



St Augustine of Canterbury Catholic High School

Collective Worship Policy

‘Excellence for All’

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***F**riendship and Forgiveness*

***A**mbition and Adaptability*

***I**ntegrity and
Independence*

***T**rust and Tolerance*


***H**onesty and Humility*

Context


It is a legal requirement under the 1988 Education Reform Act that all maintained schools perform a daily act of collective worship that is wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian nature. As a Catholic school our core aims are to nourish an ethos based on Gospel values of love, wisdom, integrity, justice and compassion. We aim not to merely fulfil our statutory requirement but to develop a Catholic community that is welcoming, caring and inclusive.

Aims


Collective worship at St Augustine of Canterbury offers pupils:


 a daily opportunity to worship God. The school day starts and ends with the school prayer;


 silent contemplation, reflection, personal response and prayer. develop an awareness of

 questions related to the ultimate mysteries of life and to

explore the beliefs and commitments made by themselves and others in response to such questions

 opportunities to explore their own beliefs; develop a community spirit;

 explore shared beliefs reaffirm and put into practice our Catholic ethos

 and shared values reinforce positive attitudes to the Catholic Christian

 faith.

Participation










At St Augustine's we believe that everyone can contribute and gain from their experiences in collective worship, regardless of their level of belief and commitment. Collective Worship provides everyone with the opportunity to gather in support of one another as a community and to share in beliefs and values that unite us in our cohesive community.

The community of St Augustine's is committed to providing a full range of opportunities for all students, regardless of gender, disability, ethnicity, social, cultural or religious background. We recognise that all children should be involved in the daily act of worship unless withdrawn by the parent or guardian and that teachers also have the right of withdrawal from collective worship.

Content and Delivery

The Collective Worship Calendar identifies a weekly theme from our school mission statement and a 'teaching of the week' that permeates through our acts of worship. The liturgical calendar is included in our collective worship resources weekly.

Acts of collective worship take place during:

-  Form time each day
-  Weekly assemblies
-  Staff briefings
-  Students led morning prayer in the Chapel
-  Chaplaincy club
-  The Choir support liturgical events throughout the year
-  Staff Welcome Mass in September
-  Year 7 Welcome Mass in September
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Year 11 Farewell Mass of Celebration

Students join St Mary's parish community for Mass throughout the year

Services for Advent and Lent





Animate Retreats at Lowe House and in school

Holocaust Memorial Day

St Augustine of Canterbury Feast Day celebration assembly.

Monitoring and Evaluation






The Chaplain and Head of Religious Education work collaboratively to develop and embed collective worship across the school. This has involved:

-  developing a policy of collective worship
-  creating a weekly calendar including themes, teachings and liturgical events
-  providing weekly resources for use in form times and assemblies leading on collective
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worship during staff gatherings and assemblies arranging special masses and events for key dates

Together the chaplain and head of Religious Education offer support to staff and provide inductions for new staff and ITT.

Monitoring collective worship involves:

-  visits to form time
-  visits to assemblies
-  delivering INSET on collective worship
-  staff and pupil voice questionnaires
-  sharing good practice