

Belong. Aspire. Achieve.



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

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Eggar's is a caring and happy school, where every student can thrive, be their best and achieve their best. Collective worship is part of the school's broad and balanced curriculum, providing opportunities for students to develop cultural capital, widen their understanding of the world and prepare for future study/work.

It is a legal requirement that the school provides a daily act of Collective Worship for all students. Acts of worship must be "wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character" They must also be "appropriate, having regard to the ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds of the pupils". The faith background of both the staff and student's families is always respected and considered in our planning.

Collective worship aligns closely to our PPD (PSHE/RSE/RE) curriculum in all years, providing opportunities to engage students in a range of topics. Our PSHE/RSE/RE provision is also carefully mapped across the curriculum, to include tutor periods, special events, House events, assemblies, and discreet curriculum delivery.

Collective worship is planned across the year with a weekly theme linked to one of the areas below:

- The school's values (Belong, Aspire, Achieve) and expectations (Responsible, Respectful, Ready).
- Rewarding and celebrating successes.
- Reflecting on the lives and experiences of others.
- Learning about and acknowledging special events/occasions (e.g. Christmas or Eid).
- British values of democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, and mutual respect and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs.
- Equality and diversity.
- Engaging with views, beliefs and opinions that are different.
- Becoming a responsible, respectful and active citizen.
- Careers and next steps.
- Personal, social, health and economic related themes.
- Relationships and sex education.

Each year group has a schedule for Tutor time periods. During one Tutor time per week, students gather in year group assemblies. Assemblies focus on the weekly theme.

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year 7	Year 11	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10

Assemblies are normally in the hall but sometimes virtual, streamed to tutor rooms via MS Teams. Assemblies are generally led by the Leadership Team and Progress Leaders but other key staff across the school and visitors also contribute.

Parents can request to withdraw their child from assemblies. We do, however, have a strong tradition of being fully inclusive, and, whilst we respect parental wishes, we encourage discussion of concerns regarding Collective Worship to avoid students' feeling excluded.

Special days and acts of remembrance.

Seasonal events are marked by special acts of Collective Worship e.g. Christmas, Diwali, Eid, and Remembrance Day. Assemblies should recognise the importance of such events to the school and wider community, encouraging inclusion, cultural diversity and encouraging empathy. Imagination and careful preparation are essential if students are to broaden their horizons and be led to reflect on fundamental human issues.