

WORSHIP POLICY

AIM/PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to ensure that Worship at Trinity Church of England High School is clearly defined and understood by all members of the Trinity community.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES

As a church school, Trinity places a special emphasis on the development of the school as a worshipping community. Worship is a fundamental element of each day, either through a morning collective act of worship or within tutor groups by means of 'Thought for the Week'. The attendance of students to religious education lessons and worship is expected, in that parents have applied for their children to attend a church school and, in so doing, clearly subscribe to the school's ethos, values and day to day practises.

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1. Worship should embrace all members of Trinity.
2. Worship will form an essential element of all major celebrations in the life of the school.
3. Each day will begin for students with either an act of worship in the main hall or lecture theatre, or a form discussion based on "Thought for the Week". Resources for the latter will be made available by the Chaplain.
4. Regular voluntary Eucharists will take place within the school assembly pattern. Cover for staff who wish to attend will be available and all students will be free to attend, regardless of faith.
5. The school will hold an annual Christmas Carol Service at Manchester Cathedral and an Advent Carol Service at St Ann's Church, Manchester. Within school, whole school services will be held at Christmas, Easter, Remembrance Day and at the end of the school year.
6. The school will look for opportunities to share in the worship life of Manchester.
7. The Chaplain will have an active role in the worship life of the school as well as bringing pastoral and counselling skills to Trinity students and staff.
8. A 'worship' calendar will be drawn up and maintained by the Chaplain.
9. A log of worship topics, readings and hymns will be maintained by the Chaplain.
10. A worship group, chaired by the Chaplain, will meet to plan for, participate in, monitor and evaluate the worship life of the school.
11. The School Chapel is a Christian prayer room, dedicated by the Archbishop of York, and used for meetings of the Christian Union and, at times, small groups of Christian students or staff.

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

The Governors' Standing Committee will have responsibility for the Worship Policy. The policy will, in turn, be ratified by the Full Governing Body.

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