of ‘treat others as you would like to be treated’ although this felt like a one-way situation.

Growing up, I was not respectful or honest to myself. This was evident when others would joke or comment about my relationship status. As years went on, this continued and I ‘did the normal thing’ and had relationships with the opposite sex.

Living two separate lives was a difficult time. Do I be honest with myself? Do I continue living a lie?

Having a girlfriend in college tore me up inside. I felt horrible knowing that the girl that I was with loved me no end, but I didn’t – it just did not feel right.

As time went on, I decided that enough was enough. Others deserved to be respected and not lied to through my choices.

Most importantly – I needed to respect myself for who I was...”

What this brief story from Mr. Hawkins Teaches us About Respect:

- Respect is not only about how we treat others, but also how we treat ourselves.
- Respect is shown by not responding cruelly to hurtful comments and by following the idea of treating others kindly, even when others were unkind in return.
- Not only is respect towards others a key message, but the importance of honesty and self-respect are essential to our everyday lives.
- Pretending to be someone you are not is unfair both to yourself and to the people around you.
- Respecting yourself means accepting who you truly are and living honestly instead of hiding your identity. Being respectful to others regardless of their identities, sexual orientations, race are key to making the world, and Open Academy a much better place.



Respect:

Reflection Time

Take a quiet moment.

Think about the areas of your life where you have not been respectful?

Now pause and reflect:

Respect is about treating others with dignity, valuing their boundaries, and showing consideration for their feelings and rights, regardless of whether you agree with their views

Consider:

How can I help others in their courage respect?

Take one breath:

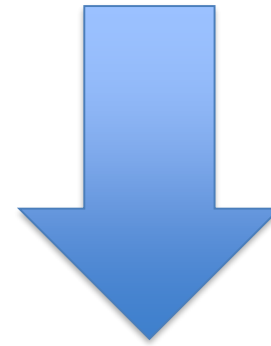
Just like Joseph in the Bible story, what is one small action you can take today to show respect?



**LGBTQ+ Pride month:
1st – 30th June 2026**



Check These Out



<https://lgbtqproject.org.uk/>

LGBTQ+
PROJECT
Supporting Norfolk and Waveney

Scripture Soundbites

Galatians 3:28

²⁸ For you are all one in Christ Jesus.



What does “For you are all one” mean and what does it look like in everyday school life?

How can you apply this to your learning, friendships, or personal goals?

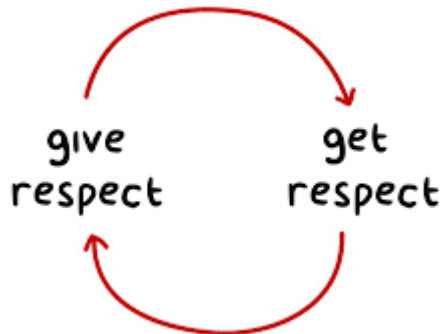
How will this benefit our lives and the community around us?

Who helps you with respect when challenges arise, and how can you support others in living lives of respect?

Food for Thought

“Respect is not just given to people in charge — it is earned through how we treat others.”

What This Means for Us



Respect means valuing every person in our academy and community and treating them with kindness, fairness, and dignity.

It shows in the way we speak, listen, and act toward others each day. Respect is not just about how we treat people we like, but also how we treat those who are different from us or who we may disagree with.

When we show respect, we build trust, strengthen relationships, and create a more peaceful and caring community.

It reminds us that everyone has worth and deserves to be heard and treated well.

Closing Prayer

Dear God,

As we end our times of collective worship, help us to carry respect with us into everything we do. Teach us to honour others in our words, actions, and attitudes, and to treat everyone with kindness and fairness.

May we go out today ready to build a community filled with understanding, peace, and care for one another.

Amen.

