



## **RE & Collective Worship Policy**

**Reviewed by:**

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## **Introduction**

Under the Education Act 1996 schools must provide religious education for all registered students, although parents can choose to withdraw their children. Religious Education is taught according to East Sussex's SACRE recommendations. This reflects the fact that the religious traditions in Great Britain are in the main Christian, whilst taking account of the teachings and practices of the other principal religions represented in Great Britain.

## **Definition**

Collective worship is an educational activity, which provides for the opportunity of worship. It cannot expect students to be committed to a particular creed, liturgy or form of worship. Collective worship involves allowing students the opportunity to explore and reflect upon different aspects of life which can be affirmed and be worthy of worship. Worship can be defined as being 'To honour or revere as a supernatural power or as a holy thing; to adore with appropriate acts, rites or ceremonies'.

## **Aim:**

RE and collective worship at the UTC should provide the opportunity for reflection on the UTC's values and the responsibility each student has to play to be an active and valued member of the community. The key objectives of RE and collective worship are:

- To have an understanding on how religion promotes shared values, and to reinforce positive attitudes;
- Have respect for the spiritual ,moral values and beliefs of others
- To enable student to explore their own beliefs;
- To encourage student participation;
- To allow for spiritual reflection and response;
- To foster a sense of community;

## **Delivery of RE and Collective Worship**

Collective worship is delivered via tutor groups the following way:

- During morning registration based upon theme of the week
- Virtual assemblies during registration based upon theme of the week taken by SLT or a guest speaker.
- By tutors as part of the learning for life programme

## **Format of RE and Collective Worship**

Collective Worship and some aspects of RE will be based on a theme of the week. The theme of the week will be introduced via learning about famous people all linking to the theme, which will be developed as the week progresses. Our programme will provoke evaluation, reflection and response.

Our programme may cover other activities and issues. For example:

- Recognising religious festivals and traditions from around the world i.e. Diwali, Ede, Ramadan, etc.

- Helping others – the UTC is committed to supporting both a national and a local charity. Time will be given to talk about the work of our students and the impact it makes on the lives of others
- It is our belief that all young people can thrive and succeed. Celebrating success will be a crucial element to help build aspiration and encourage students to strive for success.
- Guest speakers – to motivate students and help them to focus on our core values
- Students taking assemblies – we encourage students to develop leadership skills and provide opportunities for them to lead assemblies.
- Performances – as with celebrating success, students performing will demonstrate what can be achieved.

We conduct collective worship in a dignified and respectful way. We regard it as a special time, and expect student to behave in an appropriate way.

## **REVIEW**

This policy will be reviewed biennially