

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY**

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# Collective Worship Policy

East Barnet School, Chestnut Grove, East Barnet, EN4 8PU

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## Statement of Principle

Collective worship at East Barnet should provide opportunities for students to:

1. Reflect on values that **may** be of a broadly Christian nature (whilst recognising the validity and importance of other religions and beliefs);
2. Reflect on their own beliefs;
3. Develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values; (See document: EBS values, <http://www.eastbarnetschool.com/wp-content/uploads/2015/05/EBS-Values-DRAFT.pdf>)
4. Foster an awareness of the world around them and a sense of their place within it;
5. Develop a respect for and an understanding of different beliefs;
6. Develop a sense of sharing and belonging through different groups of students coming together;
7. Consider spiritual and moral issues.

## Aims

### Implementation

Each week there is a school assembly for KS3, KS4 and KS5 students which are attended by members of the senior Leadership Team. In addition there are weekly Year Group assemblies for each of years 7 - 11.

The content of assemblies will vary to ensure coverage of the aims above and will be delivered by a variety of members of Leadership Team and other staff. Students are often involved in preparing and presenting an assembly upon a theme themselves in order to develop self-confidence, presentation skills and for Student Voice to be represented.

Delivery of these aims will vary, dependent upon the individual style of each member of staff involved but will include, amongst others:

- Celebration of achievement (e.g. Jack Petchey award);
- Stories;
- Readings;
- Music;
- External guest speakers;

- Use of ICT;

There will be themes that run across the school for each week during the year, such as those linked to Citizenship. A rota will be drawn up of which staff member will be taking which assembly, by the Senior Deputy Headteacher at the start of every academic year linked to the school calendar and National events such as Red Nose Day, Jeans for Genes Day and Black History Month.

### **Right of withdrawal**

‘Parents who have concerns about their children receiving a broad religious education have the right to withdraw them from Religious Education and collective worship in consultation with the school.’

*(taken from the General Information Booklet within the school prospectus)*