



Policy Statement

Provision of Collective Worship

Introduction

The 1988 Education Act requires all schools to provide an act of Collective Worship but this is not a requirement of students attending Colleges of Further Education. As a sixth form centre which provides shared post 16 education for Neatherd and Northgate High Schools and receives students from a wide range of other local High Schools, our Collective Worship policy needs to recognise the spiritual, moral and ethical needs of students in our care whilst at the same time recognising their rights as young adults to make decisions about their own faith. We have a duty to balance their rights to independence with the educational responsibility of that we have for them.

Policy Principles

All students have a right to pursue their own religious, spiritual or moral journey without interference or prejudice from others. Whilst not imposing a daily act of collective worship on our students we would endeavour to facilitate such events where students are desirous of this happening.

Aims

- All students who wish to pursue their faith actively during college hours will be encouraged and helped to do so
- Students who wish to meet collectively for an act of worship will be provided with the space and facilities to do so

Implementation of Policy

- A room will be made available for any student who wishes to meet at 9.45 every day with other like-minded students for the purpose of reflection and worship. This will be a voluntary activity for those who wish to use this facility
- Many subjects studied at A level encourage students to research, consider and discuss a broad range of issues of a moral, spiritual or philosophical nature. These issues will be dealt with sensitively and students will be encouraged to formulate their own informed opinions.
- Our tutorial programme will involve discussion and debate on a wide range of issues of a moral, spiritual or cultural nature that are important to young people growing up in an ever changing world.
- Sixth form students will meet as a Year group every two weeks (Hall availability permitting). This meeting may involve visiting speakers and/or may focus on a theme which may reflect key religious festivals or international days of significance. The student body will also occasionally take part in organised debates on aspects of current affairs.
- Our programme of activities during the second half of the summer term will have a number of days allocated to important post 16 issues: –Global Citizenship Day, Health and Wellbeing Day and Environmental Action Day.

Other Relevant Policies:	Curriculum, PSHE, Single Equalities Scheme
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College policies are written in consultation with staff, governors and students and are regularly read and reviewed by all three groups.