

CITY OF LONDON SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

As an independent and non-denominational school, CLSG acknowledges the regulations incumbent on maintained schools, and uses them as a guide for organising Collective Worship.

Assemblies are an important aspect of the school's spiritual, moral, social and cultural offering to students (SMSC). They provide students with opportunities to experience joy and wonder, and to reflect on the beliefs and perspectives which animate people's behaviour. They are a means of introducing students to moral and ethical questions, they enable students to learn about a wide range of social issues and help them to appreciate and celebrate diversity.

CLSG is a community of girls and staff that reflects a wide diversity of religious and cultural views. The assemblies seek to reflect that diversity, through staff and pupil led assemblies, through the active involvement of students of all ages and through visiting speakers. However, a Christian ethos underpins the school and is expressed in some key points in the year such as the Carol Service and the Leavers' Service, attendance at which is not compulsory.

The assemblies aim:

1. To foster a spiritual awareness amongst the pupils through a variety of means, including through a deeper understanding of current issues, through encounters with members of different faith communities, and through a reflection upon school's activities.
2. To encourage a sharing of girls' experiences and beliefs through girls' frequent participation in and leading of school assemblies. This sharing of experiences and ideals aims to bring the school together as a community in celebration and at more difficult times.
3. To foster a sense of unity; they are not supposed to be divisive or exclusive in any way.
4. To encourage participation of all in the assemblies, whilst recognising the statutory rights regarding withdrawal.

If parents do wish to withdraw their child they should refer to the Headmistress in the first instance.

The weekly plan of assemblies in the Senior School is as follows:

- Monday is a Senior School (Years 7–13) assembly. The Prep Department have a separate assembly
- Wednesday is a year group assembly for the Lower School (years 7 & 8), the Senior School (years 9 to 11) and the Sixth Form (years 12 & 13).
- On Tuesdays and Thursdays there is a form time and an opportunity for tutors to have time with their groups for Years 7 – 13

- The Prep have form time on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.
- Friday is a Senior school assembly for Years 7 –13. The Prep Department have a separate assembly.
- There is a whole school assembly (Years 3 – 13) at least once a term

The Main Hall is used for most of the assemblies, with other venues used for year assemblies and House assemblies, which usually occurs every two to three weeks. The Main Hall is most suited to assemblies with the availability of a sound system and network access for PowerPoint presentations. Music is also a key element in most assemblies either through the piano accompaniment or through hymns or songs incorporated into the presentation.

References

City of London Equal Opportunities Policy
Pastoral Care Discipline and Exclusions Policy
PSHCEE Policy
Curriculum Policy

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