

# Yesodey Hatorah Senior Girls School

## Collective Worship Policy



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## INTRODUCTION AND AIMS

Prayer is an integral part of a *Charedi* lifestyle, and as a faith school Yesodey Hatorah Senior Girls School provides students with daily set times for prayers in the mornings and afternoons. The whole student body prays daily together in the Assembly Hall in their allocated seats. This is managed and overseen by the SLT, is an opportunity to share short important messages. Additionally, Year 11 often use this time to deliver thought-provoking presentations.

The school day will always start with prayers, even if there is a special programme of school show with no formal lessons taking place that day. Our morning prayer assembly provides spiritual inspiration and a serious start to the day.

Our daily protected prayer times are effective in bonding the student body, creating harmony, and offering a platform for introspection, reflection and diligence. These are strongly supported by Parents and the School Community.

## SCHEDULE

**Shacharis:** Morning Prayer assembly begins every morning at 8.23 am prompt

**Mincha:** Afternoon Prayers are set daily at 2.40pm before afternoon break

Extra prayers are said at designated times during the year, such as *Rosh Chodesh* (Head of the month); *Chanukah*; on Fast days, for the recovery of very sick person, etc.

## IMPLEMENTATION

- A leader – usually a student from Year 11 – starts off the prayers and the students continue individually and quietly with prompts from the leader. Great emphasis is put on deferential and respectful conduct at all times in the school hall during prayers
- Students sit with their own class groups
- At least one member of staff is in attendance during prayers, aside from a member of SLT
- Students who arrive late to school will pray in G41
- If the hall is not available, students will pray in year groups in individual classrooms supervised by a member of staff

## RESOURCES

A students are encouraged to follow their family traditions during prayers. Therefore, all students bring their own *siddur* (prayer book). Spare *siddurim* are available from the trolley located in the corridor near the student entrance.