

Longdean School



Assembly Policy

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School Context

Longdean School takes students from a wide variety of family, ethnic and religious backgrounds. In these circumstances we feel that assemblies should have a strong element of reflection on moral, ethical and philosophical issues, as well as reflecting and celebrating the key events of a range of religious faiths.

Aims:

1. To promote the overall aims of the school as agreed by governors. These aims are displayed prominently around the school and inform all of our work.
2. To promote pupils' sense of being a member of the community at Longdean School.
3. To develop pupils' personal qualities including their self-esteem, their sense of identity, their openness and tolerance, and their ability to reflect on these qualities and other aspects of life's fundamental experiences.
4. To promote the school's commitment to equality of opportunity by celebrating, giving value to and learning about different ethnic and faith groups, in particular those represented within the school community.
5. To promote pupils' moral development by exploring values and qualities that can be supported by both members of faith communities and by those who are not members of a faith community.

Roles & Responsibilities:

- The Deputy Headteacher in charge of assemblies will design a rota for both formal and year assemblies for each week of the school year.
- All members of SLT will take formal assemblies throughout the year.
- The Head of Year will organise the weekly assembly for their year group.
- Students in all year groups will attend two assemblies each week.
- The first assembly is a year assembly led by the Head of Year. This assembly focuses on issues within the year group as well as reinforcing the school ethos of celebrating success, reward, appropriate choices and high achievement as laid out in the school vision statement 'I am proud of who I am and what I have achieved today'.
- The second assembly is a formal one led by a member of the Senior Leadership Team. This assembly sees two year groups join together. This assembly focuses on a moral, ethical or philosophical issues as well as key events from a variety of religious faiths.
- Parents have a right to choose for their children not to attend assemblies. If a parent is considering exercising this right their first step should be to make an appointment with the Headteacher.