



Ysgol Uwchradd Y Frenhines Elisabeth
Queen Elizabeth High School

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

PREAMBLE

Collective worship forms an essential part of our school life. In accordance with the values of the school, which are concerned with mutual respect, cultural diversity and social inclusion, collective worship will be of a broadly Christian character. It will include all pupils unless they have been withdrawn by their parents. All maintained schools are required to provide collective worship for pupils except for those who have been withdrawn by their parents. It is usually part of a daily assembly. The Headteacher is responsible for arranging the daily act of collective worship after consulting with the Governing Body. Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. There are times when a 'thought for the day' will prevail.

AIMS

The goal of collective worship is to provide opportunities for pupils to:

- worship God;
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs;
- Reinforce the values of the school community and its ethos;
- consider spiritual and moral issues;
- respond to the worship offered.

IMPLEMENTATION

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will:

- be acceptable to the school community, staff and pupils;
- include a variety of elements at different times;
- involve pupils and external speakers as appropriate.

The Headteacher will ensure that:

- The Governing Body is consulted about the broad nature and arrangements for collective worship;
- A daily act of collective worship is provided;
- Alternative provision is made for pupils whose parents request that they do not attend the collective worship.

All members of **staff** are encouraged to participate in and make an active contribution to collective worship, and encourage pupils to become actively involved.

The **Governing Body** will review the policy annually and will be informed of the number of requests for exceptions.

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.

Date established by governing body: 13th November 2007

Review date: 13th November 2008