



WARBLINGTON
SCHOOL

ASSEMBLY AND COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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Rationale:

At Warblington we recognise the importance of providing students with opportunities to engage with the spiritual, moral, social, economic and cultural aspects (SMSEC) present in society, which they might otherwise avoid. As part of our assembly and collective worship we celebrate and remember key calendared events across the UK and world, alongside the UNICEF Children's Rights and aspects of citizenship (including Global Citizenship) and British Values.

Aims:

The act of assembly offers students opportunities:

- to explore and share beliefs and feelings
- to consider the importance of reflection, contemplation and silence
- to consider the needs of others and develop a sense of community
- to understand their rights and how they impact on their lives
- to appreciate the importance of religious beliefs to those who hold them
- to reaffirm, interpret and to put into practice the values of the School
- to seek to celebrate and develop the contribution of faith to our School
- to provide a time to celebrate the various achievements of students
- to encourage students to learn how to be part of a larger gathering and offering opportunities to perform
- to respond to a presentation of reading, music, dance, drama or contemplation
- to uphold British values

Process and implementation

- The content of assemblies will reflect statutory statements, the principal calendars of the Christian and other religions, the School's own calendar, achievements and events in the wider world.
- Beyond the normal attention to health and safety, the physical provision for assembly will be conducive to the experience we seek to offer.
- Teachers and parents have the right to withdraw from acts of worship; however we traditionally celebrate with students and staff across the religious traditions alongside those who hold no firm beliefs.
- Pursuit of the policy will produce assemblies that enrich the experience of the individual and strengthen our community while making every effort to respect our statutory duties.
- Assembly programme is put together to reflect UNICEF's Rights Respecting agenda.