



# Collective Worship Policy

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# QUEEN'S PARK HIGH SCHOOL COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

## **Rationale:**

Assemblies are an important part of school life. They provide an opportunity for students to meet together in a shared experience and an opportunity to bring together large groups of students, sometimes of different year groups.

## **Purposes**

1. To provide opportunities for collective worship in the school of a broadly Christian nature as stipulated in the Education Reform Act of 1988, with due reference to spiritual, moral, social and cultural considerations.
2. To provide opportunities for students to reflect upon the traditions and beliefs of different religions and their relevance to their lives.
3. To contribute to students' aesthetic, spiritual and personal development.
4. To assist students in forming and clarifying their personal values and beliefs.
5. To establish a sense of belonging to the school and its ethos and to the wider community.
6. To provide an environment of understanding, tolerance and respect for the beliefs of different cultures.
7. To share and celebrate individual and group achievement in and out of school

## **Guidelines:**

- All collective worship and assemblies are planned on a half termly or termly basis.
- The school will seek to involve visiting speakers and a range of staff to lead assemblies for each half term.
- The programme of assemblies will be varied and include talks, readings, music, drama and reflections as appropriate to the theme and to the students.
- Assemblies will be related, where appropriate, to notable dates in the calendar including religious festivals and local or international events.
- Students will experience at least one assembly or collective act of worship in houses, in year groups or in key stages each week.
- Parents will have the right to withdraw their child from collective worship.

## **Conclusion**

The Headteacher and other members of staff, with their agreement, are involved in leading assemblies, which are always carried out with due consideration for student safety. Every effort is made to involve the students where appropriate. We welcome other visitors into the school to help broaden the students' experiences. The school celebrates important events in the Christian calendar.