

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Aims

1. To promote the spiritual and cultural development of students.
2. To encourage the development of positive attitudes and sound moral values which will enable students to become responsible members of society.
3. To provide an opportunity for students to take part in collective worship as frequently as current resources permit.
4. To ensure that the majority of acts of collective worship are wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character (whilst not being distinctive of any particular religious denomination); from time to time to encourage people to be aware of other religions and their role in UK society.
5. To be sensitive to the fact that the students subscribe to a range of different beliefs, attitudes and standpoints by providing opportunities to share in worship in a way which makes sense to them and is appropriate to their stage of development.

Objectives

The school's provision for collective worship will enable students:-

1. To experience different elements of worship e.g. celebration, reverence, praise, silence, ritual, symbolism and to provide opportunities to recognise and consider a sense of mystery / wonder, concern, forgiveness, fellowship, suffering, grief, joy, fear, love, hope.
2. To develop an appropriate understanding and knowledge of the key concepts and values involved in religions and in religious worship, such as the nature of God, creation, salvation, liberation, duty, responsibility, holiness.
3. To provide the opportunity of hearing religious language and to reflect on the terminology.
4. To learn to appreciate that true worship involves an inner response and not just the ritual and symbolism in which it is sometimes expressed.
5. To become aware of, and reflect on the personal commitment involved in adopting certain ideals, values, forms of behaviour and religious practice.
6. To provide opportunities to develop skills of listening, communicating, sharing, understanding others, analysing, enquiring, reflecting, respect for self and for others, making choices, open-mindedness.
7. To address fundamental questions and issues of a personal, community, national and international nature, and Christian and other responses to them.