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Collective Worship Policy



Introduction

At the ContinU Plus Academy we believe that Collective Worship plays an important role in the life of our students. It is an opportunity to celebrate all aspects of school life to support our curriculum and to provide an opportunity for reflection in what is often a very busy, active day for our pupils.

The school recognises that some students have a religious faith whilst many others do not. Prayers are an inward response to the divine and therefore students should not be forced to recite the words or prayers they have learned in primary school e.g. 'The Lord's Prayer'.

Staff taking assemblies or tutor groups can opt out of any collective acts of worship (as can students) and the large number that this would involve makes a daily act of worship very difficult. There are occasions in the school calendar e.g. Remembrance Assembly, Holocaust Memorial Day, Christmas and Easter, when collective acts of worship are appropriate.

Our present cohort are better suited to classroom based discussion and learning outside the classroom, experiencing a sense of awe and wonder through physical and spiritual experience. Many classes use discussion, and there is a daily opportunity to develop a student's belief structure and their religious beliefs about our world.

Aim

The aim of the Collective Worship Policy is to provide the opportunity for students to:

- worship God;
- reflect on values that are of a broadly Christian nature and on their own beliefs;
- develop a community spirit, a common ethos and shared values; □ consider spiritual and moral issues;
- respond to the worship offered.

Good Practice

An example of good practice would be the reflection focus for an assembly or SMSC/tutor lesson:

At midnight on 20 November 1988 a 19 year-old woman who had fallen asleep behind the wheel, plunged her car through a crash barrier. It dangled 60 feet in the air. Some motorists stopped their vehicles, grabbed ropes, tied them to the back of the woman's car and hung on until emergency services arrived. A ladder was extended from below to help stabilise the car, while firemen chained the vehicle to two trucks. Every time

her car moved the woman screamed. It took over two hours for passers-by, the police, tow-truck drivers and firemen, about 25 people in all, to pull the woman to safety.

"It was kind of funny" said Fire Chief Ross Marshall as he recalled later. "She kept shouting 'I'll do it myself!'".

Are you like that? Trying to do it all on your own? On his office wall, Alex Haley, the author of the book "Roots", has a picture of a turtle sitting on top of a six foot fence post. The caption reads "You can be sure he had help getting up there!" Haley says "Anytime I feel too proud to ask for help, I look at that picture". Somebody within your reach knows something you need to know - something you will never learn on your own, never be too proud to ask for help and learn to take other peoples help when you need to.

Take a minute....

All religions have faith communities that provide support in times of weakness or to be there for people when they need help. Take a minute to consider the people that are there to support you and if pride can ever stop you from getting the help that you need.

A copy of the Collective Worship Policy is published in its entirety on the CPA's website (www.continuplus.org.uk).

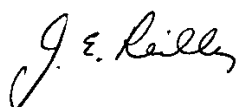
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