



# NONSUCH HIGH SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Policy Notes may be subject to review and revision at any time by the Nonsuch Local Governing Body notwithstanding that the next review date has not been reached.

Review dates are for guidance only and whilst the intention is always to arrange reviews within the stated time frame all Policy Notes will remain in force until this has taken place and been formally approved by the Nonsuch Local Governing Body.

**1. Aim**

The corporate act of reflection will be a shared experience of values and will contribute to the spiritual, moral, social, cultural and intellectual development of Nonsuch as a community and the individual as a citizen.

**2. Objectives**

- 2.1 To encourage enquiry and reflection of moral and spiritual issues.
- 2.2 To afford the opportunity to learn about, respect and tolerate the beliefs, practices, views and ways of life of others.
- 2.3 To enable students to explore their own beliefs in relation to those of others.
- 2.4 To share the spiritual and religious experience of those who worship as members of a faith.
- 2.5 To share experience about living in and responding to the world and to respect life on earth.
- 2.6 To encourage individuals and to trust and care for one another, to be compassionate and charitable.
- 2.7 To promote a harmonious community in which positivity, respect, integrity, courage and endeavour are valued.
- 2.8 To assist those who need support in coming to terms with the challenges of life.
- 2.9 To reflect upon values underpinning British society and their impact on the Nonsuch community. These values are:
  - i. Democracy
  - ii. Rule of law
  - iii. Individual liberty
  - iv. Mutual respect of different faiths and beliefs
  - v. Tolerance of different faiths and beliefs
- 2.10 To provide the opportunity for staff and students to participate in preparation and presentation of an act of worship in a sympathetic environment.
- 2.12 To contribute to students' spiritual, moral, social, cultural and intellectual development

**3. Organisation**

- 3.1 Religious Studies is included in the timetabled curriculum for Years 7-11 and issues of social, moral, cultural and spiritual concern are covered in the tutorial programme in Years 12 and 13
- 3.2 Daily assemblies may be held in Year groups, for the Whole-School, or for a selection of the School.

**4. Rights of Withdrawal**

- 4.1 Nonsuch seeks to be an inclusive community; however, it respects the right of parents to withdraw their children from Collective Worship. This school expects that withdrawal will only be made after parental discussion with the Headteacher followed by written confirmation of withdrawal.