



*Striving for Excellence*

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# Cirencester Kingshill School

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## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

All pupils at Kingshill attend two assemblies a week. One is a “Year Assembly” which is led by either the Head of Year or the Head of Key Stage. The other is an “SLT Assembly” where the main part of the assembly is taken by the Head of R.S.E. Pupils and Form Tutors are encouraged to lead assemblies. Outside speakers are invited from time to time to explore issues in greater depth.

Kingshill has successfully held Assemblies that have been non denominational and have drawn their inspiration from a variety of sources, some Christian, some not. This has meant that all staff and all pupils participate in them.

Our Assemblies have :

- Found their textual inspiration in a wide variety of sources, while acknowledging the traditional importance of the social and moral message of Christianity in the life of this country.
- Consistently sought the moral high ground which will unite and attract young people of good will of all religious faiths and none.
- Addressed the issues of the day and invited young people to view them from a moral standpoint.
- Provided opportunity for personal reflection

Through our assemblies pupils have been encouraged:

- To widen their repertoire of emotional responses
- To have a reflective approach to living
- To demonstrate the values which are not controversial and upon which democratic society depends
- To provide some experience and understanding of what worship is so that the way of worship, along with other life styles, will remain an option for anyone who wishes to follow it and so that all will have some insight into what it is like to live a religious life.

The range of Assemblies offered during the year will:

- Provide within the law an assembly that is mainly Christian in character
- Provide an opportunity to experience the sacred and develop an awareness of the presence of God in others and in oneself
- Explore social, moral and spiritual values and in particular the Ten Commandments on which our laws are based
- Consider and celebrate values of the Christian Gospels
- Encourage an understanding of religious beliefs and practices
- Offer opportunities for reflection, meditation and prayer

- Develop and encourage a search for human meaning
- Foster a sense of joy, awe and wonder in creation
- Provide experiences which enable pupils to reflect on and deepen their personal beliefs and values
- Provide opportunities for spiritual awareness and spiritual development
- Offer opportunities to explore and share matters of common worth
- Encourage an awareness of and a compassion for the needs of the world community
- Affirm and develop the individual
- Show respect for other peoples feelings, values and beliefs
- Give expression to the common values of the school community
- Provide opportunities to reflect on experiences of life
- Share common concerns
- Provide opportunities to admire human virtues
- Explore respect for others rights and beliefs
- Explore responsibility
- Celebrate differences

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