



# SCHOOL

## THE JOURNEY



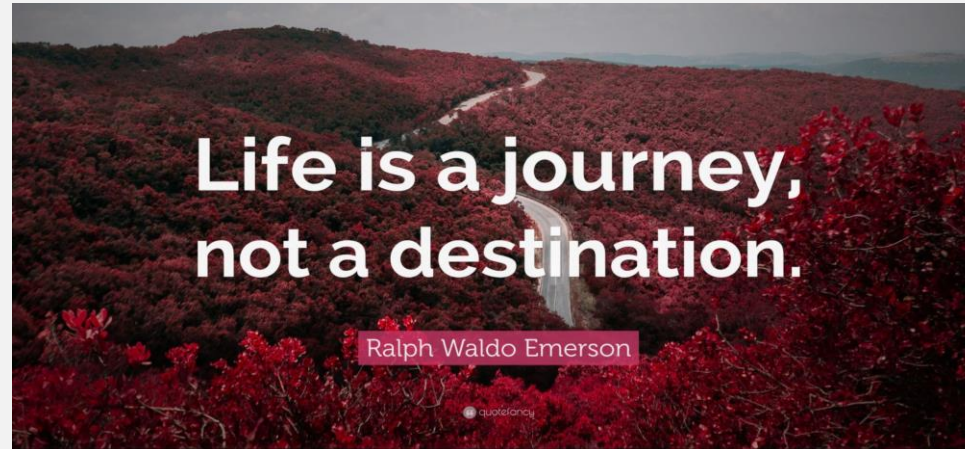
In what way do you think the experience of school is like a journey?

*If **your** experience of school is like a journey somewhere, what is the journey like?*

*What do you think the 'destination' of the journey should be?*

I may not have gone where I intended to go, but I think I have ended up where I intended to be.

*Douglas Adams*



The road of life twists and turns and no two directions are ever the same. Yet our lessons come from the journey, not the destination.

*Don Williams, Jr.*

People have often described life as being like a **journey**. In many ways school is like a journey too. There are sometimes lots of hills and valleys, or potholes in the road. Sometimes getting through the next stretch of road can seem so hard that you forget you are headed somewhere. Hopefully, sometimes there are beautiful views out of the window and new places to see too.

Have a look at these quotes about the 'journey of life'.

*What do you think they mean?*

*How might they help us understand what is important in our school 'journey'?*

# WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE **SCHOOL** JOURNEY?

Before you travel anywhere, you should think about the 'purpose' of your journey.


If you see the purpose of your school 'journey' as getting GCSE results, your experience of the journey itself will be very limited.

School and education is definitely not just about exam results.

Learning is essential for human beings, we are learning all the time. School is just a part of our 'learning journey'.

Memories I can look back on

To be able to gain confidence



What do you  
want out of  
this journey?

A good job

These verses from Psalm 139 remind us that we aren't alone on our journey.

For someone who trusts in God, these verses are an encouragement that he is with them in every part of their journey: when they sit or get up; when they go out or when they sleep. Even before they act God knows what they will do.

Maybe you feel like you've made a 'mess' of your school journey so far. Psalm 139 tells us that God knows us and is with us in the mess. He doesn't abandon us.

*Who is with **you** on your 'journey'?*  
*Who is protecting you and looking out for you?*

You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.  
You know when I sit and when I  
rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from  
afar.

You discern my going out and my  
lying down;  
you are familiar with all my  
ways.

Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.  
You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.  
Such knowledge is too wonderful  
for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.  
*Psalm 139:1-6*

HOW CAN THE  
BIBLE  
ENCOURAGE US  
IN OUR  
'JOURNEY'?





What will success look like?

What do you  
want out of the  
school *journey*  
next year?

At the end of this year, why not take time to think about what you want to get out of 2020/21.

You have searched me, LORD, and you know me.

You know when I sit and when I rise; you perceive my thoughts from afar.

**Psalm 139:1-2**

## **Father God**

Thank you for our school. Thank you for the experiences you have given us in it. Thank you that in spite of building works and pandemic closure this year, we are together on a journey and that you are with us.

As we approach the end of this academic year, help us to think back over where we have been and consider the journey that we have ahead of us. Where we have made mistakes, please forgive us. Where we need to make changes to our attitude and focus, please help us to do so.

**Amen**