

## **WORDS OF WISDOM**

Discuss these 'Pearls of Wisdom' in your group or class. Write a piece of prose or poetry around one of these wise sayings.

**Don't just know things; any fool can do that. The point is to understand them.**

**Don't tell me how hard you work; tell me how much you get done.**

**Put yourself in other people's shoes.**

**Value your friends more than your possessions.**

**Don't blame your past for what you do in the present.**

**Attempt easy tasks as if they were difficult, and difficult tasks as if they were easy.**

**Don't give up.**

**Don't compare yourself to the best that others can do, but to the best that you can do.**

**When you have nothing good to say, say nothing.**

**It's good to be original, but beyond being original is just being an idiot.**

**Always talk to people as if you were being watched by someone you want to impress.**

**Mind your own business. If you value your privacy, then you should value other people's privacy.**

**Don't try to please everyone, just someone.**

**Try to conceal how much you think of yourself and how little you think of others.**

**Ask yourself, 'What am I doing for others?'**

**You can't keep blaming yourself. Blame yourself once and then move on.**

**Praise in public, criticise in private.**

**Look for the good in people.**

**Read like you can't get enough learning.**

**Spend your life lifting people up, not putting people down.**

**Learn to listen. Opportunity sometimes knocks very softly.**

**Never expect anyone to do anything you wouldn't do yourself.**

**Become a person who brightens up a room just by entering it.**

**Never put off apologising.**

**Say nice things about people.**

**When you are not having a good day, try to help create one for someone else.**

**Don't talk unless you can improve the silence.**

**Give everything you've got.**

**You can accept failure; everyone fails at something. Just don't accept not trying.**

**Never miss a good chance to shut up.**

**When you give a lesson in meanness to an animal or person, don't be surprised if they learn their lesson.**

**Always be well-mannered, if you want people to be well-mannered to you.**

**Win without boasting, lose without excuses.**

**Leave everything a little better than you found it.**

**One day your life will flash before your eyes. Make sure it is worth watching.**

**Choose a job you love, and you'll never have to work a day in your life.**

**Never confuse your career with your life.**

**Commit yourself to constant self-improvement.**

**Remember: 89% of statistics are made up and the other 63% are wrong.**

**Live a good and honourable life. Then, when you are older and think back, you will enjoy it a second time.**

**Never put both feet in your mouth at the same time because you won't have a leg to stand on.**