

Royal Alexandra & Albert School



Collective Worship Policy

Policy applies to	School & Foundation
Governing Body Approval required	No
Board of Management approval required	Yes
Accountable Executive	Headteacher
Status & Review Cycle	3 yearly
Last approval	Chaplain/BOM 05.05.23
Next approval	Spring 2026

1. The Royal Alexandra and Albert School (RAAS) is a 'voluntary-aided' school. Its Foundation is committed to building a worshipping and caring community based upon Christian principles. The School Chapel is central to these aims.
2. Collective worship at RAAS will promote the following:
 - Knowledge, critical understanding and respect of traditional biblical and church beliefs on which Western law and institutions are founded.
 - Intelligent appreciation of all faiths and viewpoints held by RAAS families. Occasional presentation of these may be included during weekly worship, consistent with respect for the belief concerned and the School's own tradition.
 - Experience of belief nurturing community spirit, ethos and shared values.
 - Experience of service to others as a fundamental human activity and privilege.
 - Opportunities to participate in diverse experiences of worship including corporate silence for reflection and prayer.
 - The roles of art and music as universal responses to religious awareness. In particular, the varied Anglican musical tradition.
 - Awareness of connections between personal and communal faith.
 - Baptism and/or confirmation of staff or students in a chosen denomination, and with respect for family circumstances. We do not permit proselytising from other faiths for this purpose.
 - Lively reflection on contemporary ethical and political issues.
 - Awareness of annual occasions significant to British history and culture.
 - Maximum pupil participation in all School services and assemblies.
3. The schedule of Evening Services with Boarding Houses and the rota of Chaplain's Assemblies with Year Groups is sent weekly by the Chaplain to Boarding Houses, to Year Group Heads and to members of the Senior Leadership Team. Principal events are included within the calendar on the School website.
4. The legal right of parents to withdraw children from collective worship in national schools is acknowledged. Such right is exercised through a written request to the Headteacher.