



BRANNEL SCHOOL

**POLICY FOR
COLLECTIVE
WORSHIP**

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Respect Achievement Care

The Governing Body acknowledges its legal requirements and has agreed that Brannel School should attempt to comply fully with the Act in providing **all** students with daily collective worship. Parents are aware of their right to withdraw their children – see our Prospectus.

As the school cannot accommodate all students in one place, assemblies are held, where possible, in the theatre or activity studio. These gatherings are held after morning registration each day from 9.00am to 9.20am.

Provision of an act of collective worship within tutorial/ registration sessions is impractical given the religious views/beliefs of members of our teaching staff, but a “Thought for the Day” (i.e. topics for tutor group discussions) are provided for use by Form Tutors each day, the content of which covers many appropriate social, moral, cultural and spiritual (SMSC) issues.

Each student, therefore, takes part in a daily act of collective worship.

Our intention is that:

- Students accept responsibility for their own actions and understand how they fit into the school and the wider community.
- Students acknowledge the potential of social, cultural and ethnic diversity, showing a good awareness of the values, beliefs and cultures of others and of the need for rules in different societies.
- Students value fairness and justice and have a secure perception of what is right and wrong, amending their own behaviour accordingly.
- Students show respect for the views of others and seek to debate and understand differences in school, and in relation to local, national and global issues.

The Headteacher co-ordinates the Assembly Programme/Record. The LT, the Heads of Houses and volunteer members of staff deliver the programme on a rota basis. Particular attention is given to religious festivals and ceremonies of a broadly Christian nature. Opportunities for furthering the understanding of other faiths are sought.

The majority of assemblies are wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character in accord with statutory requirements. Staff are able to depart from the planned programme but are required to enter details of all assemblies in an Assembly Record held centrally in the Heads of House Office.