



WORD OF THE WEEK

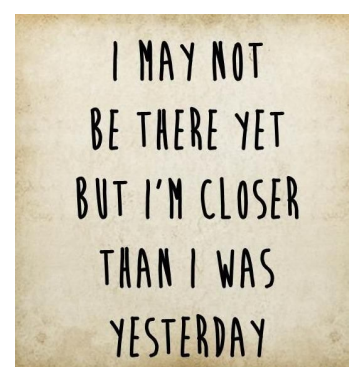
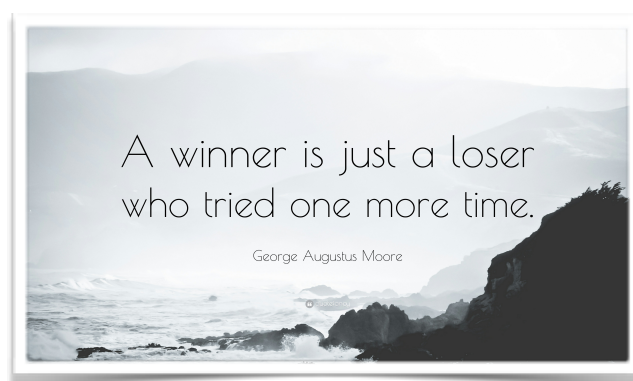
God will bless you, if you don't give up when your faith is being tested. He will reward you with a glorious life, just as he rewards everyone who loves him.

JAMES 1:12

Don't get tired of helping others. You will be rewarded when the time is right, if you don't give up. **GALATIANS 6:9**

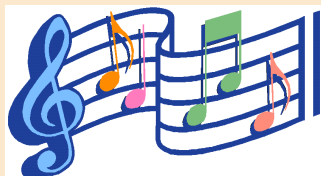
But you must learn to endure everything, so that you will be completely mature and not lacking in anything. **JAMES 1:4**

Now we learn that some of you just loaf around and won't do any work, except the work of a busybody. So, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, we ask and beg these people to settle down and start working for a living. Dear friends, you must never become tired of doing right. **2 THESSALONIANS 3:13**



WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK?

On Monday evening we have our Summer Concert. This year it will be extra special!



On Wednesday Years 7 & 8 have their Rewards Trip to Blackpool.

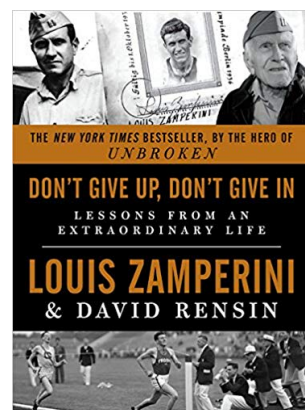


Good luck to our Year 10 who will complete their Qualifying Expedition for the Duke of Edinburgh award.



Something to think about...

Louis Zamperini had a troubled childhood but discovered running at the age of 15. It was as if he forgot how to walk; he ran everywhere. When he got to his first high school track meet at UCLA, the truth hit him: He ran faster than any of the 101 other boys. In fact, he set running records, one of which was unbroken for 18 years.



Zamperini was fast-enough to enter the 1936 Olympics in Berlin Germany, where he ran the 5,000 meter race. It was in Germany where he made a name for himself, met Hitler and observed events leading to the coming war.

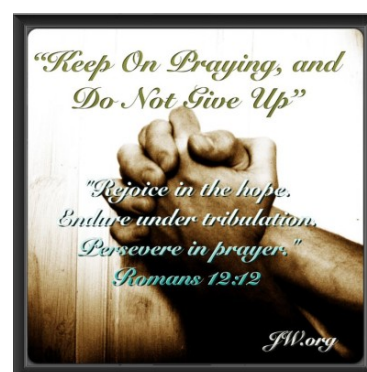
In 1942, Louis joined the Army and was assigned to a bomb unit in the Pacific. As a bombardier on a B-24, Louie dropped bombs. Louis' plane crash landed and he and two crew mates ended up in a life raft in the Pacific Ocean. Although one crew member died, Louie and Lt. Russell Allen (Phil) Phillips survived 47 days at sea living on rain water, fish and birds. Imagine their horror when they were discovered by Japanese soldiers rather than Allies. Louie and Phil's journeyed from one Japanese prisoner of war camp to another. The abuse the Americans received at the hands of the Japanese from 1943 to 1945 was horrific. Details of various guards, and their mistreatment of prisoners, are well-documented.

After the war Louis was transformed by religion from an angry and bitter man to someone who was able to forgive his former Japanese guards in person in Japan.

Something to talk about and do...

Louis' story was turned into a Hollywood film called 'Unbroken'. You can watch the trailer and other clips on YouTube. <https://youtu.be/aeXqNHOiNHY>

There are other amazing stories of real life Perseverance you can research and discuss e.g. Joe Simpson's 'Touching the void'.



Short Prayer for Perseverance

Holy Lord, Thank You for grace.
Please help me move beyond the hurdles that trip me up and give me the strength and wisdom to look up and see the hope I run toward in Christ.
In Jesus' Name, Amen.