



# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

## Collective Worship/Assemblies Policy

Collective Worship is an integral part of the daily life of the school community. It is founded in the Catholic/Christian tradition, reflecting the liturgical tradition of the Church, but also takes account of the religious traditions of those of other denominations and faiths.

### Collective Worship:

- must fulfil the requirements of the statutory regulations;
- is an integral part of each school day;
- should give young people the space to reflect on their lives and beliefs, to search for answers, to develop in prayer and to explore their relationship with God;
- is not only a legal obligation but in the Christian community it is a fundamental necessity for spiritual and moral growth.

The Governors and the Headteacher, through the Pastoral Deputy, Year Heads and Form Tutors are responsible for ensuring that Collective Worship takes place. Themes for both form worship and assemblies are based upon one of the following factors: liturgical calendar, significant dates, issues affecting particular year groups and themes suggested by students and staff. Collective Worship takes place on a daily basis in the individual form bases. On days when there are assemblies the act of worship will take place in a year group Assembly. The suggested themes for collective worship are placed in pigeon holes on a **termly basis**. Part of the daily worship should be a moment of quiet reflection and to help with this there is a powerpoint produced weekly with a slide containing a thought for a quiet reflection and an additional slide for the prayer of the day. These powerpoints and the collective worship booklet can be found in: staffonly/collective worship.

As a Christian school the spiritual development of students is an important priority. We employ a full time Lay Chaplain who provides spiritual help and moral support for staff and students. She is responsible for collective worship and is available to help Year Heads and Form Tutors in collective worship, assemblies etc. The Chaplain also arranges Masses and Services at key times during the school year.

### Charity Work

Pupils are encouraged to involve themselves in a wide range of activities. We have a whole-school charity and form classes are encouraged to collect their “slummy money” on a daily basis. The School Chaplain coordinates the charity. All form classes are encouraged to work together as a community to raise money, which will be collected regularly.