



Warrington YOUTH FOR CHRIST

**A NEW SCHOOL
YEAR, AND
ANOTHER CRAZY
FUNDRAISER...**



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“September kicked off with the Youth for Christ Schools Work Conference. This was a brilliant day where centres and youth work organisations came together to share expertise, stories, and strategies for schools work. Sessions ranged from mentoring, mental health, and issues faced by young people, to sports ministry and sharing the Gospel in schools. We were encouraged at the amazing opportunities we have to share Jesus with young people.

Back to school means new timetables and new stationery. Does anyone else, (apart from Kim and I), really enjoy a new diary?! The past few weeks haven't just been about learning new names and attending new lessons, but about God doing a new thing in Birchwood.

I've had the amazing opportunity to set up a Prayer Space on Wednesday lunchtimes as part of Birchwood High's new enrichment programme. It's a calm space where young people can pray and reflect. I'm providing prayer stations for young people to interact with and help them connect with God, along with colouring pages to help them relax. My hope and prayer is that the Prayer Space will become a sanctuary where young people will sense God's presence and be able to meet with Jesus right there in their school.

On top of that... after school clubs are back! Fresh is a place where young people meet friends, play games, and discuss faith. This week we spoke about how we felt being back at school (or starting a new school), and what we would do if we were anxious or worried.

We thought about turning to God in prayer and discussed 1 Peter 5:7 - Give all your worries to Him, because He cares about you (NCV), with a young person emphatically saying "Yes!" when asked if she believed God cares about her. More of this please, Lord!"

PRAYER REQUESTS

1. Please pray for the Prayer Space in Birchwood - that young people will meet with the God who loves and cares for them, and that they will see their prayers answered. Join us in thanking God for this opportunity for a sacred space in a secular school!
2. Please pray that as we sow the Gospel seeds in schools, that young people's hearts will be soft soil to receive it.
3. Pray for our after-school clubs, that young people will come along and bring their friends, and that they will meet Jesus there.



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www.stewardship.org.uk/pages/24hourtriathlonchallenge

It's that time of year again... where the team take on a ridiculous challenge in the hopes of raising much-needed funds to see the work of Warrington Youth for Christ continue and grow in our town! From running, hiking, wild-camping and getting stuck in a storm, to cycling across the country on no training (would not recommend), every year we try to take on a big challenge as our team fundraiser.

This year is no different. We want to combine our efforts from previous years into one, mammoth 24-hour challenge where we will run/walk, cycle, and row non-stop for 24 hours in the hopes of covering 500 miles as a team before the time runs out. This will be our most physically-demanding challenge yet, so please make it worth it by considering to sponsor the team by clicking the link on the left.

Two days after this fundraiser, we've got another mission week where we will be reaching thousands of young people with the Blades Down Tour and the good news of Jesus. This is only made possible through the financial gifts of supporters like you, so thank-you in advance!