



Collective Worship Policy

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COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY STATEMENT

The aims of collective worship at Ashcroft Technology Academy are seen as follows:

- To have great educational and personal worth
- To provide a focal point in the life of the college
- To explore and share beliefs
- To promote a common ethos and shared values
- To reinforce positive attitudes
- To develop a sense of community
- To re-affirm, interpret and put into practise the values of the college
- To give an opportunity to reflect in accordance to personal belief
- To present students and staff with a time to pay attention to those things in life which have the greatest meaning for us
- To encourage and promote appropriate participation and response (through being actively involved or listening)

Presentation and formats

There are three types of collective worship that take place at Ashcroft Technology Academy:

- Whole College
- Year
- House (this is usually delivered by a tutor group)

The presentation and format for these differ according to the nature of the assembly.

1. Whole College

These are led by members of the leadership team and other members of staff and are held in the main hall. Presentation styles include the relaying of stories, the use of music, visual images and multi-media enhanced delivery. A rota is drawn up by the Vice Principal.

2. Year

These are led initially by the Student Progress Managers and also by individual Tutor Groups. All groups are encouraged to take part on a rota basis.

3. House

The three Deputy Principals of the Houses Challenger, Discovery and Endeavour lead these along with tutor groups working on a rota basis.

Outside agencies are invited to help in the delivery of the programme at the request of staff leading the particular assembly.

An example of weekly assemblies for Year 7:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Whole School			Year	House

Collective Worship themes and guidance

The themes and content are to be accessible to all students while taking into their spiritual, moral, social and cultural backgrounds. Themes, suggested content and resources for each week's assembly can be found in the Staff Shared Area/Collective Worship. This includes:

- Themes for each Term
- Weekly focus
- Aims of the theme
- Quotes based on the weekly focus
- Guidelines with suggestions for actual content
- Useful resources which may include stories or background information

The themes are arrived at in adherence to the requirement that at least 50% of the material must be of a 'broadly Christian nature'. They also reflect the multi-cultural nature of the College community.

Right of withdrawal from Collective Worship

The Academy has no religious affiliation. Parents or guardians may withdraw their child from attendance at Collective Worship by written application to the Principal.