

HCYT Update on work autumn term – end December 2021

August

Transition work for Year 6 children at Junior Schools in the catchment area, moving up to student life in year 7 at South Hunsley, didn't happen in the summer term this year due to the pandemic – a new approach was taken !

The deputy head invited myself and Petra to join the summer school during a week in August. We spent the week there and had a brilliant time. It was a great opportunity to meet the new year 7 class and for them to meet us. We spent the week with 2/3 different form groups getting to know them and be a support during the week's activities. This was also a great opportunity to meet new members of staff, teachers, and TA's. We were thanked by all the staff including Mitch who said;

“Such supportive and approachable mentors and the feedback from the students has been so positive due to their role modelling.”

September- December

We were back in the school when the students returned and after a couple of weeks started our support groups. The first is for a group of new year 7 students who are struggling to settle in and transition to secondary school, make friends or who are anxious about secondary school. We are running a 6 week programme, meeting them for 1 hour every week. The group is proving to be a success and the students are becoming more resilient and growing in friendships with each other.

The second group is for year 8 students who have worries, struggling to concentrate or difficulty making friends. The group is having a positive impact and is valued by the students. Both groups know we work for a Christian charity and follow Jesus. From time to time we share our experiences of knowing God through our teenage years and how that has helped us.

We have also continued to meet with students 1:1, some from last term who have asked to come back and see us and some new faces. We started a lunchtime club for vulnerable and SEN students, however this is under review with the school's pastoral care co-ordinator and needs some extra thought. We hope to be up and running shortly. In terms of feedback from our mentoring work, Petra says:

“Through mentoring one particular student he has being able to deal with the challenges he has faced in lessons and has a much brighter outlook for the future”,

In December we were asked to prepare and film a Christmas assembly for all students to watch during their tutor time. The video is now up on our YouTube page and can be viewed by anybody. In the video we talk about God coming unmasked, vulnerable, open before us and that we can unmask ourselves before Him, trusting in His plan.

Areas for development

- New faith-based youth group
- 6th form Christian Union/ Big Question group
- Regular face to face assemblies.

Thank you for your continued support, please continue to pray for us, the school, and the students we see.

Adam Norton & Petra Carter (Label of Love) on behalf of HCYT