



“Maximising students’ abilities, ambitions and academic potential”

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

Recommended by: Teaching and Learning Committee	
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Approved by the Full Governing Body	
Signed:	
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Broadoak Mathematics and Computing College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Rationale:

At Broadoak we foster values of courtesy, consideration and individual responsibility. We encourage in all students a sense of responsibility to themselves, to the College community and to the outside world. Collective worship, which provides students with an opportunity to reflect on the College's ethos, as well as wider spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues, plays an important part in developing these values. The 1988 Education Reform Act requires all students in attendance at a maintained school "to take part in a daily act of collective worship" and that the act of worship should be mainly of a broadly Christian character.

The nature of the College's accommodation makes it difficult to deliver high quality collective worship on a daily basis; this policy thus seeks to ensure that the College provides opportunities for high quality and appropriate collective worship, within a weekly assembly and reflection upon a whole College 'thought for the week'.

Aims:

- To ensure that, as far as possible, the school fulfils its legal obligations, within the practical constraints of accommodation and time;
- to provide a framework and structure for the delivery of collective worship;
- to encourage positive, participating and inclusive attitudes towards collective worship amongst students and staff;
- to ensure that collective worship is a valued and meaningful educational experience.

Assemblies

At Broadoak we believe strongly in the value of assemblies, which provide an opportunity to share the vision and values that are important to the College community. Each year group will take part in a weekly assembly led by a member of the Senior Leadership and Management Team, Year Leader, students or visitors to the school. Students are encouraged to participate actively in assemblies.

These assemblies will have predominantly moral themes, broadly reflecting Christian values and principles, and will provide students with 'reflection time'.

Faith assemblies will be held regularly, delivered by leaders of different faiths from the local community, College staff and students. These assemblies help students learn about the diversity of their local and national community and encourage an inclusive ethos, which fosters courtesy and consideration towards others.

Parents' rights

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship on written application to the Headteacher

Staff rights

Staff have the right not to attend religious assemblies or acts of collective worship. However, we hope that the inclusive nature of assemblies will enable all staff to model a willingness to consider the views and beliefs of others.