

Greenford High School

Policy Document



Collective Worship

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Policy on Collective Worship

Principle

Assemblies are an important part of school life. They provide a means of bringing together large groups of children, sometimes of different year groups, in a shared experience. The Education Reform Act of 1988 stipulates the requirements for collective worship in schools.

Purpose

To provide collective worship in the school.

To provide opportunities for pupils to reflect upon the traditions and beliefs of all religions.

To heighten the pupils' aesthetic, spiritual and personal awareness of their God or Gods, each other and themselves.

To establish a sense of belonging to the school community, its ethos and its philosophy.

To provide an environment of understanding, tolerance and respect for the beliefs of different cultures.

Implementation

We have an assembly for each year group at least once a week and on the other days each form will have an 'Act of Worship'. The list of themes for these are provided by the member of staff leading the assembly that week, or by the SMSC lead.

Form teachers will be expected to follow the given theme but they may use any appropriate material.

Any member of staff can also take an assembly - it is only necessary to ask a member of the Senior Leadership Team for a suitable date.

We believe that the assembly helps to create a sense of identity within the school community and sets the tone for the day.

It reinforces what is being done elsewhere in the curriculum by affirming and celebrating the values and ideals promoted by the school.

Assembly is also a time for moral teaching and for quiet reflection.

It provides an opportunity to learn about different beliefs and religions, including Christianity.

It also provides an opportunity for students and staff to reflect on our 5 character strengths - Community, Compassion, Courage, Resilience and Responsibility, and an Act of Worship may centre around these.

Assembly is also an occasion on which we highlight the achievements of pupils in a wide range of contexts.

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time will

Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils

Include a variety of elements at different times

Involve the pupils.