

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S SCHOOL
ASSEMBLIES AND ACTS OF WORSHIP POLICY

Reviewed by the Governors' Teaching & Learning Committee, Autumn 2014
Approved by the Full Governing Body, Autumn 2014
To be reviewed Autumn 2017

PURPOSE

- To promote a sense of community and develop a school ethos.
- To develop spiritual awareness.
- To provide opportunities to celebrate success.
- To communicate with all students and staff.
- To fulfil the School's legal responsibilities.

GUIDELINES

- Assemblies take place in the 12.10 to 12.30pm slot, alternating with PDP and tutor sessions on a programmed basis.
- A broad range of staff, students and outside speakers, including the Leadership Team and the House Heads, are involved in assemblies.
- Tutor group presentations, videos, drama and a thought for the day approach, using topical matter and student's own experiences, are encouraged.
- Within this framework the broadly Christian tradition in this country will be recognised and a prayer included when appropriate, while respecting the integrity of those taking assemblies.
- Whenever possible seated venues are used.
- All students in the appropriate year/house attend unless parents have arranged for withdrawal on religious grounds.
- Tutors attend with their groups and all staff attend whole school assemblies. The only exceptions are those staff who have the Headteacher's permission not to attend for reasons of conscience.

IMPLEMENTATION

Assemblies are arranged for:

- a) The whole school, using the Luker Hub throughout the year (one per week)
- b) Each year group (one per fortnight). Odd: 7, 9,11,13
Even: 8, 10, 12
- c) House assembly (one per fortnight). Odd: C/E
Even: D/P

Remembrance Day:

Services are held annually in the Luker Hub.

Founders's Day:

A service is held annually at St. Nicolas' Church, attended by selected year groups.

Carol Services:

An evening service is held annually in December attended by staff, students, friends and parents on a voluntary basis.

EVALUATION

Annually, via the Senior Staff meeting.

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Signed by Chair

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Date