



ST. CATHERINE'S
COLLEGE
A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

WORSHIP GUIDANCE

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St Catherine's College vision

We are St Catherine's College

Preparing students to stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers: locally, nationally and globally.
To achieve their God-given potential, learners in our care are inspired and supported to be:
Ambitious, Hard-working, Resilient, Responsible.

"I have come that you may have life, and have it to the full" John 10, v10b

Rationale

Our vision places the Christian ethos of our foundation at the heart of all that we do at the St Catherine's College. At St Catherine's College, we aim for Worship to be inclusive, invitational and inspiring. Different acts of Christian worship play a crucial role in focusing the school community on the faith that lies behind our ethos, fosters a sense of community and expresses the school's vision.

Jesus said, *"I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."* John 14:6

Daily Worship takes many different forms at St Catherine's College. Throughout the year it will celebrate and mark certain seasons and festivals in the Church calendar. Throughout a week, there will be a range of Worship events, from whole-school assemblies through to tutor group exploration and discussion. Our provision is planned in line with the following principles:

Key Principles for Worship at St Catherine's College

1. **Christian** – any act of worship should be clearly based within the Christian ethos of our foundation and be in keeping with the doctrines (e.g. the person of Christ, the Trinity and the place of the Bible) and practice of the Church of England. Worship is invitational, offering everyone the opportunity to engage, whilst allowing the freedom for those of other faiths and none to be present with integrity.
2. **Anglican** – through a varied programme, individuals should experience a wide range of Christian worship, which although rooted in the Anglican tradition will allow opportunities to experience worship from other denominations.
3. **Accessible** – in line with our Mission Statement, school worship must be an activity and experience, where all can gain, some may be challenged, but where spiritual needs are sought to be met.
4. **Valued** – Prayer, Reflection and Worship will be central to all members of the school community, with students seeing its importance in their lives.
5. **Educational** – our stated aim is to provide quality education which will result in acts of worship that are inspiring and inclusive; providing a variety of learning experiences which may raise aspirations and challenge students to reflect and respond.
6. **Spiritual growth** - Offer the opportunity to all members of our community to grow spiritually as guided by our definition of Spiritual Development [St Catherine's College - Chaplaincy and Worship \(stcatherines.college\)](http://stcatherines.college)
7. **Planned** – our collective worship programme will be well organised, carefully structured, planned, evaluated and led by staff, invited visitors and students.
8. **Resourced** – worship will be facilitated by adequate funding; and appropriate staff and student training in the planning and leadership of Worship.
9. **Partnership** – our collective worship will promote the principle of working together for God's Children, as described in the school's vision. We will work with local clergy to enrich our Worship life.