

# Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College



## COLLECTIVE WORSHIP POLICY

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The 1988 Education Reform Act lays down the legal requirements for collective worship in schools, in which collective worship is seen as part of a balanced and broadly based curriculum.

Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College follows the requirements of the 1988 Education Reform Act wherever possible, which states:

“There should be collective worship for all pupils, at any time chosen by the school and whatever grouping the school wishes.

Collective worship must take place on school premises.

Taking a term as a whole, the collective worship must be wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character, without being denominational.

Regard must be taken of the pupils’ ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds.

Parents have the right to withdraw their children.

Teachers, including heads may withdraw themselves, though the Headteacher, with the Governing body, must see the law is complied with”.

Collective worship is part of the educational provision of the college and underpins all aspects of college life. We interpret “worship” as providing pupils with opportunities:

- To celebrate and reflect on things held to be of worth.
- To consider spiritual and moral issues.
- To mark and celebrate special occasions and achievements.
- To develop community spirit, promote a common ethos and shared values, reinforce positive attitudes.
- To pay particular attention to those things in life which have the greatest meaning for them.

The school holds the following values:-

- Collective worship should be worthwhile, meaningful and carefully planned.
- All staff and others who wish to be involved in the planning process are valued and included.

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- Care is taken to ensure an atmosphere which is conducive to worship, with opportunities to reflect, respond and revere.
- Visiting speakers/presenters are well prepared, clearly audible and understood and well briefed.
- Collective Worship at Samuel Cody Specialist Sports College provides opportunities for pupils' spiritual, moral, social and cultural development as well as promoting British Values
- It is meaningful and worthwhile aspect of school life, involving as many members of the school community as possible.
- Parents/carers have the right to withdraw their child from acts of Collective Worship if they wish. If parents/carers wish to withdraw their child from acts of Collective Worship they should contact the Headteacher.