

 Kingsmead	POLICY TITLE:	Collective Worship
Kingsmead Academy T/A Kingsmead School		
Committee/Person Responsible for Policy:	Headteacher Curriculum & Achievement Sub-committee	
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The Collective Worship policy is rooted in the core values of Kingsmead School.

1) Care

Collective worship will be acceptable to the whole community, staff and students

2) Aspiration

Collective worship will involve students and include a variety of elements at different times

3) Respect

Collective worship will reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs and will consider spiritual and moral issues

4) Determination

Collective worship aims to develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values

As a school, we are strongly committed to contributing to the spiritual and moral growth of our students. We recognise that there are many formal and informal opportunities where this can take place. The collective act of worship is one such occasion and is an important feature of life at Kingsmead.

We do not support the view that collective worship at school should be on a daily basis. Our view is that such frequency would devalue the occasion for many students. Less frequent, high quality collective acts of worship engage the vast majority of students in reflective and critical thought and add significantly to their spiritual development.

We do differentiate between assemblies and collective worship although inevitably some collective gatherings fulfil several purposes. Our acts of worship are of a broadly Christian character.

Parents have the right to withdraw students from any assembly with a religious content and should put their request in writing to the form tutor.

In practice, all our students will attend at least one act of collective worship per week. This occasion in which all nearly eight hundred students are gathered together in the Sports Hall, is normally conducted by a member of the local clergy or one of the senior staff or team leaders. The acts of worship may involve students responding through a period of silent reflection and/or an opportunity to hear a prayer and to say 'Amen'.

Students also have an opportunity to attend an act of worship in their year group once a week and these are normally conducted by the Year Head.

The overall pattern of collective worship/assemblies looks like this:-

Monday	Whole School Assembly
Tuesday	Year 7 & 8
Wednesday	Year 9 & 10
Thursday	House Assembly (Week A only)
Friday	Year 11

In addition to the collective Acts of Worship, all students follow a high quality religious education programme for five years.