

# Year 8 Religious Studies:

## What makes a person

### Inspirational?

Key Word	Definition
<b>Inspirational</b>	To make people want to do or achieve something positive.
<b>Holocaust</b>	When 6 million Jews, Gypsies, homosexuals and other people were killed by the Nazis in Germany during World War II
<b>Taliban</b>	An extremist Islamic group in Afghanistan

#### Features of Inspirational People:

- Brave
- Resilient – has overcome difficulties
- Great achievements
- Helps others
- Positive



**Gee Walker** forgave the killers of her son, Anthony.

She said that she forgave because of her Christian faith.

Jesus spoke about forgiveness in the Bible and asked God to forgive his killers when he died on the cross.



**Nick Vujicic** was born without arms and legs. He travels the world talking to people about his experiences and encouraging others, especially young people.

He has written over 10 books. In many of these he talks about his Christian faith. Nick believes that God put him on the earth for a reason and says that his faith has helped him through his suffering.

He loves to spend his free time swimming, golfing, snowboarding, skydiving, surfing and fishing. Nick particularly loves to try new things.

Nick got married at age 30 and has four children.

**Anne Frank** was a Jewish schoolgirl who lived in Amsterdam. In September 1939, when Anne was 10 years old, Nazi Germany invaded Poland and the Second World War began. Not long after, on 10 May 1940, the Nazis also invaded the Netherlands.

Anne and her family went into hiding. The hiding place was cramped. Anne had to keep very quiet and was often afraid.

During the two years in hiding, Anne wrote in her diary about events in the Secret Annex, but also about her feelings and thoughts.

Anne and the other people in hiding were discovered and arrested by police officers on 4 August 1944. Anne was sent to the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp, where she died in 1945.

Anne's diary was later translated into 70 languages. Through it, people all over the world have been made aware of the dangers of discrimination, racism, and hatred of Jews.

**Malala Yousafzai** began speaking openly about girls' rights at the age of 11 when the Taliban stopped girls from attending school in the Swat Valley in Pakistan. As a 15 year old, she was shot in the head on her way home from school. The Taliban thought they could silence Malala by killing her. Instead, her voice became even stronger.

She moved to the U.K and established Malala Fund, a charity dedicated to giving every girl the opportunity to achieve a future she chooses. In recognition of her work, she became the youngest person ever to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.



#### Further reading:

'I am Malala' by Malala Yousafzai

'Life Without Limits' by Nick Vujicic

'I'll give you the Sun' by Jandy Nelson

'The Diary of a Young Girl' by Anne Frank

'The Book of Awesome Women' by Becca Anderson

'The Art of Being a Brilliant Teenager' by Andy Cope

