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# Reading School

## Collective Worship Policy

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Responsibility for the School's collective worship falls within the parameters of the Chaplaincy Team.

### CHAPEL

All students, other than those legally excused, attend chapel on one day per week for a fifteen minute act of worship.

The procedure will normally include a hymn and a prayer with a broadly Christian emphasis.

The theme of each chapel service will be varied, but the overall purpose will be to support the spiritual development of students so as to:

- i. nurture an interior life of deep personal reflection
- ii. foster epistemic humility and appreciation of the ineffable, the transcendent and the numinous
- iii. invite critical thinking and independent responses to prevailing dogmas and norms
- iv. engender a respectful attitude towards diverse spiritual, religious and cultural traditions and experiences
- v. promote a lasting sense of personal and communal moral responsibility
- vi. encourage an outward facing life of purposeful action that supports the common good

It is intended that students and staff of all, and of no religious tradition, will find attendance meaningful.

Students are encouraged to develop acts of worship and to lead in the service.

Occasionally other services will also be promoted to encourage a broader life of collective worship. These may include evensong and Remembrance Day events.

Students who are excused attendance from collective worship in Years 7 – 11 report to the LRC under the supervision of a senior member of staff.

Those in Years 12 and 13 are supervised by a Sixth Form Tutor.

### ASSEMBLY

Each House attends assembly once a week led by a Head of House and lasting 15 minutes.

Assemblies are structured to include routine administrative announcements, but also often include a character development focus including an illustration or example which links with students' own situations and experiences.

Resources and materials for assemblies vary from books to newspaper articles, to incidents within the life of the school and stories from the lives of our alumni, each offering excellent opportunities to contribute to the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of the students.



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The following purposes will be afforded particular attention:

- i. to teach the principles which distinguish right from wrong;
- ii. to encourage students to relate positively to others, take responsibility, participate fully in the community and develop an understanding of citizenship;
- iii. To teach pupils to appreciate their own cultural traditions and the diversity and richness of other cultures.

Tutor groups are encouraged to lead assemblies as agreed by the designated teacher for that year group.

