

HTIS COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

The aim of the HTIS collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- worship God
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs
- reflect on values from other religions and cultures; internationalism
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values
- consider spiritual and moral issues
- respond to the worship offered.

Statutory Duty of School

- HTIS provide daily collective worship for registered pupils (apart from those who have been **withdrawn by their parents**). This is usually provided within a daily assembly in the Prep School or class assembly in the Senior School. There is also a weekly Whole School Assembly on Friday mornings.
- The head teacher is responsible (under the School Standards and Framework Act 1998) for arranging the daily collective worship.
- Daily collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character. The precise nature will depend on the family background, ages and abilities of the pupils.

Implementation

Collective worship, whether in assembly or tutor time, will:

- be acceptable to the whole community, staff and pupils
- include a variety of elements at different times
- involve the pupils.

The assembly rota is as follows:

- Prep School, every day at 8.45am
- Senior School, Tuesday 8.45am, every other day from period 8.45am
- Whole School, Friday 8.45am

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Monitoring, Evaluation and Review

The school will review this policy annually and assess its implementation and effectiveness. The policy will be promoted and implemented throughout the school.

M. Dunnington, Assistant Head, August 2009 /next review due August 2010