

Assemblies Policy

We believe that assemblies are fundamental in promoting the ethos of the school. They provide students and staff with opportunities to come together for collective reflection, the consideration of spiritual, moral, social and cultural (SMSC) issues and the promotion of fundamental British values.

These occasions are seen as special times where students can feel secure and relaxed. They are key opportunities to celebrate success and achievement.

Assemblies are planned on a weekly basis either as a group or as part of classroom time.

We have achievement assemblies on Monday for upper school and Friday for lower school. Each Wednesday we have group assemblies based on our 'Thought for the Week' (#TftW) and class assemblies are held once a week.

Timetable:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Upper School Achievement Assembly	Class Time	Group Assemblies #TftW / RRS	Class Assemblies	Lower School Achievement Assembly
Sports Hall	Classes	Play Hall JW, HN, CN, LB, FS, BK	Play Hall CN & BE	Dining Hall
3pm – 3.20pm	3pm – 3.20pm	3pm – 3.20pm	3pm – 3.20pm	9.10 – 9.30am
SB/ACo Teachers	Class Teams	AH/CS	SD	SB/ Class Teachers

Our assembly programme also incorporates whole school gatherings. These include the End of Term and End of Year assemblies, a Harvest Festival, Christmas and Easter service, a Sports assembly and LEAP assembly each term and our annual Celebration assemblies.

Student involvement in assemblies is actively encouraged and whenever possible they are given the chance to respond through a variety of activities, singing, signing, music making, drama, role-play, the visual arts, silent thought, prayer and discussion.

Many of our assemblies include drama and creative arts presentations, musical performances and links to our termly curriculum themes. Some assemblies will incorporate national days and education agendas e.g. Jeans for Genes, Children in Need and Anti Bullying week.

We aim to begin assemblies with music and where possible include our termly School Song. Each assembly is closed with our School Prayer.

In school there is much to celebrate, praise and say thank you for, so we place these as high priorities.