

Collective Worship Policy

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Approval & Review

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R.E. AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Rationale

It is the aim of the school to give students the opportunity to foster a sense of identity and develop an understanding of the values and diversity that are integral to our school, local and national community on a daily basis.

All pupils study Religious Education. The course follows the Oxfordshire Agreed Syllabus and aims to help pupils achieve a knowledge and understanding of religious experiences, insights, beliefs and practices. This will enable them to deepen or realise their own beliefs and respect the freedom of other people to hold beliefs different from their own.

Purposes

Effective provision for spiritual development comes through the curriculum and approaches to teaching which receive and value students' ideas. Acts of collective worship play a particular part in allowing students to develop individual reflection on the range of issues that will be presented to them during the year.

Guidelines

We plan to achieve this through collective assembly at year group level in addition to the moral, social, cultural and spiritual education provided within the daily curriculum.

The constraints of curriculum time, accommodation and resources determine that each year group will meet for assembly on at least one occasion per week. Assemblies embody clear values and enrich the students' understanding of their own and others beliefs. Each follows an annual defined programme agreed between heads of year, pastoral co-ordinator and head of school.

Role of parents/carers

Parents should note they are entitled to withdraw their children from all or any part of the programme of religious education or the act of collective worship for religious reasons only. Parents should write explaining their request to the Headteacher.

Monitoring/Success Criteria

1. Regular assemblies are held according to the above schedules.
2. Annual assembly programmes addressing issues of values are followed and reviewed.