

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

1. Principles

- 1.1. The College does its best to meet the key legal requirements of the Education Reform Act 1988 within the confines of the spaces available:
 - (a) “all students in attendance at a maintained College shall on each College day take part in an act of collective worship”
 - (b) “Collective worship shall be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. It is not necessary for every act of worship to be of this character but within each College term, the majority of acts must be so”.
- 1.2. The College also takes advantage of opportunities provided by Collective worship for developing communal spirit and to enable the values of the College community to be shared. It takes note of the Devon SACRE definitions of worship and seeks through Collective worship to give students time for reflection and for experiencing and understanding awe and wonder. Collective worship takes a foundational, though not fundamental, approach to represent a broadly Christian character.
- 1.3. The College places high value on the ways in which the curriculum complements Collective Worship, for example, through spiritual education. All students at KS4 have three periods/fortnight RE and are entered for GCSE or Certificate of Education.

2. Procedures

- 2.1. Each year group across all key stages in the College has weekly year meetings. The programme is published in advance and identifies where outside speakers are invited. There is an annual RE Conference Day for all Key Stage 5 students to ensure this provision is also met at an FE level.
- 2.2. The ‘thought for the day’ is published on the daily bulletin and also at sites around the College; the same ‘thought’ is retained for the week. ‘Thought for the day’ takes a spiritual dimension. This provides the starting point for reflection and discussion in tutor groups.
- 2.3. Tutors are given advice on how to deal with the ‘thought for the day’.

3. Review

This policy is reviewed every three years by the Community Committee of the Governing Body.

**Ratified by the Governors’ Community Committee
17th May 2010**