

Colchester Royal Grammar School



Collective Worship Policy

Aims

The aim of collective worship at Colchester Royal Grammar School is to:

- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to reflect on values that are broadly Christian in character and on their own beliefs
- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to praise and worship God
- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to experience prayer
- Allow reflection and response to the fundamental questions of life and those things that are of eternal concern and value to human beings
- Contribute to the spiritual, social, moral and cultural development of each child
- Support the social and emotional aspects of pupils learning (SEAL)
- Promote community cohesion
- Give expression to, and reaffirm and practise the values of the school community
- Celebrate and give thanks for the achievements within the school, local and international community and occasions of significance, including festivals
- Foster and enable a concern for the needs of others, a recognition of the vulnerability of self and of others
- Provide members of the school community with the opportunity to experience stillness and quiet
- Help students to begin to understand the nature and purpose of worship.

Practice

CRGS provides a daily act of worship in the form of an assembly. Because of the seating capacity of the hall the assemblies are split by Key Stage. The act of collective worship always includes a reading and prayer and regularly a hymn. The Headmaster leads the Key Stage assemblies and is supported by a Deputy or Assistant Head. The readings or presentations are given by students. The Head of RSS coordinates the acts of Collective Worship and assembly programme. Year Group assemblies are led by the Head of Year.

The current assembly programme is:

Monday	KS3	(Years 7, 8, 9)
Tuesday	KS4	(Years 10, 11)
Wednesday	KS3	(Years 7, 8, 9)
Thursday	KS5	(Years 12, 13)
Friday	Year Group Assembly on a rota basis	

When the Hall is out of use (e.g. for examinations) and the assembly programme is suspended, tutors are provided by the Head of RSS with a thought for the week to be discussed and developed in tutor time.

Withdrawal

Students under the age of 18 can be withdrawn from collective worship by their parents. Students over the age of 18 can withdraw themselves from the act of collective worship. In both cases the Headmaster should be informed in writing before the decision to withdraw is made so that appropriate alternative arrangements can be made.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

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To be reviewed at the meeting of the Personnel Committee, Spring Term 2011