

Kingston Park Academy

## **Collective Worship Policy**

This policy was formally adopted by Kingston Park Academy on: September 2015

The renewal date for this policy is: September 2018

### **Introduction**

Collective worship is an occasion for exploring and affirming those matters of human worth which are at the heart of shared humility.

Kingston Park Academy seeks to develop a form of collective worship at the academy which:

- Allows pupils to celebrate and take note of the life of the academy in the presence of God.
- Contributes to pupils' spiritual development
- Enables pupils to gain knowledge and understanding of the Christian faith
- Gives opportunities for pupils to explore and share the beliefs of others
- Contributes to pupils' moral, social and cultural development
- Promotes an active sense of community, belonging and unity.
- Creates opportunities for pupils and staff to exercise leadership and be creative in terms of Worship
- Enables pupils to look out to the wider world
- Develops a sense of shared values and interdependence.
- Celebrates success and achievement of individuals, groups and the community.
- Provides an opportunity to explore, question and reflect on key issues.
- Provides opportunities to experience the spiritual dimension of life.
- Provides an opportunity to worship, to acknowledge that someone or something else is greater and worth more.

## Key Features

By planning and preparing a programme of acts of worship that:

- Is inclusive and accessible- paying attention to the various learning needs of our pupils.
- Are relevant and meaningful.
- Are active, participatory and engaging.
- By ensuring that the setting for collective worship is appropriate.
- By providing quality support for reflection on worship themes
- By supporting those who present collective worship with technician help, planned programmes, systems and training where appropriate.
- Are included in the curriculum, e.g. RE, Science, Creative Arts, Humanities.
- By extending the range of personnel involved in collective worship including pupils (via student council)
- By keeping the policy under constant review and looking to extend its impact in the life of the academy

## Monitoring, Evaluation & Review

- Surveying formally and informally the views of pupils, staff and parents on collective worship in the academy.
- Devising methods of assessing the impact of collective worship across the academy.

## Expectations

- There will be an expectation that staff and pupils will respect views and beliefs expressed during collective worship.
- Staff and pupils will not be expected to join in activities (e.g. prayer) with which they do not agree.