

St Bartholomew's School
Assemblies & Acts of Worship Policy

Reviewed by the Governors' Education Committee, Autumn 2020

Approved by the Full Governing Body, Autumn 2020

To be reviewed Autumn 2021

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 pm to 12.30 pm 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 students' 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 will be 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 fortnight);
- b. Each year group (one per four week period);
- c. House assembly (one per fortnight): Odd: C/E, Even: D/P.

Remembrance Day

Services are held annually in the Luker Hub.

Founder's Day

A service is held annually at St. Nicolas' Church, attended by Years 7 & 8.

Carol Service

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 and reviewed by the Governors' Education Committee

Signed _____

Co-Chair of Governors

Date _____