

Assemblies

The importance of assemblies

Assembly offers opportunities for our students and staff to come together to reflect on the meaning of beliefs and values held in the wider community, concerning matters of ethical and philosophical importance of significance to people.

It reflects the breadth of values and beliefs within our school and wider community in a sensory and meaningful way that all students can access.

What they look like at Rachel Madocks

Assemblies at Rachel Madocks are inclusive and engaging. They may involve singing, sensory activities where a main theme is highlighted from society, culture, celebrations or the curriculum. This also reflects our whole school event days such as MFL or RE.

Areas of celebration may also be highlighted in the form of students coming to the front for certificates and any other awards/special achievements relevant that week.

Anyone celebrating a birthday the week of assembly is welcomed to the front of the congregation and Happy Birthday is sung to them.

During assemblies we:

- Present imaginative, well prepared and resourced sessions
- Relate them to the interests and needs of the school
- Aim to be inclusive - all students should gain something from the experience
- Give opportunities for students to reflect on what was presented through discussion and in silence
- Involve the students by asking lots of questions and eliciting their views and ideas.