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# St Olave's Grammar School

## RELIGIOUS AFFILIATION ASSEMBLIES AND WORSHIP POLICY

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### Response to COVID-19

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 HT/Chaplain based on a series of themes. During the COVID-19 pandemic, assemblies will be carried out virtually and in form rooms to avoid big groups congregating together. The assembly pattern consists of:

- Monday:* Form assemblies for all
  
- Tuesday:* Remote whole school assembly led by SLT or other members of staff
  
- Wednesday:* Form assemblies for all (except Sixth Form)
  
- Thursday:* Remote whole school assembly led by the Chaplain
  
- Friday:* Form assemblies for all

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.