



Our Lady's High School
SCHOOL POLICY and ARRANGEMENTS
PRAYER

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AIMS / RATIONALE

As a Catholic school it is important to be a Christian community that raises its heart and mind to God. For this reason regularity and quality of prayer is a priority, and it is part of the daily rhythm of the timetable.

MAIN ELEMENTS OF POLICY. ORGANISATION & IMPLEMENTATION

This policy is the result of staff discussions that took place in the context of the school's Faith and Learning Development Programme.

Our policy on prayer will be implemented through the following agreed arrangements:

- **Daily Prayer**

Prayer at the beginning of the day - Assembly led by S.M.T.
Prayer at the middle of the day - End of Period 4 led by class teacher.
Prayer at the end of the day - End of Period 6 led by class teacher.

- **Prayer Card**

As an aid to pupils and teachers we have a school prayer card which is distributed to every member of the school community annually. This card should be kept by each pupil in their blazer pocket and can be used in class, at year group and House Assemblies and for personal prayer.

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- **Formal Prayers**

In addition to the 'Our Father', 'Hail Mary' and 'Glory Be' the following prayers are learned by pupils in their Religious Education classes.

S1 - Memorare / Out of the Depths / Grace Before Meals

S2 - The Angelus

S3 - Hail Holy Queen

Copies of these prayers are available on request from the Religious education Department.

- **Staff Prayer**

We will continue to have at least 2 occasions in each school session when there is an opportunity for staff to pray together. e.g. Inset Days.

RESPONSIBILITIES

- School Chaplaincy Team
- Head of Religious Education

RESOURCES & STAFF DEVELOPMENT

Time required for meetings of Chaplaincy Team.

MONITORING & EVALUATION

Questionnaires to pupils and staff

School Chaplaincy agenda item

SUPPORTING ADVICE & GUIDELINES

Faith and Learning Document (Catholic Education Commission)

Faith and Teaching Document (Catholic Education Commission)

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