



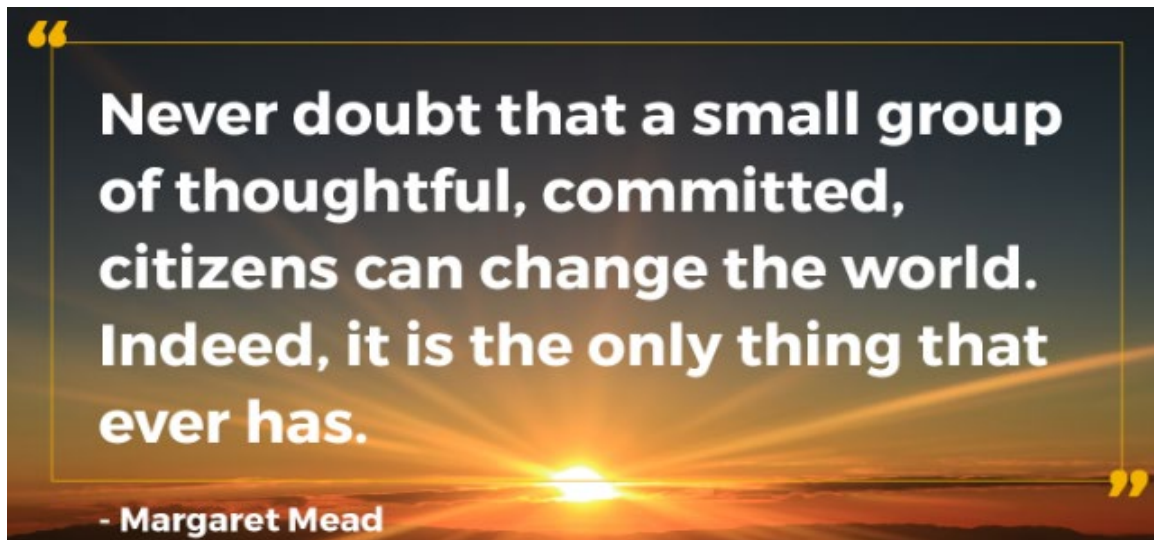
## THE ARCHBISHOPS' YOUNG LEADERS AWARD



Young people have the power to change the world.

The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award is designed to empower Young Leaders to transform society and to inspire others to do the same.

The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award (AYLA) is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme designed to be delivered by teaching staff within the classroom.





## THE ARCHBISHOPS' AWARD AT RIPLEY ST THOMAS

The Key Stage 3 Award is a fully resourced leadership and character education programme which starts pupils on a journey of courageous advocacy. It supports pupils to become confident and resilient leaders, who develop a growth mind set, become independent thinkers and good communicators, and who have compassion and care for their communities.

The Award also has strong links to SMSC, British Values, PSHE, RE and SIAMS. The Key Stage 3 award is delivered at Ripley St Thomas through PSHE days, form time and RE lessons, culminating in a celebration event held in the school chapel.

In delivering a comprehensive RE syllabus that promotes pupils' understanding of Christianity as a living world faith, the RE department at Ripley St Thomas values the lessons in the AYLA that explore the link between faith and leadership. For example, pupils learn about inspirational leaders, including people of faith, who have had a significant impact on the lives of people worldwide. Pupils explore the work of national and global Christian charities working to help others. Through this they appreciate how faith is expressed in actions. The KS3 Award incorporates biblical texts, which help pupils consider the impact Christian teaching can have on society and the lives of others.

The Award activities draw out the skills of enquiry, critical analysis and interpretation, posing challenging questions about the meaning and purpose of life and belief, what it means to follow Christian teaching to serve others and issues of right and wrong. Pupils are given a safe space to discuss, debate and critically reflect on these issues.

## AWARD CONTENT

KS3 lessons use Biblical passages to explore:

- How Christian faith influences people's lives and their actions, highlighting the work of Street Angels.
- The impact of the Bible on faith and Jesus' leadership example and teaching on servant leadership.
- St Paul's teaching on community and the role the church plays in inspiring Christians to live out their faith and serve others.
- The influence people of faith have had on changing the world for the better; faith in action.
- The role of Christian charities: Vision into action.
- The Parable of the Sheep and the Goats and what it means to serve.
- The Parable of the Good Samaritan and how we can counteract prejudices in our society.



## THE ARCHBISHOPS' YOUNG LEADERS AWARD – 8 REASONS WHY WE DO IT

1. The Archbishops' Young Leaders Award can not only help you to get into further education, training and employment, but will make a massive difference to the communities in which you live.
2. It supports character development e.g. compassion, patience and resilience as well as your leadership skills e.g. communication and teamwork.
3. Together we'll begin to think about what we can do to bring hope to areas of need in the school and in your local community.
4. You'll be involved in projects that will help you 'be the change you want to see'.
5. You'll plan for three personal projects that will help serve your community. This could be a sponsored walk / run / swim / climb, running an activity about serving others in your scouts/guides or youth group, writing to the council about an issue or even committing to cook the tea once a week for your family, or putting the bins out, taking your neighbour's dog for a walk.
6. You'll think of something which you can do as a class or a year group that will help transform life in your school community. For example; organising a field litter pick, painting a tired area of school, organising charity cake stalls, helping clean up or serve in the canteen.
7. You'll think of something which you can do as a class or a year group that will help transform your local community. This could be serving a local elderly people's home, redecorating a local park, creating a community garden, supporting a charity, running sports clubs for the local primary school.
8. There'll be lots of other reasons that we haven't even thought of that will become obvious throughout the course of the year!