

Collective Worship and Assemblies Policy

It is our policy at QEGS to provide, daily, an opportunity for pupils to worship and/or to explore and consider moral issues.

Organisation of assemblies is as follows:

Mondays	Y7-13
Tuesdays	Y7-13
Wednesdays	Y7-8
Thursdays	Y9-11/12-13
Fridays	Y7-13 (Achievements assembly)

Each week's assemblies are based on a theme. Assemblies take place in the Hall and pupils are seated. However, on Founders' Day, in March, we choose to exercise our right to continue with tradition and hold our daily act of worship at the local church where the school began.

Whilst we encourage all pupils to attend the act of worship, we acknowledge parents' right to withdraw their children. This may be done on receipt of a written request to the Headteacher.

We acknowledge the difference between an act of collective worship and an assembly. Our assemblies usually include an act of worship and are then followed by dissemination of information. We hope that our assemblies will provide an orderly and purposeful start to the school day, developing a positive ethos in the academy and promoting spiritual, moral and cultural values.

It is our policy that acts of worship shall be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character" as we feel that this fits best with the cultural mores of the area and the expectations of the parents. However, acts of worship relevant to other religions are not excluded. Acts of worship may take the form of a suitable reading, music performed by pupils or a play, and will end with a prayer or bon mot. It is also our intention to convey an ethical view upon which the pupils may develop their own moral code. We shall also provide opportunities for pupils to celebrate the major Christian festivals. We encourage wide pupil and staff participation and occasionally invite outside speakers.

The overall responsibility for the Act of Worship rests with the Headteacher and Governors.