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British adults strongly oppose religious influence in school admissions, assemblies and RE teaching, an NSS-commissioned poll has found. [Read More »](#)

## **Welsh AMs to probe whether collective worship is compliant with human rights law**

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Two Welsh school students who launched a petition demanding the removal of the obligation on state schools to hold acts of worship have won support from a committee of AMs. [Read More »](#)

## **Welsh students launch petition against collective worship**

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Two Welsh school students have launched a [petition](#) calling on Welsh Assembly Members to end the obligation on schools to hold collective worship. [Read More »](#)

## **Scottish Government consults on religious observance, as poll shows majority favour reform**

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The Scottish Government has launched a consultation on religious observance, following a court case last year and a poll from *The Times* which found a majority in favour of change. [Read More »](#)

## **Scottish Government to consult on religious observance guidance**

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Campaigners in Scotland have agreed to "pause" their legal action on religious observance in Scottish schools, pending a consultation by the Scottish Government. [Read More »](#)

## **Campaigns against school worship gain momentum in Scotland and Northern Ireland**

Posted: Wed, 14 Sep 2016

The Humanist Society Scotland (HSS) has launched a judicial review against the Scottish

Government following its refusal to allow sixth form pupils to opt themselves out of Religious Observance. [Read More »](#)

## **Open letter to Education Secretary: Government must respect children's rights and abolish collective worship requirement**

Posted: Fri, 17 Jun 2016

Thirty campaigners, including academics, MPs, peers and educators, have called on the Government to abolish the law requiring Christian worship in English schools, following criticism of the practice from the UN. [Read More »](#)

## **UN children's rights Committee calls on UK to abolish compulsory worship in schools**

Posted: Fri, 10 Jun 2016

A United Nations committee has urged the UK to repeal laws requiring the provision of 'broadly Christian' worship in UK schools. It also called for pupils to be given the independent right of withdrawal from any religious worship held in schools.

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## **Woolf Commission's multifaithism 'completely at odds with the religious indifference that permeates British society'**

Posted: Mon, 07 Dec 2015

The National Secular Society has criticised a new report on the role of religion and belief in public life for calling for a multi-faith approach "completely at odds with the religious indifference that permeates British society." [Read More »](#)

## **Review law on collective worship in schools, say academics**

Posted: Fri, 13 Nov 2015

Senior academics have warned of "significant concerns" about the imposition of collective worship in non-religious schools – arguing that it may violate the right to freedom of religion and belief. [Read More »](#)

## **Student starts petition against collective worship in Northern Ireland**

Posted: Tue, 22 Sep 2015

A Sixth Form student has started a campaign against collective worship in Northern Ireland, from which pupils currently have no right to withdraw without parental consent. [Read More »](#)

## **DfE issues new guidance for promoting “fundamental British values”**

Posted: Tue, 02 Dec 2014

The Department for Education has published new guidance for schools on the promotion of "fundamental British values". [Read More »](#)

## **Religious influence in schools criticised in House of Lords “religion in public life” debate**

Posted: Thu, 27 Nov 2014

The role of religion in schools has come under scrutiny during a House of Lords debate on the role of religion and belief in public life. [Read More »](#)

## **NSS calls on Welsh Government to review compulsory collective worship**

Posted: Thu, 30 Oct 2014

The National Secular Society has called on the Welsh government to review the legal requirement on schools to provide worship after parents expressed concern about prayers being imposed on children in non-denominational schools. [Read More »](#)

## **Religion continues to cause disruption in 'Trojan Horse' schools**

Posted: Wed, 15 Oct 2014

A school placed in special measures following the Birmingham 'Trojan Horse' affair has received 100 letters from parents requesting that their children be withdrawn from collective worship, it has emerged. [Read More »](#)

## [Lib Dems back proposals to end compulsory worship and faith school discrimination against teachers](#)

Posted: Tue, 07 Oct 2014

Liberal Democrats have voted in support of a motion to abolish compulsory worship in schools and to end religious discrimination against teachers in faith schools. [Read More »](#)

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