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## St Crispin's School Policy

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### Collective Worship Policy

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Collective Worship is a requirement for all students (apart from those who have been withdrawn by their parents) and is statutory under the Education Acts 1944 and 1988. 'All students in a maintained school must take part in an act of collective worship each day'.

The school recognises the contribution that collective worship makes to the school ethos and the spiritual and moral education of its students.

**Aims of Collective Worship at St Crispin's School:**

- To make a significant contribution to the spiritual and moral dimensions of the wider curriculum offered by the school.
- Encourage a sense of community within the school, the local and wider community.
- Celebrate the achievements of individuals, classes or groups of students and staff across many areas of the curriculum and extra-curricular activities, as well as achievements in the local and wider community.
- Provide opportunities for students to explore and celebrate what has meaning and value to them.
- To gather together to reflect upon and develop their own beliefs, values and attitudes through an exploration of shared human experience.
- Explore worthwhile ideas and values expressed in religious and non-religious contexts.

Collective Worship provides students with an opportunity to:

- Experience times of mental and physical stillness
- Experience regular times when they can quietly reflect on their own thoughts and feelings
- Experience a sense of community



## **Implementation**

Collective Worship, whether in assembly or tutor time will:

- Be acceptable to the whole community, staff and students
- Include a variety of elements at different times
- Involve the students

Themes are based on Christian ethics and moral values and reflect the broad tradition of Christian belief without being distinctive of any Christian denomination.

The implementation and effectiveness of this policy will be assessed on a regular basis by the school.



## Appendix

### GUIDELINES FOR COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

#### **Assemblies**

- Content of assemblies will be in line with the policy criteria and responsive to current events. They will also support the Personal, Social, Health and Citizenship Education programme.
- The school uses outside speakers both religious and non-religious at times to enhance the quality of the collective worship provided and to emphasise the responsibility of the school community to the local community.
- The school uses a suitable venue for one or more year groups to assemble each day to provide as many acts of collective worship as possible. A strong regard to health and safety is given to these arrangements.

#### **Organisation**

	MAIN HALL
Monday	Year 7 and 8
Tuesday	Year 9
Wednesday	Year 10
Thursday	Year 11
Friday	Year 12/13

Thus all year groups have one assembly a week.

Assemblies last for 10 to 15 minutes and end with an opportunity for reflection.

#### **Tutor Time**

In order to meet the statutory requirement that all students take part in a Daily Act of Collective Worship there is a theme for the week which is visited and reflected on in tutor time. It is for the students to decide, with the guidance of their tutor, how they choose to use the content, however there should be an opportunity for discussion and a pause for reflection.