
Charters School

Collective Worship and Assembly Policy

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP AND ASSEMBLY POLICY

Charters School is wholly committed to Equal Opportunities and this policy spells out how the nature of equal opportunities is met in collective worship.

The Organisation of Collective Worship and Assembly

At Charters School, Collective Worship is held once a week for each year group when they meet together for their fifteen minutes assembly time.

Collective Worship with the whole year group is a formal and organised affair. Each Head of Year plans a sensitive approach so that notices, as well as the reinforcing of good practice by praise and the award of different rewards, are linked into the theme of the assembly and of the Collective Worship. This means that liaison takes place between the Head of Year and the person leading collective worship. It is usual for there to be a short talk, sometimes a piece of music is played, followed by an opportunity for reflection; poems, prayers and various textual passages may be used.

Overall Aims of Collective Worship and Assembly

The aims of Collective Worship and Assembly at Charters School are:

- to create an atmosphere for spiritual, moral, cultural and social development through reflection and deeper thought
- to provide an opportunity for celebration and praise
- to engender a sense of unity
- to provide a learning experience for all pupils

Collective Worship is seen as that opportunity which allows pupils to reflect upon those aspects of the human condition which cannot always be explained in tangible terms. It is also seen as allowing a time of celebration and reflection for those aspects which are of value.

The Content and the Themes of Collective Worship and Assemblies at Charters School

The content of assemblies and Collective Worship is dignified, moral and thoughtful. Assemblies are an important part of the school day. The tradition of listening to music assists and encourages a sense of reflection as well as celebration and togetherness, assists in encouraging thoughtfulness about the reality of the School and what is felt to be important. Predetermined themes are planned at the beginning of the year to fit in with the school's priorities and regular visiting speakers from local churches and other organisations are made aware of these topics. Care is taken to ensure that the chosen theme is sensitive and appropriate to the needs of the particular year group at the school.

Withdrawal

Every parent and guardian is made aware of their right to withdraw their child from the daily act of worship through the School prospectus.

Monitoring and Evaluation

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness.