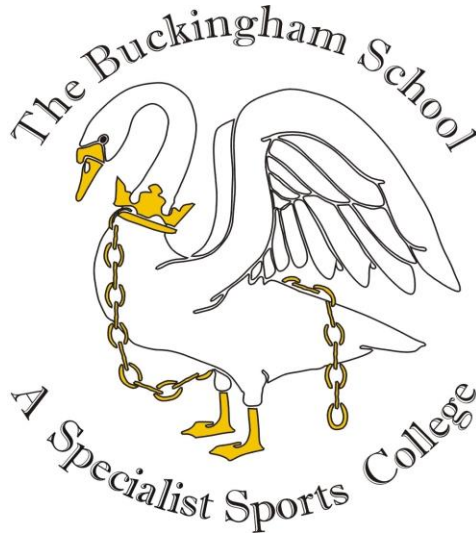


**COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY  
FOR  
THE BUCKINGHAM SCHOOL  
A SPECIALIST SPORTS COLLEGE**



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**ATTACHED COMMITTEE: ATL**

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## **Collective Worship Policy**

The Buckingham School believes that collective worship both supports and strengthens what we aim to do in every aspect of school life. Our caring ethos, and the value which we place on the development of the whole child; spiritually, morally, socially, culturally and intellectually is reflected in our worship. We value this special time in the school day for the space it gives children to develop a reflective approach to life and the ability to express their reflections in traditionally religious ways or any other appropriate manner.

### **Statutory Duty of School**

It is a statutory duty of the school that all registered school age pupils take part in an act of worship and 'reflection' each day. This can be done through reflective periods of thought during assemblies, tutor time thought for the week and other aspects of personal development that is supported in the discrete curriculum across pastoral time. These acts of worship/reflection are focused "wholly or mainly around a broadly Christian Character" for the majority of the time. They must also be "appropriate, having regard to the ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds of the pupils".

### **Aims:**

The aim of the collective worship policy is to provide the opportunity for pupils to:

- Are able to be reflective about their beliefs – religious or otherwise; informing their perspective on life and their interests including different people's faiths, feelings and values
- 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, moral, social and cultural issues
- Respond to the worship offered.

### **Implementation**

The Buckingham School teaches worship through traditional British Values and fundamental Christian beliefs i.e. how to treat one another and respect and be tolerant of all. However, there are pupils and staff who practice other religions and many who are non-religious. The school wishes to offer a collective worship suitable for everyone.

Therefore, collective worship will take the following approaches;

- 1.) The celebration and admiration of brilliance as an inspiration. Brilliance will be displayed by a person's qualities or achievements and will include art, literature, sport, drama or music. Therefore, for example; Nelson Mandela, LGBT History Month, Fair Trade Fortnight or Remembrance will form the basis of worship.
- 2.) The exploration of Christian themes that may also shared by other religions and by people who do not belong to a religion.

The Buckingham School provides collective worship through assemblies, tutorial and other enrichment opportunities. Assemblies involve the whole year group and occur once a week. Each week is themed and it is the responsibility of the Head of Year and Senior leader of the assembly to plan in accordance with the theme and thought for the week linked to SMSC, PSHE and British Values.

Tutorial sessions in the same week allow pupils to reflect more deeply on the theme. PSHE for years 7-9 and allows pupils to consider and reflect on a number of religious ideas and spiritual, moral, social and cultural issues.

### **Withdrawal**

Every parent / Guardian is made aware of their right to withdraw their child from the act of worship through the School website. The Head teacher will only grant withdrawal when the request is made in writing.

### **Evaluation**

This policy is to be evaluated every two years.

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Mr. Matthew Watkins  
Chairman

Signed: 

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