

# NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL

## POLICY DOCUMENT



# Collective Worship

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<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>		
Leadership Team	Pastoral Deputy Headteacher	
Governing Committee	Resources Committee	
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***Courage Commitment Compassion***

## Policy on Collective Worship

### Principle

Assemblies are an important part of school life. They provide a means of bringing together large groups of children, often of different year groups, in a shared experience. The Education Reform Act of 1988 stipulates the requirements for collective worship in schools.

### Purposes

- To provide collective worship in the school mainly of a broadly Christian nature.
- To provide opportunities for pupils to reflect upon the traditions and beliefs of Christianity and other religions.
- To heighten the pupils' aesthetic, spiritual and personal awareness of their God, each other and themselves.
- To develop a sense of belonging to the school community, its ethos and its philosophy.
- To provide an environment of understanding, tolerance and respect for the beliefs of different cultures.

### Implementation

We have an assembly for each year group at least once a week and in addition to this, each discusses on a different day the 'Thought for the Week'. A list of weekly themes for the year is provided for each member of staff. Tutors are expected to follow the given theme but they may use any appropriate material. Pupils are encouraged to contribute both to Thought for the Week and Assemblies. Any member of staff can take an assembly.

We believe that the assembly helps to create a sense of identity within the school community and sets the tone for the day. It reinforces what is being done elsewhere in the curriculum by affirming and celebrating the values and ideals promoted by the school namely the 3 Cs of courage, commitment and compassion. Assembly is also a time for moral teaching and for quiet reflection. It provides an opportunity to learn about different beliefs and religions, including Christianity.

Assembly is an occasion where we highlight the achievements of pupils in a wide range of contexts. It is also an opportunity to showcase the musical and sporting talents of our pupils who perform at the beginning and end of assembly.

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time will:

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- Include a variety of elements at different times
- Involve the pupils

### Monitoring, Evaluation and Review.

Monitoring and evaluation of implementation takes place through learning walks conducted by middle and/or senior leaders and at least one senior leader and/or middle leader is present at every year group assembly.

Thought for the week topics and themes for assembly are reviewed annually.