

## **COLLECTIVE WORSHIP**

Our interpretation of worship is broad and is summarised as follows:

“a form of human activity, when we purposefully put ourselves in the position of paying particular attention to those things in life, which have the greatest meaning for us”

Gill Gammon

Parents have the right to withdraw their children from collective worship and are asked to inform the Headteacher in writing if they wish to do so. There is one assembly for each year group per week and it is led by a range of leading staff members throughout school. Some assemblies may involve two year groups if the Achievement Leader wishes to address them all at once. The Leadership Team plan an Assembly Rota which is based on a number of themes reflecting the school's calendar and significant global events. Each assembly takes into account the Children's Act 2004 "Every Child Matters".

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance in school is a major contribution to each student achieving academic success. We expect students to attend unless illness or other exceptional reasons prevent their attendance at school. The school seeks the full support of parents in maintaining the highest level of attendance for their child. It is essential that students are not taken out of school to go on holiday. This interrupts their learning and will seriously affect their progress and performance.

The school uses Lesson Monitor to record attendance and this is rigorously maintained by Tutors. In the event of problems relating to attendance, the school will enlist the help of the Educational Welfare Service. The Education Welfare Officer is in regular contact with the school.

In the case of absence for any reason, parents are expected to inform the school. A written explanation is required when a student returns to school, this is given to the tutor. In order to reduce unauthorised absence, including truancy, parents are asked to inform the school on the first day of an absence, indicating the likely day of return. When absence is likely to be prolonged, parents are expected to inform the school as soon as possible. If the school does not know of the reason, on the first day of absence the Student Reception Administrator will contact parents for information. The Student Reception telephone number: 023 92364340.

Weekly analysis of attendance is carried out so that trends can be analysed. It is not unusual for a tutor group to attain 100% attendance in a week. Many individual students gain 100% attendance for a whole term. These students are rewarded with certificates, which are presented in Assemblies.