

Virtue Questionnaire for Students

Below is a short series of questions that we hope will help us better understand your thoughts on important human values. These questions are not meant to have right or wrong answers; instead, they offer a number of possibilities – which all would work – for a specific situation, and ask you which one YOU would choose. Hopefully, we'll be able to have a longer conversation about your answers.

1. You've been asked to be part of a student panel interviewing candidates for your new Head of School. Each student will be expected to talk to the candidates about two leadership skills. Which two would you most want to take responsibility for?
 - a. COURAGE and SYMPATHY
 - b. CREATIVITY and RESILIENCE
 - c. KINDNESS and OPEN-MINDEDNESS
 - d. ORGANIZATION and EMPATHY
 - e. OPTIMISM and FORGIVENESS

2. A good friend tells you he has to talk to you about something. What would be the most challenging thing to hear from him?
 - a. He cheated on a test, the score on which led to his receiving an award in that subject.
 - b. He has always disliked your older sister, whom you see as a role model.
 - c. He knows your phone password, and on one occasion when you left your phone unlocked, he looked through your email, texts, and SnapChats.
 - d. He can't accept your family's political point of view, which he feels comes up every time he sees them, so he no longer wants to visit your house.
 - e. He told the school administrators about an act of vandalism that resulted in a student being expelled, even though everyone believes you turned the student in.

3. You have decided to write a note of thanks to your parents for a quality you've been told you have. Which would you like to say (it can be a quality you have or wish you had)?
 - a. Their irrepressible curiosity has made you an inquisitive, brighter, and more well-rounded person.
 - b. The warm way they welcome people into your home has inspired you to be an inclusive person who embraces difference.
 - c. The dedication and work ethic both your parents put into their jobs has inspired your diligence and pride in your own work.
 - d. The trips to curious museums and destinations and their attempts to cook all kinds of foods and cuisines have made you a truly brave, adventurous person.
 - e. The devotion they have shown to those closest to them has provided you with a perfect model for how to be a loyal and supportive friend.

4. You've been asked to recommend a book that your whole school will read over the summer. Which would you recommend?
 - a. *The Phantom Tollbooth*, for the way it addresses the joy of learning and fights intellectual laziness.
 - b. *I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings*, for its representation of persevering through pain and adversity and the power of one's own voice.
 - c. *A Tale for the Time Being*, for its exploration of the creative process and the way writing can affect our lives.
 - d. *Dealing in Dreams*, for the way it uses a dark landscape to probe questions about the importance of clear decision-making and trust in one's community.
 - e. *Babel-17*, for its discussion of identity and ongoing self-examination, as well as the value of loyal friends in saving us from the worst parts of ourselves.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THOUGHTS!