

Collective Worship Policy

The Ladies' College is a non-denominational Christian school. Girls of any religious faith and none are welcomed as pupils but a belief of the existence and providence of God is the foundation upon which the moral and spiritual life of the college is built.

Aims

The aims of Collective Worship at The Ladies' College are:

1. To provide staff and pupils with the opportunity for stillness and reflection in company with other members of the school community
2. To promote pupils' spiritual, moral and cultural development
3. To help pupils develop an understanding of both the nature and language of worship
4. To help pupils develop a sense of respect for and sensitivity to the beliefs of others
5. To celebrate the values and worth of the school and the gifts and talents of the pupils
6. To support the broader curriculum through drama, dance, music, stories, art, poetry and other media or creative arts where appropriate.

Objectives of Collective Worship

These are:

1. To worship God
2. To foster the concern for the needs of others
3. To provide an opportunity for celebration and thanksgiving
4. To foster a sense of awe and wonder
5. To contribute to fostering a community that is caring and supportive of one another
6. To share in the success, disappointment, joys and sorrows of our life together

Provision

1. Acts of Collective Worship for all pupils are held every week.
2. Members of staff are expected to attend on a regular basis unless on the ground of conscience they find themselves unable to do so under provision laid down in Section 13 of Guernsey Educational Law (1970).
3. Parents have the right to withdraw their children from acts of Collective Worship.
4. Collective Worship is Christian, reflecting the Christian foundation of the school, however readings and prayers from other faiths may be used.

Visitors

1. Visitors are chosen with care and sensitivity.
2. Members of the clergy from all major denominations on the Island are invited in to College. A number of lay people, charities and other organizations such as PACE also contribute regularly.
3. Visitors are briefed thoroughly with regard to the nature of the occasion, the usual structure of Collective Worship and the school's expectation of them.
4. Visitors are requested to be in school at least ten minutes before assembly so that they may meet a member of the Senior Management Team.

Delivery of Collective Worship

Stimulating and thought-provoking acts of worship are achieved through the appropriate use of the following:

1. Poetry, literature and story
2. Songs, hymns and music
3. Visual art
4. Dance and drama
5. Silence, prayer and meditation
6. Visual displays
7. Pupil contributions (Houses, Forms, Clubs and small groups or individuals)
8. Staff
9. Visitors