



Bishop Milner Catholic College Collective Worship Policy
"Developing Our God given talents"

"Where two or three are gathered in my name, there shall I be also"
Matthew 18:20

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As a Catholic college our faith is at the centre of all that we do. The day begins with prayer and reflection, the focus reflects the liturgical year, the Gospel message, our Catholic Pupil Values, world events, we recognise and mark religious festivals of other faiths and celebrate the fundamental beliefs and values shared by all people of faith. Our tutor time prayer also helps us to raise our awareness of the needs of others and to identify how we can respond from a position of faith and concern for others. Students are encouraged to choose their own prayers when they lead prayer in tutor time.

Our pupils are to reflect on the part that faith and good actions for other plays in our lives. Sixth Form students have the opportunity to lead worship by planning and leading assemblies during the year. Each tutor group plans and presents an assembly to their year group during the year.

As a Catholic college the Mass is at the heart of our collective worship, whole college Masses are celebrated throughout the year to mark the important times in our college calendar.

The seasons of the Church are marked by liturgies provided by the RE department and student members of the Chaplaincy team. The RE department and the chaplaincy team comprised of pupils and staff support the spiritual development of our pupils. During Advent and Lent students are invited to take part in the sacrament of reconciliation and Adoration of the Blessed sacrament.

We believe that faith should be seen in action, and our pupils are involved in numerous charity events throughout the year. Pupils are encouraged to suggest charities that our college community could support to present their ideas to their year group for consideration and selection.

The faith and ethos of the college is supported by all staff and every curriculum area has a mission statement based in the Catholicity of the college.

The RE curriculum is where students develop and deepen their knowledge and understanding of the teachings of the Church and engage with philosophical questions. RE lessons begin with a prayer, piece of music or pause for thought that reflects the lesson focus, pupils are also taken to the Chapel for prayer as appropriate to the curriculum.

Collective Worship - Covid 19 restrictions

Maintaining and developing the Catholic Life of our college through prayer and liturgy remains a priority and is at the heart of college life.

The day begins with prayer and provision for this is supported by the RE department, the chaplaincy team, and resources available online such as CAFOD virtual assemblies. Pupils are encouraged to reflect on how prayer and faith are lived out in our respect for social distancing, hygiene and compliance with government guidelines in this time of pandemic.

We will endeavour to provide access to Mass for small groups ensuring that social distancing is maintained and proceeds in line with government and diocesan guidelines e.g. the Sign of Peace will be omitted.

The Chaplaincy team will work together within their 'year bubbles' to continue to lead and support the prayer life and charity work of our college.

Our college chapel is a prized resource and pupils will continue to use this space for prayer maintaining social distancing and sanitizing hands on entry and exit. PowerPoints will be utilised for prayers, readings and while music can be played there will be no singing.