



Oxford Schools Chaplaincy Newsletter: PRAISE !

*Praise the LORD, O my soul;
all my inmost being, praise his holy name.*
Psalm 103v1

Praise - for People

We are so thankful for every single person who has served in OSC ministry this year. Big shout out to each of our volunteers for so willingly giving of their time, skills and resources, amounting to several hundred hours of gospel service to schools over the course of the year. If you are interested in volunteering with OSC in the next academic year, we'd love to hear from you at info@oxfordschoolschaplaincy.org

**We are looking to recruit
a new OSC Administrator**

paid role, part-time, term time only,

with possibility of some remote working and flexible working hours.

It is an exciting opportunity to join the team, as schools' ministry is growing and new initiatives are being introduced.

For more information and to obtain an application pack, please contact:

info@oxfordschoolschaplaincy.org

The application deadline is Friday 8th August



OSC Trustees at the Annual Thanksgiving. Special thanks to Charlie Kerr (far left) who is stepping down after over 15 years of faithful service to OSC.

pRaise - for Resources

We have been thrilled to receive good news this past month of two successful grant applications. This is a great encouragement as we look forward to the year ahead. However the on-going costs remain, especially with new doors opening and initiatives planned.

As you know, the work of OSC is completely reliant on financial donations from individuals and churches. If you already support our work, thank you! And if you have recently increased your gift to us, thank you so much too. If not, we would be so grateful if you would prayerfully consider a gift to allow our work to continue and grow. Could you consider a fundraising activity? A sponsored bake or cycle ride? Making a donation to OSC as part of your will? Holding a coffee morning for friends and neighbours? We would be very happy to come along and share what is happening in the local schools, to see if they would like to partner with us, or to meet with you if you have ideas to raise the profile

of this important work.

As ever, donations can be made by bank transfer, to CAF Bank Ltd, Sort Code: 40-52-40 Account No: 00021506 , or follow the link to our website for details of other ways to give at www.oxfordschoolschaplaincy.org/support

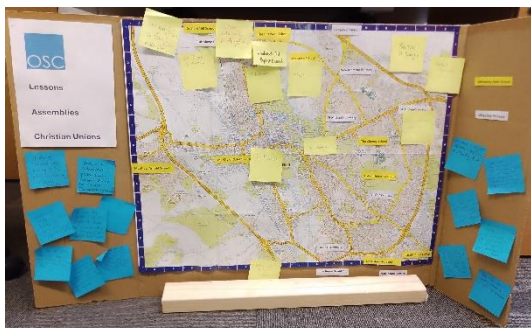
This work cannot happen without you. Thank you for your support and prayers.

prAise - for Annual Celebrations

What a joy to gather as Christian staff, students, governors and families to thank the Lord for his grace and mercy this past year. It is both a blessing and a powerful witness to meet for fellowship and thanksgiving as a Christian community on the school premises. We have been doing this at The Cherwell School for over a decade and more recently at The Swan School as well. Similar gatherings at a couple of other schools are in the pipeline for September - pray for logistics to come together.

We also inaugurated our first OSC Thanksgiving Event which will be an annual fixture going forward. It's an encouragement and an inspiration to join across schools and churches at the end of the academic year, to thank God for all He has done and to pray forward.

The Swan School Christian Union and Prayer group end of year celebration - team challenge!



Mapping exercise at the OSC Thanksgiving - visualising schools reached, churches partnered with, and prayers surrounding the on-going outreach.

praise - for It's your move

The summer term sees Year 6 students preparing for their big move up to Secondary school. It is a privilege for OSC to support them in this as we deliver the Transition to Secondary School lessons. This year we were pleased to double the number of schools served (10) and more than double the lessons (14). Pictured here are Paul and Hemara outside Tyndale Community School!



Thanks to the generous support of several local churches and individual donors, we were able to provide each student with a copy of 'It's Your Move' (produced by Scripture Union). We are also hugely thankful for our partnership with Good News for Everyone (formerly GideonsUK) who sacrificially supply us with boxfuls of New Testaments. This term we gave out over 200 copies. Please pray that the students would be keen to read the Scriptures and in so doing, encounter the Living Word Himself.

"The students have warmed to talking with each other about the transition to secondary and more prepared than they were prior to the visit - through the knowledge that they have gained..... The visitors we had were very good at passing on Christian messages whilst being aware and respectful of the other faiths in the room." Year 6 Teacher

praise - for space2Talk

It is always a great privilege to be able to provide regular listening ear (Space2Talk) and wellbeing (Kintsugi Hope Youth Wellbeing) support for students. This year Paul has been able to get alongside 60 students with Space2Talk as well as run 10 Kintsugi groups in 3 schools.



There are so many who sadly don't feel that they have anyone they can talk to on a deeper level. We do try to encourage them to find this support for themselves (while praying in our hearts specifically for the various situations these young people are going through)

'Paul has been working with us at The Swan School for years, with students across all year groups, and the difference he is making is enormous. Paul's consistent and gentle manner and wonderful listening skills provide our students with a truly safe space to explore their feelings. Several of his clients tell us that the day when they see Paul is the one they're looking forward to most in their school week...'
(Staff member)

praiseE - Encounter Christ

As we enter into these weeks of summer holidays, our prayer is for each soul in our school communities to Encounter Christ. Many will have reached the summer holidays in a state of utter exhaustion. Please pray for deep and refreshing rest for staff and students alike. Above all else pray for each to find true, deep and lasting rest which is found in Christ alone.



Come Unto Me

ALL WHO LABOR
AND ARE HEAVY LADEN,
AND I WILL GIVE YOU

Rest

MATTHEW 11:28

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Prayer points

Please do join us in giving thanks for:

- every Year 6 student who received a New Testament, please pray they would read it!
- the OSC Trustees
- Christian staff in schools who have served faithfully for yet another year

Please pray for:

- The OSC office as we advertise for a replacement administrator, that the right person will be out there, to help us to grow the work of OSC
- The OSC 2025 funding challenge - we need to attract new, regular donors who are prepared to commit to support this work, in order to see it continue, and grow into the future. Please pray for fresh contacts for us and new supporters and friends who are willing to partner in this work.



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***Clearly communicating Christian beliefs, equipping young people
to make informed decisions about faith and lifestyle***

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