



Broughton Hall Catholic High School

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY



Broughton Hall is a Roman Catholic School and our Mission Statement is based on Gospel Values, therefore Collective Worship is central to the school Ethos and its character.

This is expressed through opportunities for prayer and reflection, both privately and as a community, through Assemblies and Morning Prayer at the beginning of the school day. It is also expressed through sacramental and non-sacramental liturgies during different parts of the year. Our worship is also reflected beyond the confines of school, particularly in the retreat programmes.

Through Collective Worship:

- The school seeks to actively encourage the whole school community (pupils and staff) to share in the liturgical life of the Church.
- At Broughton Hall Catholic High School we recognise that Collective Worship is an important opportunity to provide opportunities for our students' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.
- It is our aim at Broughton Hall Catholic High School that through Collective Worship pupils will experience prayer in a variety of forms throughout their school life.

Collective Worship provides opportunities for Pupils and Staff to come together to Worship God. Its purpose is to:-

- Contribute to the spiritual, social, moral and cultural development of each student.
- Reaffirm and practise the values of the school community.
- Consider, clarify and celebrate Gospel values.
- Provide an opportunity for members of the school community to form a personal response to those values.
- Make opportunities available for prayer, reflection and worship in recognition of all that we do together.
- Involve pupils with the preparation and participation of daily prayer, worship and liturgy.
- Celebrate and give thanks for achievements both personal and within the school community.
- Foster and enable a concern for the needs of others, a recognition of the vulnerability of self and of others.
- Share our concerns about major issues of the day and place them in a Christian perspective.

Collective worship in our school will be:-

- Properly planned
- Well resourced
- Recorded
- Monitored
- Evaluated

Evaluation of Collective Worship

Following the planning of worship, the evaluation and recording needs to be an integral part of the process. Worship can be evaluated by those leading the worship, other staff, the pupils for whom the worship is intended or members of the governing body. Feedback from any of these groups will help to improve the quality of worship offered to the students. The School Chaplain will send questionnaires to students and staff to get feedback on Collective Worship so that we can review and develop the provision.

Provision

The School Chaplain provides Collective Worship Power Points for all staff which includes a Theme and a Prayer for each day throughout the School Year. Other resources for assemblies etc., are also available from the Chaplain. Staff and form groups can also take responsibility to create resources from a week of Collective Worship.

Each week there is a theme for Collective Worship. These are published at the beginning of the term and a reminder is included both on the Chaplaincy noticeboard outside the staffroom and the Chapel. Emails are also sent at the beginning of each week. The themes chosen are broad enough to allow all those leading worship to approach the theme from their own perspective, link to the liturgical year, and support key national awareness events. This will mean that by the end of the week the students will have had the opportunity to reflect on the theme from a variety of viewpoints.

Monitoring of Collective Worship

The monitoring of the planning and provision of worship should be carried out on a regular basis. The Foundation Governors have a key role in this process to ensure that the legal requirements are met and that the worship offered to the pupils is of the highest quality. It is important that Collective Worship is monitored regularly. The Deputy Head and the School Chaplain are responsible for this and make regular visits to different classes to lead and monitor the Worship.

Opportunities for Worship

Although Collective Worship usually takes place at morning registration this is not prescriptive and can take place at the most appropriate time for the school to ensure that it is a meaningful and prayerful opportunity for all participants. Students and staff are encouraged to use the school Chapel which provides them with the opportunity to experience stillness and quiet.

There is also the opportunity to pray at the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Thursday 3.15 - 4.15 pm.

A weekly Mass is also in the process of being arranged to begin in September 2017.

Weekly Assemblies

- Each Year group has a weekly assembly. This is an important event as it symbolizes our community and is an opportunity for us to reflect and pray together.
- The Assembly will be led by the Progress Manager, School Chaplain, Form Class or a senior member of staff. Occasionally, guest speakers will be invited to lead assemblies.
- The Assembly should generally start and finish with a prayer and have a prayerful focal point.

- The school recognises that there is a difference between Acts of Collective Worship and the Assembly of students. On some occasions assembly may proceed or follow and Act of Collective Worship. When this happens the transition from Assembly to Worship will be marked in some suitable way e.g. the lighting of a candle or reflecting on an image on the projector or power point presentation with a moment of silence for reflection.

School Liturgies and Mass

- Throughout the year there should be opportunities for the community to worship and experience Liturgy, both Eucharistic and non-Eucharistic.
- Liturgy will be appropriately prepared to suit the age of the Students.
- Music and Drama are an important part of Worship in our school.
- Students will have the opportunity and will be encouraged to participate in the preparation and leading of liturgies. The school Chaplain and Progress Managers will work together to realise this. Collective Worship follows the Church's Liturgical Year:-
 - Advent
 - Christmas
 - Lent
 - Easter
- Whenever possible there will be a staff Mass at the beginning and end of each term.

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