

**St Thomas of Aquin's High School***Theme for the Year 2013-2016: Celebrating our Gifts and Talents***Theme of the Year**

St Thomas of Aquin's annual theme is part of a three year cycle of symbolic messages which collectively aim to highlight and encourage all pupils and staff to celebrate their unique gifts and talents, and by doing this, encourage others to do the same. The theme's main message also aims to inspire members of the St Thomas' Community to act out these key principles in their everyday thoughts, actions and words.

Each classroom will receive a poster outlining the Theme and it will also be displayed on the plasma screen each day.

**Three Year Cycle**

**Cycle 1: 2014-2015 'Each person has a Gift to Share' – Jean Vanier**

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*'A Community is like an orchestra  
each instrument is beautiful when it plays alone,  
but when they all play together,  
each given its own weight in turn,  
the result is even more beautiful'*

**Cycle 2: 2015-2016 'May your Light Always Shine' – Marianne Williamson**

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*'Our deep fear is not that we are inadequate.  
Our deep fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.  
It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.  
We ask ourselves, who am I to be brilliant,  
gorgeous, talented, fabulous,  
Actually, who are you not to be?  
You are the child of God.  
Your playing small does not serve the world.  
There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that other people won't  
feel insecure around you.  
We are all meant to shine, as children do.  
We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us;  
it's in everyone.  
And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people  
permission to do the same.  
As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically  
liberates others.'*

**Cycle 3: 2013-14 'Act Justly, Love Tenderly, Walk Humbly with Your God'  
(Micah 6:8)**

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*to Act Justly,  
to Love Tenderly and  
To Walk Humbly with Your God*

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Theme: 2011~12  
**Each person has a gift to share**

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Theme 2012-13  
**MAY YOUR LIGHT ALWAYS SHINE**



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