



Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**Blades Down Tour,
another Fuse event,
and Alex's first
term in UTC...**



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I'm coming to the end of my first term in UTC and lots has happened. One day in particular sticks with me. There was an illness going round resulting in a lot of staff being off, which caused a bit of havoc to say the least. I was meant to be taking a group of young people to the Youth Zone, but staff were busy dealing with emergencies.

I then just felt this presence telling me to go to the isolation room in the school. I went up and sat there, chatting to a young lad who was in trouble. I spoke to him about perspective and the power that saying sorry can do to repair situations.

He was later called into a meeting, and I asked him to try and remember what we'd talked about. I quietly prayed for him in my head.

Fast forward half an hour, and he returns with the teacher who asked me, "What did you say to him?" In all honesty, I couldn't remember. It turned out that he was going into a meeting to be told he'd be excluded, however due to him apologising immediately, he avoided exclusion.

In that same session, I got to share with the young people that I was a Christian. That I pray and I love that I get to work with them all. Since that day, my relationship with the whole school has continued to grow and we blessed as we share more about who we are and what we do as Christian youth workers.



After offering anti-knife crime sessions to high schools before the summer, we had so much interest from different schools that we had to run two tours!

So November saw the second Blades Down Tour where Marvin, Emma, and Brad went into schools along with our youth workers.

Birchwood, UTC, Culcheth, Kings, and Padgate had sessions full of stories, live music, and inspirational talks, sharing that perfect love always casts out the fear that motivates violence and carrying weapons.

The *Blades Down Tour* culminated with *Fuse* on the Friday night.

Young people travelled from all over Warrington to Salvation Army Church where Marvin, Emma and Brad were performing their music and sharing their faith.

Marvin ended the night sharing the good news of Jesus with young people and over 20 responded to accepting Him into their lives or wanting to know more.

Thankyou to the incredible army of volunteers and pray-ers we had on the night, serving young people and helping make it all happen!

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Pray for Alex and his ongoing work in UTC, in particular for specific young people who are on the verge of exclusion.
2. Please pray for Friday nights in the town centre - that there can be volunteers to open up more detached work.
3. Thank God for all the young people reached on the Blades Down Tour and at Fuse. Pray for those who responded, that they would be discipled and their faith would continue to grow.



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