



Broughton Hall Catholic High School

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Mission Statement & Catholic Identity

Broughton Hall Catholic High School is a Mercy school rooted in the Gospel and guided by the spirit of Catherine McAuley. Our motto—One Heart, One Mind in Faith, Hope and Love—shapes our ethos and identity. Collective Worship is at the heart of our Catholic mission, providing formation in our unique Mercy identity and offering prayer, reflection, and spiritual growth for all members of our community.

Aims of Collective Worship

- Nurture the spiritual, moral, social and cultural development of all students.
- Celebrate and live out the Mercy Values including acceptance, resilience, community, environment, generosity, service, forgiveness, sincerity. Also including respect and good manners.
- Provide opportunities to encounter Christ individually and collectively.
- Recognise and celebrate the unique gifts and talents of each student within worship.
- Promote understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and faith in action.
- Develop student leadership through Mercy Ambassadors and form participation.

Purpose of Collective Worship

- Provide meaningful opportunities for prayer and stillness.
- Celebrate inclusion while remaining rooted in Catholic tradition.
- Strengthen understanding of human dignity and vocation.
- Support the school's responsibility for Catholic and Mercy formation.
- Enable students to take an active role in shaping prayer and worship.

Collective Worship in Our School

Collective Worship is planned, inclusive, student-centered and rooted in Scripture, CST, and the Mercy tradition. All worship follows the required elements: Gather – Listen – Respond – Send.

- Daily form-time worship using scripture, CST and Mercy themes.
- Inclusive and invitational for all students.
- Linked to the Be Broughton Character Curriculum.
- Reflective of the liturgical year and Gospel values.
- Promoting student voice and leadership, including Mercy Ambassadors.

Mass and Liturgical Celebrations

Mass is celebrated as a full year group. Each form contributes uniquely through dance, drama, artwork, music, prayer writing, readings and symbolic actions. This celebrates the God-given gifts of all students and ensures full participation. Additional liturgies include Advent and Lent services, Welcome Services, and end-of-term reflections.

Celebration of the Word

All Celebrations of the Word at Broughton Hall are Acts of Collective Worship. They always follow the structure of Gather – Listen – Respond – Send and reflect Gospel values, Mercy identity, CST and Personal Development themes.

Resources and Planning

The Chaplain provides weekly Collective Worship resources including scripture, prayers, CST links, Mercy Values, reflection prompts and seasonal materials. Staff may adapt resources to suit their form groups. All planning aligns with CSI expectations and diocesan guidance.

Evaluation of Collective Worship

- Student feedback including Mercy Ambassadors.
- Staff reflection and chaplaincy reviews.
- Foundation Governor monitoring.
- Clergy and parish partner feedback.
- SLT evaluation of consistency and impact.

Monitoring of Collective Worship and Celebration of the Word

Monitoring ensures that worship is purposeful, inclusive and impactful. It includes learning walks, resource audits, form-time monitoring, governor visits, chaplaincy reports and evaluation cycles linked to CSI standards.

Catholic Life of the School Committee

The Catholic Life of the School Committee meets once per term. This committee reviews Collective Worship, Mass, liturgies, CST, Personal Development, student leadership and overall Catholic Life provision. Membership includes SLT, Chaplain, RE Lead, Pastoral representatives, Mercy Ambassadors, Foundation Governors and the Personal Development Lead.

Opportunities for Prayer and Reflection

The Chapel is a sacred space open throughout the school day for prayer, reflection and quiet time. Mercy Ambassadors and Chaplaincy lead prayer initiatives, intentions and lunchtime groups. The Chaplain operates an open-door policy offering pastoral and spiritual support.

Roles and Responsibilities

- School Chaplain – Leads worship, provides resources, prepares liturgies, and reports to the Catholic Life Committee.
- Form Tutors – Lead daily worship and encourage participation from students and Mercy Ambassadors.
- Pastoral and RE Teams – Embed CST, support worship and promote prayer and reflection.
- SLT & Governors – Oversee provision, ensure CSI compliance, and participate in monitoring.
- Mercy Ambassadors – Lead prayer, support worship and represent student voice.

Review Cycle

This policy will be reviewed annually or earlier if CSI or diocesan requirements change.