



King Edward VI Grammar School Louth

Policy: *Collective Act of Worship*

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STATEMENT OF CURRENT PRACTICE

1. A daily assembly is held for at least part of the school. The pattern for assemblies is attached. This pattern has been derived from the needs of the children and the space we have available.
2. To ensure the school meets as a whole unit the number of services in St James Church has risen from two to six at key times of the year. These are:
 - i) Start of the academic year
 - ii) Charter day
 - iii) Remembrance day
 - iv) Carol Service
 - v) Easter Service
 - vi) End of school year

All of these services are delivered by the Reverend in charge of Educational Services, although only two are considered Christian based. We have no students who have opted out of these services as they see the benefits of whole school gathering. There is always an address at these services by the Headmaster.

3. Edward Street Hall can accommodate one year group at a time with the exception of the VI Form. We hold Year 7-10 and Year 11-13 assemblies in the Sports hall which are run by the Headmaster and the students. The students are encouraged to feed back sporting activities, charity work and other accomplishments.
4. Assemblies are regularly taken by Tutors with their form groups, Head of Year, a member of the Leadership Team and from time to time by visitors such as Liz Hilton from the Christian Baseline Club.
5. Once a fortnight the students meet for a House assembly. These promote Leadership Skills and team work.
6. Assemblies are very varied due to the number of people who make inputs and they are intended to be thought-provoking on a moral/spiritual/current affairs issue. Students are encouraged to present assemblies to promote leadership and public speaking skills.
7. All assemblies also serve to be a celebration of achievement / effort with notices about sporting successes, presentation of merit certificates etc.
8. The current daily assembly arrangements have evolved over time and now provide a richness of experiences and the opportunity to mix in different social groups.
9. On days when a student does not have assembly, the student attends a 20 minute Tutor time, where notices are given out. This allows time for the Tutor to do the important pastoral work that is now an integral part of mentoring in the school.