

Report for Worth It! Assembly Project funded by Nasacre Westhill Award

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The aims of the 'Worth it!' Project

- Enquire how collective worship relates to pupils' own concept of what 'worship' is
- Engage pupils in conversations with SACRE members
- Explore how collective worship can contribute to the development of successful learners, confident individuals and responsible citizens
- Enable pupils to have influence over what happens in Collective Worship
- Equip schools to provide relevant collective worship that fulfills their legal requirements, and which can be implemented with no cost and minimum preparation

The details of the 'Worth it!' project

Schools involved

Debenham High

Ormiston Denes, Lowestoft

Felixstowe Academy

St Albans High, Ipswich

King Edwards Bury St Edmunds *(have dropped out due to teacher running this project leaving)*

(Copleston also expressed an initial interest but were unable to take part due to staff illness)

I have been into the 5 schools above to meet students and discuss their views on assemblies and how they could be improved, then subsequently to meet with students to devise assemblies

General findings from initial meetings

- students find assemblies boring; they are primarily used for giving notices and for telling them off
- There is generally no religious content in assemblies in non-faith schools
- They want more interactive assemblies where they can engage with an idea and give them a motivational start to the day
- They don't want to lead assemblies themselves; although students may have good ideas they are not very confident at delivering and so that makes the assembly difficult to hear and engage with
- students said the best idea would be for students to prepare assemblies that teachers could deliver
- No student realised that a collective act of worship was a legal requirement

The assemblies will have a 3 stage format

- A short video to engage students on a relevant topic
- A 2 minute presentation on a value connected with the video such as reconciliation or perseverance which is relevant to students of all faiths and none.
- One minute for students to reflect on this value

Where are we now?

I am still in the process of meeting / talking by email with the 4 schools to finalise assemblies, which will then be uploaded to the website www.worthitassemblies.co.uk (n.b. website is not active yet)

This will be completed by the RE conference on 16th June and some pupils from Debenham High will be coming to the conference to talk about their involvement in the project and share some of their assembly ideas

Finances

Nasacre Westhill Award amount								£4000
Date	fees and expenses claimed	SC	Mileage	JM	Website hosting	Website Tech	schools	
14/03/2015	half day King Edwards	£95.00						
	mileage 80		£36.00					
05/06/2015	half day King Edwards	£95.00						
	mileage 80		£36.00					
14/05/2015	Debenham plus admin day	£190.00						
	mileage 58		£26.10					
06/12/2015	two and half days admin	£525.00						
21/01/2016	2.5 days Ormiston Denes							
"	Debenham plus admin	£525.00						
"	mileage 152		£68.40					
15/02/2016	1 day FXA 1 day St Albans 1 day admin	£630.00	£7.20					
08/03/2106	2.5 days website development	£525.00						
Mar-16	Jan M admin (sacre members fees)		£17	£300				
	Debenham honorarium inc. travel to conference						£200	
	lunches at conference for Debenham students						?	
08/03/2016	website setting up costs					75		
08/03/2016	website domain registration and web hosting x2 years				71.98			
	honorarium Felixstowe Chaplaincy						£150	
	honorarium St Albans						£150	
	honorarium Ormiston Denes						£150	
		£2,585.00	£190.70	£300	£71.98	£75	£650	£3,872.68
							Balance	£127.32

The items in red are because I need to check that the schools have claimed their honorariums, also emails have been sent to School's Choice to request cost of lunches for Debenham students at conference but have not been replied to.