



THE **MARSH** ACADEMY

Collective Worship Policy

- AIMS:**
- To give expression to the common values of the school community
 - To provide experiences which enable pupils to reflect on and deepen their personal beliefs and values
 - To provide opportunities for spiritual awareness and spiritual development
 - To be educational and open to all members of the school community
 - To comply with the law

Collective worship takes place according to a published schedule which indicates the size of group and the venue. The proceedings are led by a variety of individuals and groups including staff, visitors and students.

Each week a trigger is provided in the form of a 'Theme for the Week' which provides the underlying message for the daily Assemblies. The theme will address matters which are fundamentally of a Christian nature and there will also be the opportunity to include an appropriate multi-faith dimension.

The act of collective worship will include music, as and when appropriate and practical. Staff and students will be encouraged to contribute.

An address or dramatic illustration will form part of the larger assembly groups.

Tutors will be required to ensure that the 'Theme for the Week' is discussed during Tutor Time once per week.

There will always be a place in Collective Worship for the traditional approach of a reading or a prayer but this will not be the sole method of conducting the daily act.

Students will be encouraged to be involved actively in developing the themes and given every opportunity to lead the assemblies for their peer group.

All students are expected to attend Assembly unless they have been withdrawn at parents' request. Parents who wish to withdraw their child may only do so by writing to the Head of School.