

## **Collective Worship Policy**

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

### **Aims**

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

1. To provide staff and students with the opportunity for stillness and reflection with other members of the College community
2. To promote students' spiritual, moral and cultural development
3. To help students develop an understanding of both the nature and language of worship
4. To help students develop a sense of respect for and sensitivity to the beliefs of others
5. To celebrate the values and worth of the College and the gifts and talents of the students
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 students are held every week. The liturgical year is observed through formal church services at times such as Easter and Christmas. Some services take place in the nearby St. Stephen's Church.

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 broadly Christian, reflecting the Christian foundation of the school. We do however make use of themes, readings and prayers from outside the Christian faith where it is felt to contribute to the aims of collective worship.

### **Visitors**

1. Visitors are chosen with care and sensitivity.
2. Members of the clergy are invited to address the College from time to time. A number of lay people, charities and other organizations such as PACE also contribute regularly.
3. The member of SLT with responsibility for organising assemblies briefs visitors with regard to the nature of the occasion, the usual structure of Collective Worship and the College's expectation of them. Requests for IT support (e.g. PowerPoint projection) should be sent to the IT department at least a week before the visitor's assembly.
4. Visitors are requested to be in school at least ten minutes before assembly so that they may meet a member of the Senior Leadership 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. A range of subject disciplines
3. Songs, hymns and music
4. Visual art
5. Silence, prayer and meditation
6. Visual displays
7. Student contributions (Houses, Forms, Clubs and small groups or individuals)
8. Staff
9. Visitors