



READING SCHOOL

School Policy on Collective Worship

THE COMPANIES ACT 2006

Reading School (The Academy) is the employer. The business of the Academy Trust is managed by the Governing Body.

Responsibility for the School's collective worship falls within the parameters of the Chaplaincy/RS Department.

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

The procedure includes a hymn, reading and prayer with a specific or broadly Christian emphasis.

It is hoped that students/staff of any or no religious persuasion will find attendance meaningful.

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

On two Sundays annually there are services for corporate worship.

Students who are excused attendance from collective worship in Years 7 – 11 report to the Study Room under the supervision of a senior member of staff. Those in Years 12 and 13 are supervised by a Sixth Form Tutor.

ASSEMBLY

1. Each House attends assembly once a week led by Head of House and lasting from 15-20 minutes.
2. Assemblies are structured to include routine administrative announcements and usually start with a reading followed by an explanation of the issue it illustrates, attempting to link it with students' own situations and experiences.
3. Resources and materials for assemblies vary from books to newspaper articles offering excellent opportunities to contribute not only to the spiritual development of the students but also to the following important aspects:
 - to teach the principles which distinguish right from wrong;
 - to encourage students to relate positively to others, take responsibility, participate fully in the community and develop an understanding of citizenship;
 - To teach pupils to appreciate their own cultural traditions and the diversity and richness of other cultures.
4. Tutor Groups are encouraged to lead assemblies as agreed by the designated teacher for that year Group.

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