

THE CHAPEL ON LEGS

How Radical Presence and Kingdom Values are Transforming Vulnerable Lives in Our Schools

As we look back over this academic year, our hearts are overflowing with gratitude. We are standing on the cusp of some truly magnificent things. Through your prayers, financial giving, and unwavering partnership, you aren't just funding an abstract project, you are actively championing young people. Together, we are ensuring that children in our school communities are **deeply seen, heard, and valued**, experiencing the tangible love and values of God's Kingdom right where they are.

Part of Something Bigger

Holly, our new schools worker, writes:

"This month, Kt and I had the opportunity to attend Waverley Abbey for their Chaplaincy in Schools Conference. The day was deeply inspiring, overflowing with hope and positivity, and we left with a renewed sense of optimism and uplift.

The day was beautifully Spirit-led. Alongside all the learning, we had the opportunity to worship and pray together, reminding us of the deeper purpose behind what we do and why we're so passionate about it. Through the workshops and talks, we celebrated that we're part of a wider community of people doing similar work. Not only this, but we were reminded that as chaplains, we are the chapel on legs.

Something that really stood out for me was that within our schools, we dig wells of living water, and in a drought everyone knows where the well is. The power of hope was tangible.

We left encouraged to build meaningful connections, learn from one another, and continue supporting each other in the shared mission we're all called to.

I am really looking forward to launching new and exciting projects in the autumn term in Hockerill and we are also in talks with other local secondary schools.

I can't wait to put everything we've learned into practice and continue sharing my passion for helping young people thrive, grow, and flourish."



A Constant, Life-Saving Presence in Times of Crisis

We are the chaplaincy. We are the place where people come when the pressure mounts. In a very real sense, we are the *chapel on legs*. Being present makes an unprecedented difference. We are here to pray in these rooms, in these packed halls, and in the quiet corners of corridors for people in the intense moments of pastoral need that suddenly appear.

We are sought out constantly—by overwhelmed students, by high-pressure school staff, and even by anxious parents looking for an anchor for their young people. Even today at a Y6 leavers assembly, my path crossed with the parent of an ex-Y11 pupil, who reflected again on the family's gratitude for the support given and the impact it had.

Every single week, our incredible dedicated team supports **almost 70 young people one-to-one**, (and that's about to grow,) walking alongside them through incredible, complex needs. In some heartbreaking cases, this vital groundwork is literally **saving lives**, providing immediate crisis support and carefully signposting vulnerable pupils to emergency and specialised services. We are constantly sowing seeds of the truth of their intrinsic value in Jesus. We do this with deep respect and mindfulness, ensuring we never compromise our trusted position in the schools, while remaining entirely uncompromised in who we are, the dignity we show to all and the profound hope we believe in.

Bridging the Gap: The Transition Journey

The leap from primary to secondary school can be terrifying. This term, **almost 70 Year 6 pupils** received dedicated one-to-one sessions specifically for their transition. In these safe spaces, they had the opportunity to unpack all their fears and share their genuine excitements about what lies ahead.

Crucially, because we operate across both primary and secondary sectors, we are able to provide a vital bridge of *continuity*. When these students step into their new secondary schools next term, in many places our team will already be there waiting for them, offering familiar faces and an ongoing safety net so they never feel lost in the crowd.

The Power of a 'Soul Space'

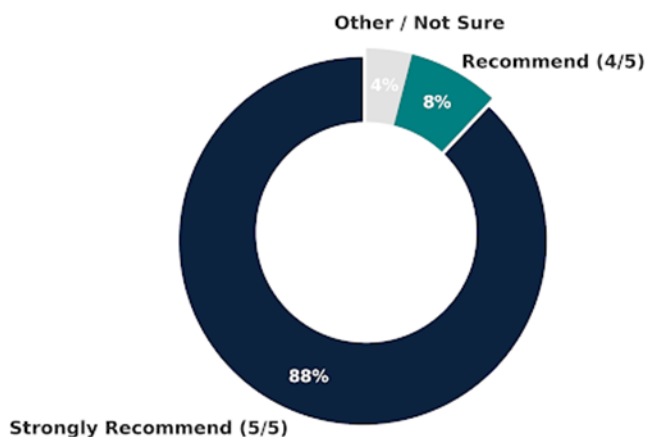
Throughout the academic year, our highly valued Soul Spaces transform standard rooms into beautifully interactive, prayerful, and reflective environments. They support the entire school community, giving busy pupils and staff a rare moment to pause, process local and global anxieties, discover hope, find joy, and be gently pointed toward Jesus.



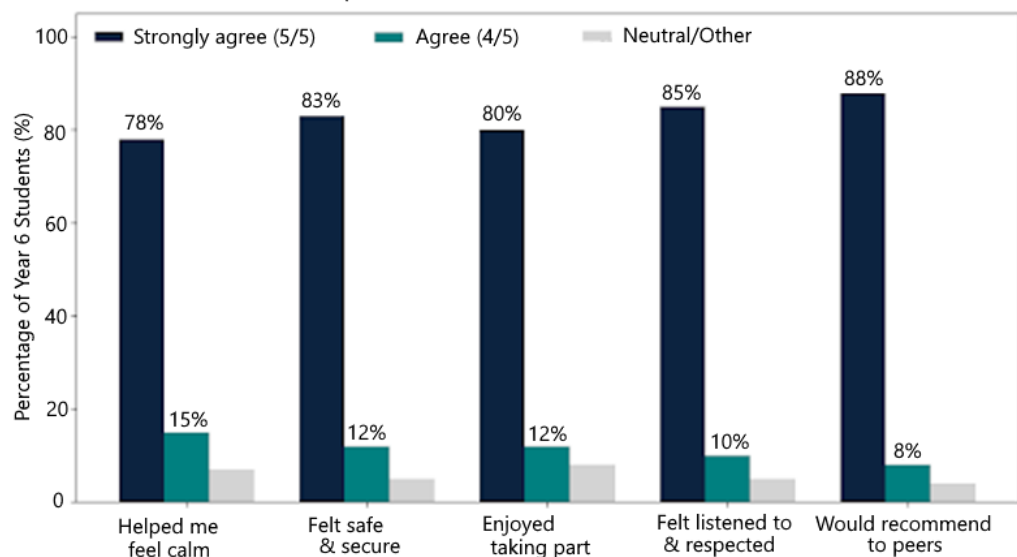
DATA THAT BACKS UP THE VALUE

- **96% of students** voted to recommend the Soul Space to their peers, with multiple pupils writing: *"1,000,000% IT IS AMAZING!"*
- **78% of students** strongly agreed that the space actively helped them feel calm.
- *"I learned that no matter what, God loves me."* — Year 6 Pupil Feedback

How Likely are Students to Recommend Soul Space?
(Overall Peer Advocacy Rate: 96%)



Year 6 Soul Space Evaluation - from student feedback forms



A Holistic Ecosystem of Support

The individual support and the Soul Spaces are magnificent, but they are nested within a much wider, daily relational framework. We run relationships. We support school staff through crushing educational pressures. We fuel the spiritual engine of the schools by partnering with student-led worship councils and putting on collective worship services that bring faith, ethics, and Kingdom truths alive in the classroom.

A Rallying Cry: Join the Grassroots Movement

Here is the honest reality: **Without your ongoing financial and prayerful backing, this vital pastoral presence quite simply would not exist.** You are the absolute bedrock of this ministry. The mental health crisis, academic anxiety, and spiritual hunger among our young people are at an all-time high. We have exciting new initiatives ready to launch—including a student-led Sixth Form podcast platform to give older students a genuine voice—but we cannot step into it alone.

This is an incredible grassroots opportunity to really change lives and see young people thrive. We need individuals and churches to invest heavily in us, so that we can continue to deeply invest in the school communities we serve.

HOW YOU CAN PARTNER WITH US FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR

- **PRAY:** Commit to covering our schools, staff, and mentors in prayer as they step into sudden moments of intense pastoral need.
- **GIVE:** Become a regular monthly financial partner or increase your church's missionary support to help us scale our pastoral reach and save more lives.
- **TALK & CONNECT:** Get involved. Talk about our work, and invite us to speak at your church or small group to share these incredible stories firsthand. Or consider a deeper involvement through becoming a Trustee or Church Champion.

Thank you for believing in the next generation. Thank you for demonstrating Kingdom values in action to help us see young people thrive.

Holly, Nicola, Pauline, Gilly and Kt



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