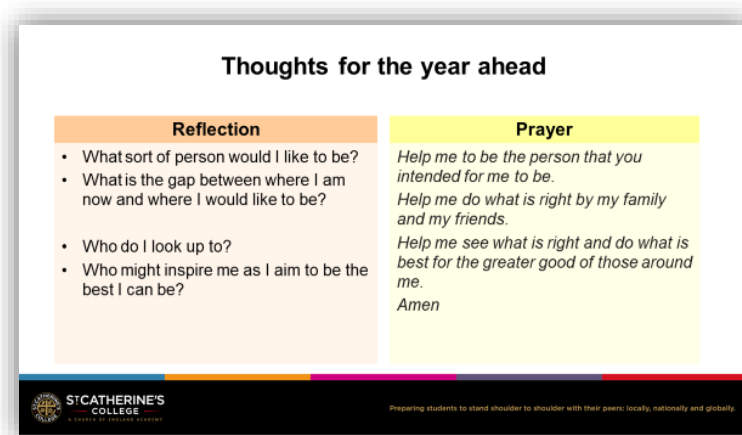


Planning a Worship at St Catherine's College

The following is offered as a support for your worship planning. If you would like any clarification or guidance please do not hesitate to speak with Rev. David or Mr Jewell. Further guidance is also available [here](#).

As we aim to be inclusive, invitational and inspiring, please can we always try and include:

- A **Christian greeting** such as *'May the Lord be with you'*.
- A **Bible verse or story**. The verse for the week might be a good starting point.
- A **link or explanation** from the verse or theme of the Worship to **today's world**. This will help to build understanding of the relevance of the Christian message.
- A consistent approach to presentation: the **SCC PowerPoint background** would ideally be used (see below). This may extend to content with reference to our **vision** and/or **values**.
- An opportunity for **prayer and reflection**, which may include time to think, question and explore. The following form of presentation is inclusive and supportive of all, providing an opportunity for all to engage:



In addition, we will endeavour, over time, to:

- Expose students to different forms of worship and spiritual development. This may include the use of silence, of music, story and the celebration of Christian festivals.
- Give students the opportunity to reflect upon, and consider how, the message(s) of Worship may make a difference to their lives. This may be based upon the structure of **Stop, Observe, Understand, Learn**. Worship should enable everyone to ask big questions and hopefully, to motivate subsequent action.
- Give our community the opportunity to access the Eucharist.
- Evaluate collective worship in order to inform future planning. Where possible, pupils will be given opportunity to participate in, plan and even lead worship. N.B. participation, planning and leading may be more achievable through tutor-based worship.
- Share good practice and offer training/support to anyone who leads worship.
- Engage the whole community in worship. We will always start INSET days with a reflection; all staff will be welcome to join collective worship; and we will include prayer in some staff meetings.
- Engage the local community in developing our collective worship. This may include local clergy leading worship, link charities supporting worships, and wider stakeholders (e.g. parents and governors) being invited to celebrations of the Eucharist.

Thank you for leading Worship. It is a critical opportunity to inspire and instruct our community; to be truly welcoming, inclusive and exemplifying the principles of Christian hospitality. Such an approach seeks to meet the needs of all, wherever they may be on their journey of faith and belief.