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It is widely known that disadvantaged children can face additional challenges in reaching their potential at school and often do not perform as well as other pupils. Evidence indicates that extra funding given to schools specifically for these children, is most effective when spent on:

- 1) Raising the standard of teaching with activities such as [staff professional development](#).
- 2) Targeted academic support, such as tutoring.
- 3) Wider strategies to address non-academic barriers to success, such as attendance, behaviour and social and emotional support.

When planning how to use any funding your school has been given to help this specific cohort of children, ask yourself, how does your chosen strategy reduce students' barriers to participation and enable young people to feel as if they belong and are valued?

Over the past two years, the Amazing People Schools digital learning platform has helped 1000s of students across the globe to develop life-essential character strengths such as adaptability, courage, empathy, integrity and open-mindedness. This has positively impacted behaviour and emotional wellbeing for those involved, including many hundreds of students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

If you're reading this, you are probably already part of the APS family, and we thank you for your continued support. However, if at any time your school needs further guidance or training on how best to use our platform or help in achieving statutory requirements for social, moral or cultural teachings – we are always happy to help.

[Click here to get in touch.](#)

What's happening on the blog?

Bullying and Character

UNESCO data shows that 1 in 3 teens worldwide report being bullied recently. Read how your school can develop a robust Anti-Bullying programme or policy.

Read here



Free Resources

Wellbeing Workout

Wellbeing workouts are designed to help students flex their character muscles and build key character strengths including courage, enthusiasm, open-mindedness, optimism and kindness with a fun daily activity.

Use this resource with those who are transitioning between year groups or making the big move from Primary to Secondary.

[Primary PDF](#) | [Secondary PDF](#)

Wellbeing Workout - Amy Johnson
 First Woman To Fly Solo From London To Australia
 Flex your character muscles and build mental strength through our stories and fun daily activities

Before you start, explore her story at: www.amazingpeopleschools.com

Courage
 Create a courage tree. Draw a tree with apple shapes on it. Whenever you have been courageous, fill in one of the apple shapes. You may have different types of courage such as, 'trying new things', 'doing what is right', 'speaking out in class' or 'standing up for yourself or someone else'. Watch your apple tree grow with your courage!

Enthusiasm
 Amy Johnson was an enthusiastic flyer and explorer. Finding time to take part in the things you feel enthusiastic about will boost your mood.

Optimism
 Imagine you are going on a safari. Make a list of all the things you hope will go well - such as the animals you wish to see, the exciting vehicles you might ride in and many more things! Can you draw an emoji to share your optimistic feelings? Being optimistic about new and future events boosts our mood and self-confidence!

What's Ahead in July & August?

Use our handy planners to make sure you don't miss any important events in July & August.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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June 27 - July 2 Deafblind Awareness Week				Amy Johnson born (1903)	World UFO Day	International Plastic Bag Free Day
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Marie Curie died (1894)	Henri Newton's Principle published (1687)	Louis Armstrong died (1971)	Global Forgiveness Day	Integrity Day	Constitution Day (Aus)	Eid ul-Adha
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Cheer up the Lonely Day	Malala Day	Frida Kahlo died (1954)	Emmeline Pankhurst Day	Emmeline Pankhurst born (1858)	Disneyland opens to the public (1955)	

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July Planner

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Respect for Parents Day	Open-mindedness	Louis Armstrong born (1901)	National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day (Aus)	Jeans for Genes Day (Aus)		Osaka Shikita born (1992)
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Commonwealth Games end	International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples	International Day of the Girl Child	Perseverance	International Youth Day	Florence Nightingale died (1910)	Left-Handers Day
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Relaxation Day	Tell a Joke Day	Courage	Vietnam	Coco Chanel born (1893)	World Honey Bee Day	World

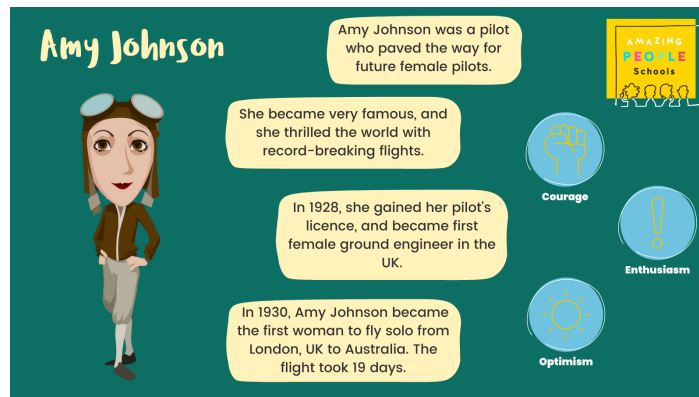
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August Planner

Amazing People born in July...

Use these handy downloadable resource cards to discuss this month's role models with your students - a great asset for discussing character strengths at form time or as an end of day roundup activity.

Amy Johnson born 01 Jul 1903



Amy Johnson

Amy Johnson was a pilot who paved the way for future female pilots.

She became very famous, and she thrilled the world with record-breaking flights.

In 1928, she gained her pilot's licence, and became first female ground engineer in the UK.

In 1930, Amy Johnson became the first woman to fly solo from London, UK to Australia. The flight took 19 days.

Courage

Enthusiasm

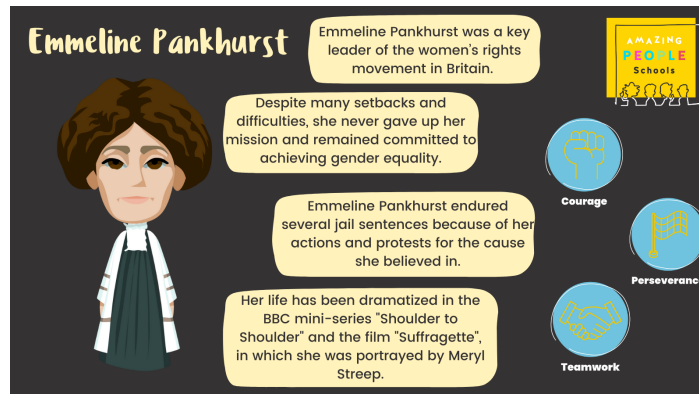
Optimism

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Emmeline Pankhurst born 15 Jul 1858



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Emmeline Pankhurst was a key leader of the women's rights movement in Britain.

Despite many setbacks and difficulties, she never gave up her mission and remained committed to achieving gender equality.

Emmeline Pankhurst endured several jail sentences because of her actions and protests for the cause she believed in.

Her life has been dramatized in the BBC mini-series "Shoulder to Shoulder" and the film "Suffragette", in which she was portrayed by Meryl Streep.

Courage

Perseverance

Teamwork

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Eva Peron born 26 Jul 1952

Eva Perón

Eva Perón grew up poor, but through hard work, she rose to become wife of the president of Argentina.

Her political position allowed her to raise awareness of poverty and to encourage equal rights for women and a fairer society.

Upon Eva Perón's death, Argentina went into deep mourning, and July 26, the date of her death, is marked annually by Argentines.

Evita, the musical based on Eva Perón's life, has been playing to audiences since 1978. A film based on the musical, starring Madonna as Eva Perón, was released in 36 countries in 1996.

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Adaptability

Fairness

Kindness

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School Spotlight

As we frequently say, everything we do is driven by schools, and we continue to be inspired by the brilliant work they do, using Amazing People to explore **character** and support work around **wellbeing, behaviour and curriculum.**

Weald of Kent Grammar



Amazing People Schools' work around character started with a secondary school in Croydon. We were introduced to the then Deputy Head, Liz Bone, and the Amazing People stories and approach to character really captured her imagination. We worked together to build a story-driven, whole-school approach to character development linked to the school core values which over time had a hugely positive impact upon both staff and students.

"Amazing people was transformative, allowing us a vehicle to close the cultural capital gaps for the young people we served, whilst making character a real, tangible aspiration across the school. People understand people, which is why this programme is so valuable in developing character, particularly with teenagers".

That piece of work formed the basis of the site and worked because Liz is so passionate about the power of character to positively impact the lives of young people. She wove it across the curriculum and into the language of the school, so it became part of how the school operated – she even overhauled the school rules putting character, **especially kindness at its core**. It was truly inspirational, and we now have schools working on that same basis around the globe.



Liz Bone is now the head at Weald of Kent Grammar, and we're absolutely thrilled that the school will be joining the Amazing People Schools network in the new school year. She continues to champion character in all aspects of school life and leads their brilliant school with the character strengths we champion – kindness, empathy, creativity, perseverance – the list goes on. Inspiration and character are truly at the heart of their school community. **Their resident therapy dog is even called Ada – after the inspirational Ada Lovelace** – just one aspect of the schools' excellent approach to community and wellbeing. Further updates to follow!

Ridgewood High School



Earlier this week we heard from the brilliant and dedicated team at Ridgewood.

They have been working with Amazing People Schools for a few years now and were updating us on their very successful Tutor Time programme for Years 7 and 8. The students have produced some brilliant, narrated presentations based on Amazing People the students felt most inspired by.

Mrs Haines, who has been running the programme at the school said:

“Amazing People Schools is well resourced, interesting and provides a great starting point for independent and collaborative work. Students voted it for as

their favourite activity in form time and have really enjoyed working together to find out more about amazing people. The character strengths that they focussed on this term were perseverance and teamwork. We have really enjoyed delivering this as part of the program – there have been lots of great work across the tutor groups in Y7 and Y8 this year at Ridgewood.”

Did you know that the site features a whole series of Tutor Time resources, amongst many other things?

[Try them out for free](#) with your students and let us know what you think!

Have a look below to see what the students had to say:



Global News Roundup

Amazing People Schools at ACCSSQ

On 16 and 17 June our Australian team attended the **Association of Counsellors in Catholic Schools Queensland (ACCSSQ)** on the Gold Coast. Here's their event round-up:

"It was inspiring to hear psychologists and psychiatrists discussing various mental health trends and providing practical strategies to schools to help support student mental health.

It was a pleasure interacting with 170 delegates who are also passionate about supporting student wellbeing. They also shared an interest in character strengths and commented they liked how Amazing People Schools provided students and teachers with consistent language and vocabulary that they need around their wellbeing. They also loved our interactive Character Chatterboxes.”

Download our chatterboxes here: [Primary](#) | [Secondary](#).



World Literacy Foundation



Last month, we told you about the great work that the WLF are doing with their [Youth Ambassador Program](#).

We spoke to Andrew Kay, World Literacy Foundation CEO recently who said:

"We are incredibly excited to partner with Amazing People Schools to improve our Youth Ambassador Program. APS has provided us with valuable resources to inspire +350 ambassadors and prepare them to become literacy and education advocates!"

Watch out on our social channels this month, as our collaboration continues with some great new initiatives.

Events

Character Matters – Continued Professional Development

We are now taking bookings for September for our new **Character Matters – CPD**.

[You can read more about it in here.](#)

10 & 11 August

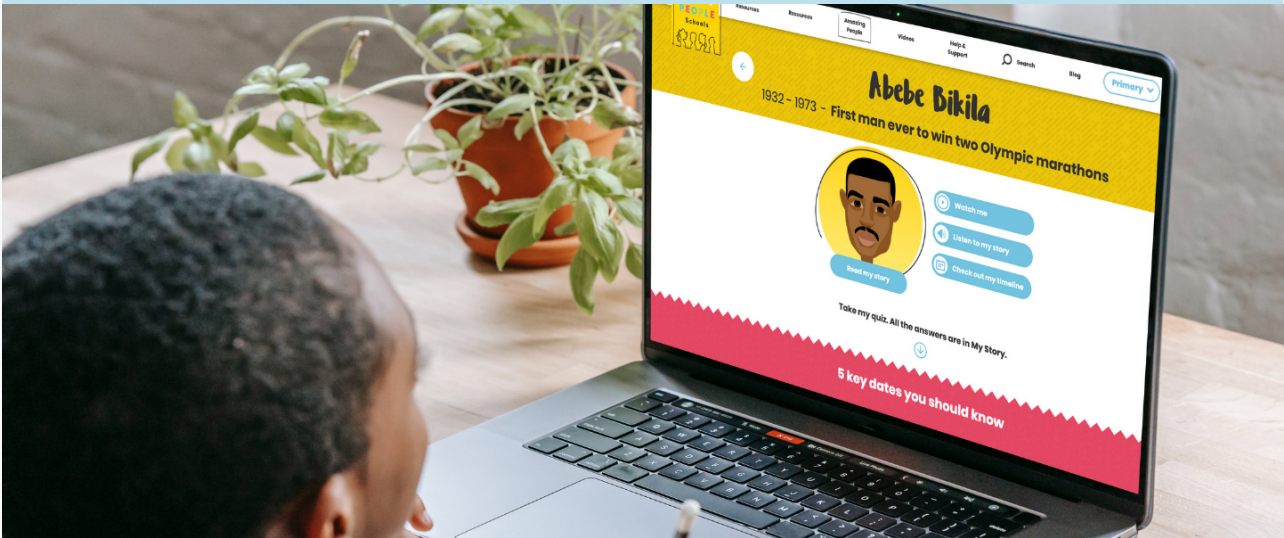
EduTECH at Melbourne Convention and Exhibition Centre

The Australian Team can't wait to meet with over 10,000 educators, leaders, practitioners, decision makers and technology experts across the Education Sector at EduTECH. Drop over and say hi at **Stand 412**.

If you'd like support in implementing diverse voices across your curriculum, just [click here](#) and one of our friendly team will arrange a 1:1 appointment to explain how we can help.

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