

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

HEADS OF HOUSE

Religious education is a distinctive subject which seeks to develop the whole person, both in their moral and spiritual development. Religious education is broadly Christian but other religions are referred to and investigated. Delivery of R.E. follows the agreed syllabus in the Cheshire Guidelines adopted by most community secondary schools.

All pupils from Years 7 to 13 will be given the opportunity of experiencing and learning how people's religious views have given them a sense of purpose in their life. Children will be given a background to the Christian tradition and an understanding and evaluation of the belief of others, e.g. Judaism, Islam and Buddhism, Hinduism and Sikhism.

We seek to develop in children their beliefs and ideals in the light of their knowledge and experiences.

Taught for a reasonable amount of time by R.E. specialists.

Years 7-9 one period per week

Years 10-11 R.E. has one lesson every other week in both years. Most students will be entered for a GCSE short course.

Years 12-13 R.E. in General Studies programme.

Parents have the right to withdraw children from R.E. lessons.

R.E. is evaluated by regular consultation between the Head of R.E. and the attached member of the Leadership Team. This forms part of the Annual Departmental Review where teaching and learning, pupil progress, examination results and standards are considered and intervention strategies determined where appropriate.

The school is proud of its non-denominational assemblies which celebrate a variety of traditions and cultures. All forms are invited to contribute to the assemblies and most are pupil-led. The focus varies with emphasis given to the Christian values of respect, charity, consideration, helping and valuing others and celebrating diversity.

Assemblies are an important unifying start to the day where staff and children prepare for the day ahead whilst acknowledging and recognising how the lives of others are affected by and impact upon our own actions.

A clear focus on school and community values form a focus of assemblies and is echoed throughout the school day.

Parents have the right to withdraw children from collective worship.

All children who have not been withdrawn from the act of collective worship by parents will attend one main assembly per week.

Guidance on the above policy and procedures is issued to all parents in the information pack for parents of pupils who join the school.