



St Olave's Grammar School

RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION ASSEMBLIES AND WORSHIP POLICY

The importance attached by the Foundation to the School's association with the Anglican Church was demonstrated, at the time of the move to Orpington from the vicinity of Southwark Cathedral, by their decision to build a Chapel and to employ a Chaplain. We have close links with Rochester Diocese.

The Chaplain conducts a voluntary Holy Communion Service in the Chapel at 8.40 am every Wednesday and special services at other times in the year.

Assemblies are used for Christian worship and the exploration of religious, current and moral issues. A programme for each term is prepared by HM/Chaplain based on a series of themes. The assembly pattern consists of:

- Monday:* Form assemblies for all, except one Lower School year group on a three-week cycle;
- Tuesday:* Whole school in the Great Hall, which may include an organ introit, a Bible reading, an address and a hymn, a prayer/reflection, followed by any special presentations/celebrations.
- Wednesday:* Whole school, except Year 12 or Year 13 who alternate every half-term, and those attending the voluntary Holy Communion in the Chapel; similar to Tuesdays;
- Thursday:* Middle School: year assemblies every third week, form assemblies at all other times;
Sixth Form Assembly on a three-week rotation: Year 12, Year 13 and Combined;
All other Year Groups have Form Assemblies.
- Friday:* Whole school, except Year 12 or Year 13 who alternate every half-term; similar to Tuesdays

Worship themes and 'thoughts for the day' for each week are emailed to all staff and included on the weekly staff bulletin. The Chaplain emails presentations on the 'thought for the day' to staff for use in the Form Assemblies. These are used in form periods to ensure that a collective act of worship is provided each day for every student.