

Langley Grammar School



Collective Worship Statement

September 2026

1. Legal requirements

Collective worship remains a legal requirement in local authority maintained schools under section 70 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

The DfE has published information for academies and free schools about providing religious education (RE) and collective worship. This guidance was last updated in December 2012; this remains current and states that:

- *An academy's funding agreement should mirror the requirements for acts of collective worship in local authority maintained schools. This legislation is set out in the School Standards and Framework Act 1998 Section 70.*
- *Each pupil must take part in a daily act of collective worship unless they have been withdrawn by their parents, or if in the sixth form they have decided to withdraw themselves. This applies to academies with and without a religious designation.*

Langley Grammar School's funding agreement as an academy trust dates from 24 March 2011 and Clause 24 states that:

- *The Academy Trust shall make provision for the teaching of religious education and a daily act of collective worship*

According to legislation, academies without a religious designation must provide collective worship that is 'wholly or mainly of a broadly Christian character'. A school can reflect the religious backgrounds represented in its community, as long as the majority of provision is broadly Christian.

There is no legal requirement for schools to have a policy on collective worship. However, this collective worship statement sets out how the School seeks to meet the legislative requirements.

2. Aims

Through collective worship, the school seeks to provide opportunities for students to:

- reflect on spiritual, moral and ethical questions, values and beliefs;
- affirm the ethos and shared values of the school community;
- reflect on their own experiences, responsibilities and relationships with others;
- develop a sense of community, compassion and concern for the needs of others;
- reflect on and response to fundamental questions of life and those things that are of enduring concern and value to human beings;
- mark occasions of significance, including religious festivals and national events; and
- develop spiritually, morally, socially and culturally.

3. Implementation

Langley Grammar School is a diverse and inclusive community. Collective worship is planned and delivered in a manner which is appropriate to the ages, aptitudes and family backgrounds of students and which respects those of different faiths and those who do not hold a religious belief.

A diverse range of faith backgrounds is represented within the school and our approach therefore involves consideration of themes that are relevant to those of all faiths and those with no faith, while still meeting the legislative requirements. This may take the form of looking at issues such as spirituality, world injustice and poverty within a framework which reflects fundamental British values.

Although the school has a range of venues suitable for assemblies, space limitations prevent the whole school from congregating together except on rare occasions. The school therefore offers a pattern of weekly assemblies for all year groups. Collective worship, however, may take place in a variety of settings and groupings within the school.

Staff and students are encouraged to lead or contribute. Outside speakers, including leaders from local faith communities, occasionally contribute to assemblies; the school has a separate policy which sets out how external speakers are expected to work within the framework of fundamental British values.

4. Right of withdrawal

Teaching staff, especially those with form tutor responsibilities, are expected to attend assemblies or other occasions where collective worship takes place. Teachers and other staff wishing to withdraw from acts of collective worship in the school should make a request in writing to the Headteacher who will normally meet with the member of staff concerned.

Parents have the right to withdraw their child wholly or partly from collective worship. Parents wishing to exercise this right should notify the Headteacher. They are not required to give a reason for doing so, although the school may offer an opportunity to discuss the practical arrangements for withdrawal. The Education and Inspections Act 2006 makes provision for students in post-16 education to exercise the right to withdraw themselves from the daily act of collective worship. Should they wish to withdraw, they should contact the Headteacher. There is no right for parents or students to withdraw from assemblies where collective worship is not taking place.

Statement approval

This statement has been reviewed and approved in line with the LGS Policy framework agreed by the Governing Board in July 2023.

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