

STEYNING GRAMMAR SCHOOL

RE & COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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Collective Worship – Legal requirements

- All registered pupils (apart from those whose parents exercise the right to withdrawal) must on “Each school day take part in an act of Collective Worship.” (The School Standards and Framework Act 1998. Section 70 and Schedule 20).
- This may be a single act of worship or separate acts for different pupils.
- All acts of Collective Worship in Church Schools must be Christian in character.
- Acts of worship must be appropriate for the pupils in that they should take account of the pupils’ age, aptitude and family backgrounds.
- Teachers have the right not to attend Collective Worship.

Collective Worship at Steyning Grammar School:

As a Church of England Voluntary Controlled School, Steyning Grammar School has always been closely related with St. Andrew’s Parish Church. The post of Chaplain has been established for more than fifteen years. The Chaplain works with a group of local clergy to share leadership of assemblies with senior staff on a rota basis. He is in regular contact with ministers of denominations represented in the school catchment area.

The Governors are aware that the number of pupils and the appropriate large spaces in the School present logistical problems in the organisation of large group assemblies. The School occupies a split site with provision being set out separately for each site.

The School tries to ensure that Collective Worship is fully inclusive and the opportunities exist for pupils to plan, lead and participate in Collective Worship. Equally, the School complies fully with the right of parents/carers to withdraw their children from Collective Worship.

Church Street site arrangements: (Years 7 and 8)

The Gym Hall is the only suitable space and that can only accommodate one year at a time. All pupils attend two assemblies each week.

Shooting Field site arrangements (Years 9-13)

The Drama Hall is the only suitable space for a year assembly. Each Year attends a weekly assembly.

Pupils on both sites who are not attending an Assembly have the opportunity in Tutor time to discuss the School’s “Thought for the Week” or to plan fund raising events for their chosen charity.

Policy for Religious Education-Statutory Requirements

Religious Education is taught in accordance with the requirements of the 2008 West Sussex Agreed Syllabus, and will take into account the requirements of the new 2015 West Sussex Agreed Syllabus upon publication. KS3 requirements are fulfilled through tailor-made programmes of study, unique to the needs of our pupils. KS4 requirements are met through the provision of RE full course GCSE for all pupils from examinations from 2015 onwards. At Sixth Form College level, a Beliefs Conference is provided for all Year 12 students, which fulfils the expectations of provision required by the West Sussex Agreed Syllabus. A level courses are offered in Religious Studies and Philosophy.