The Bishop Wand Church of England School

Collective Worship Policy

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‘Realising God-given potential’

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Collective worship at Bishop Wand School is part of our commitment to educating the whole child. It makes an essential contribution to the school’s Christian ethos and allows students to engage with and develop an understanding of the person and teachings of Jesus Christ.

“‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbour as yourself’ “ Luke Chapter 10 verse 27

“Encourage one another and so build each other up”
1 Thessalonians 5.11

Aims
To create an opportunity each day for students to collectively worship God. To worship God
To reflect on values that are explicitly Christian
To develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
To consider spiritual and moral issues
To realise God-given potential

Implementation
Collective worship, whether in assembly or in tutor time, will:
- emphasise the distinctive Christian core values upheld by the school -
- celebrate the Church Year and our Anglican identity.

The assembly programme will systematically be organised by the Chaplain. Weekly spiritual and moral themes will be decided upon by the chaplain in consultation with the Chaplaincy Support Team and contributions from other staff, students and Diocesan Education Department.

Other opportunities for Worship
The Holy Eucharist will be celebrated at the start of the school year for all staff and on INSET days and after that voluntary attendance made available to the whole school community twice termly. Local church worship events for adults and young people will be promoted when appropriate within school. The chaplain will work with diocesan staff to promote diocesan worship events and enable students to attend.

Resources
Visiting speakers from local churches and other organisations will be invited to lead assemblies on a regular basis. The Senior Leadership team, Heads of Year, Assistant Heads of Year and the Chaplain will also deliver assemblies. Other staff may also contribute if appropriate to their role. Form tutors will be issued with resources to aid them in organising class worship and reflection. The Chaplain is available to provide support and create resources that will be shared among form tutors and other staff. All staff are expected to share their good ideas and original resources on topics.

Monitoring, Evaluation and Review
The Governing Body will review this policy every two years and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented across the school. All new members of staff will be issued with it on arrival.