

NEWLANDS GIRLS' SCHOOL

POLICY DOCUMENT



Collective Worship

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Governing Committee	Resources Committee	
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At Newlands we create confident and responsible young women equipped with the skills they need for the twenty first century. We empower all students to realise their potential as part of a sustainable community committed to lifelong learning.

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 establish 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. It is hoped that the pupils will be encouraged to contribute both to Thought for the Week and Assemblies. Any member of staff can take an assembly. The weekly theme is also highlighted on the notice boards in the entrance hall.

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. 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 provide entertainment at the beginning and end.

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.