

BOOST

purpose

OUR THEOLOGY,
OUR MOTIVATION,
OUR IMPACT.

A WORD FROM OUR CHAIR

Something amazing is happening here...

As I reflect on the Academy Chaplaincy work here in Felixstowe, I am humbled and excited by what is going on. The positive impact of this initiative must not be under-estimated. How can I capture the spirit of this work?

Bridging the gap between faith and education, introducing a wider perspective, co-ordinating day conferences on the big subjects that need to be discussed, talking theology, ethics, morality, values, culture.

Contributing to the national debate, leading the way in an Academy with 'no religious affiliation', building community, exploring new ground, trying out fresh ideas.

Supporting the students, expanding the work, mentoring students, primary transition, enhancing staff well being, a chance to breathe again...

And how does this Academy Chaplaincy thing happen at our local Felixstowe Academy? The Academy from the outset recognised the positive potential of this work, and have welcomed Josh and now Lynne into this building.

But they don't have money for this! It is BOOST that employs Josh and Lynne and funds the work!

And perhaps some may not realise that BOOST is supported by people like you, whether individually, as part of local churches or as part of other charitable organisations in the town.

Many of you have contributed to this initiative, supporting us with your money and with your prayers. Thank you.

Please encourage others to be a part of this...for this is our gift to the young people of Felixstowe Academy.



Mick Warner
Chair of Trustees

91%

WOULD
RECOMMEND OUR
CHAPLAINCY
MODEL
TO OTHER
SCHOOLS

"ALTHOUGH I HAVE NO RELIGIOUS LEANINGS MYSELF, THE SUPPORT AND POSITIVITY PROVIDED BY OUR CHAPLAINS IS OUTSTANDING. I FEEL SO LUCKY TO HAVE THEM IN OUR SCHOOL, AND I KNOW MANY STUDENTS THAT WOULD SAY THE SAME".

STAFF FEEDBACK

SOME HIGHLIGHTS

Chaplaincy



Theology Club

Felixstowe Academy's Theology Club runs every Wednesday after school and discusses the intersection of belief and behaviour.



International Twinning

Working with The Rotary Club, Felixstowe Academy is now 'twinned' with the Open Air School in Durban, South Africa, opening up many future possibilities.



Christmas/Easter Assemblies

At these key times in the Christian calendar, our chaplains deliver memorable, insightful and engaging assemblies to all year groups.



Conference Days

For Years 10 and 11 we plan and deliver conferences on themes such as 'Belief and Purpose', 'Sanctity of Life', and 'Sex and Relationships'.

Projects



Prayers

Staff and student prayers take place every Thursday morning. If you are a church leader, you are more than welcome to come and pray with us.



Student Focus Groups

We have collected substantial feedback regarding students' experience of transition and are working with primary schools to assist students in this process.



One-to-One Support

At the request of staff, our chaplains provide short-term, reactive mentoring for some of the most vulnerable students at Felixstowe Academy.



Staff Wellbeing

Our chaplains help to lead wellbeing initiatives for staff throughout the year, aiming to support teachers and support staff who are working in our community.



OUR THREE AIMS

OUR CHAPLAIN JOSH EXPLORES WHY WE DO WHAT WE DO

To support staff and students.

To explore faith.

To build community.

These are our three aims with Academy Chaplaincy, nothing more, nothing less.

I can't emphasise enough how important it has been for us to have the three aims above. They give us clarity, accountability, and focus.

To support staff and students is all about unconditional pastoral support offered in confidence. The role of a chaplain is very different to that of a teacher, and so many find a chaplain's refreshing perspective helpful to their daily needs.

Schools are encouraged to create a 'broadly Christian ethos', but what does this mean in 21st century, multi-cultural Britain? We help the academy community, individually and corporately, to explore faith and spirituality in new and surprising ways, from high impact conference days to the weekly prayer groups and Theology Club, we dare to ask those awkward questions and have those incredible conversations.

To build community is to connect the dots. To link up people and groups and provide a greater sense of belonging. For all those who sent a Prayer Postcard in during 'Love Felixstowe Academy Week' - thank you! Your prayers have been read hundreds of times over.

For all those who have been in to our Theology Club or to weekly prayers- thank you!

There has never been a more important time to support students, explore faith, and build community. Why?

Well, the levels of happiness young people feel are at their lowest ever levels. The confidence young people have in the future are at their lowest ever levels. One in ten don't feel their lives will amount to anything, and nearly half admit to poor mental health.

We love what we do. It is needed, and important, and we need your support too.



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OUT OF 5 STARS
WAS THE RATING OF
OUR SEMINAR AT
THE 5TH ANNUAL
SMSC CONFERENCE
IN LONDON

SMSC= SPIRITUAL, MORAL, SOCIAL AND CULTURAL EDUCATION

"Assemblies are always well planned and enjoyable. I love the thoughtfulness of the Breathe Boxes, the drinks brought to our classrooms, the positive students feedback slips, the daily smile and knowing someone is praying regularly for you and your students is wonderful...

a beacon of light".



BLUE SKY

NEW IDEAS, NEW OPPORTUNITIES

THINKING

They might be incomplete and very much in progress but these ideas are a crucial part of how we develop our cutting-edge work.

"Chaplaincy and School Ethos"

This is the focus of Josh's PhD which he is working on over the next three and a half years. This includes research and case studies on how the role of a chaplain can build, reshape, critique and champion ethos within UK schools.

This research is fully supported by Boost and Felixstowe Academy and gives us a unique chance to be world-leaders in this area of knowledge.

If chaplaincy is to succeed and develop long-term, there needs to be clear evidence of impact, and we're delighted to underpin our work with this research.

Character Education

Character Education is a new focus by the UK Government, but is nothing new to education or to Christianity. The idea of shaping our character to promote particular traits, habits or characteristics is a fascinating area and through our chaplaincy work and the Felixstowe Academy ethos, we are pioneering new ways to develop student's character.

SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social, Cultural)

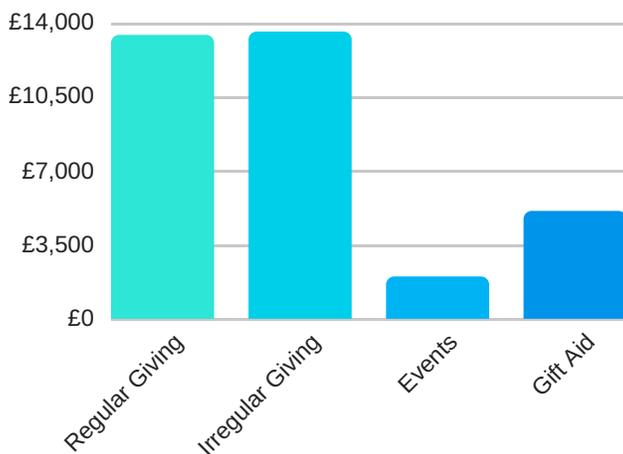
Commended by Ofsted, our work in developing the spiritual, moral, social and cultural areas of academy life are continuously being developed and improved to meet young people's needs in all year groups and at all ages.

Finance and Fundraising



Our Income

A typical breakdown



We encourage churches, individuals and organisations to support our work by regular giving- just complete a blue giving card if you wish to support us in this way.

One off donations can also be given via our website to support specific projects, such as staff wellbeing, the Deviate residential experience, or one-to-one support.

We host a number of fundraising events throughout the year which are well attended and promote our work too.

We are so grateful to our growing base of committed supporters, who, every month, help to make sure our regular giving supports our ongoing and developing work.

Could you be a part of this too?

Our expenditure is £45,500 per year, and we need continued support to develop this pioneering work.

We always emphasise value. Are we the best value ministry in the UK?
Quite possibly!

Serving over 1,200 young people at Felixstowe Academy, and over 150 staff, as well as working with our local primary schools and helping many others indirectly through our national work, you can guarantee your donation is going to good use.

Give online at
www.boostfelixstowe.org.uk

"They bring positivity to the school with creative ideas and a can-do attitude, they are approachable for students and staff.

Their approach to tackling difficult subjects is

effective

and

appreciated".

Nationally Significant

Our Academy Chaplaincy partnership has received much interest from others locally and across England.

We're always hearing from people who have heard about us via educational news publications or those who have seen our TEDx talk, and are greatly inspired by our commitment to a church-school partnership.

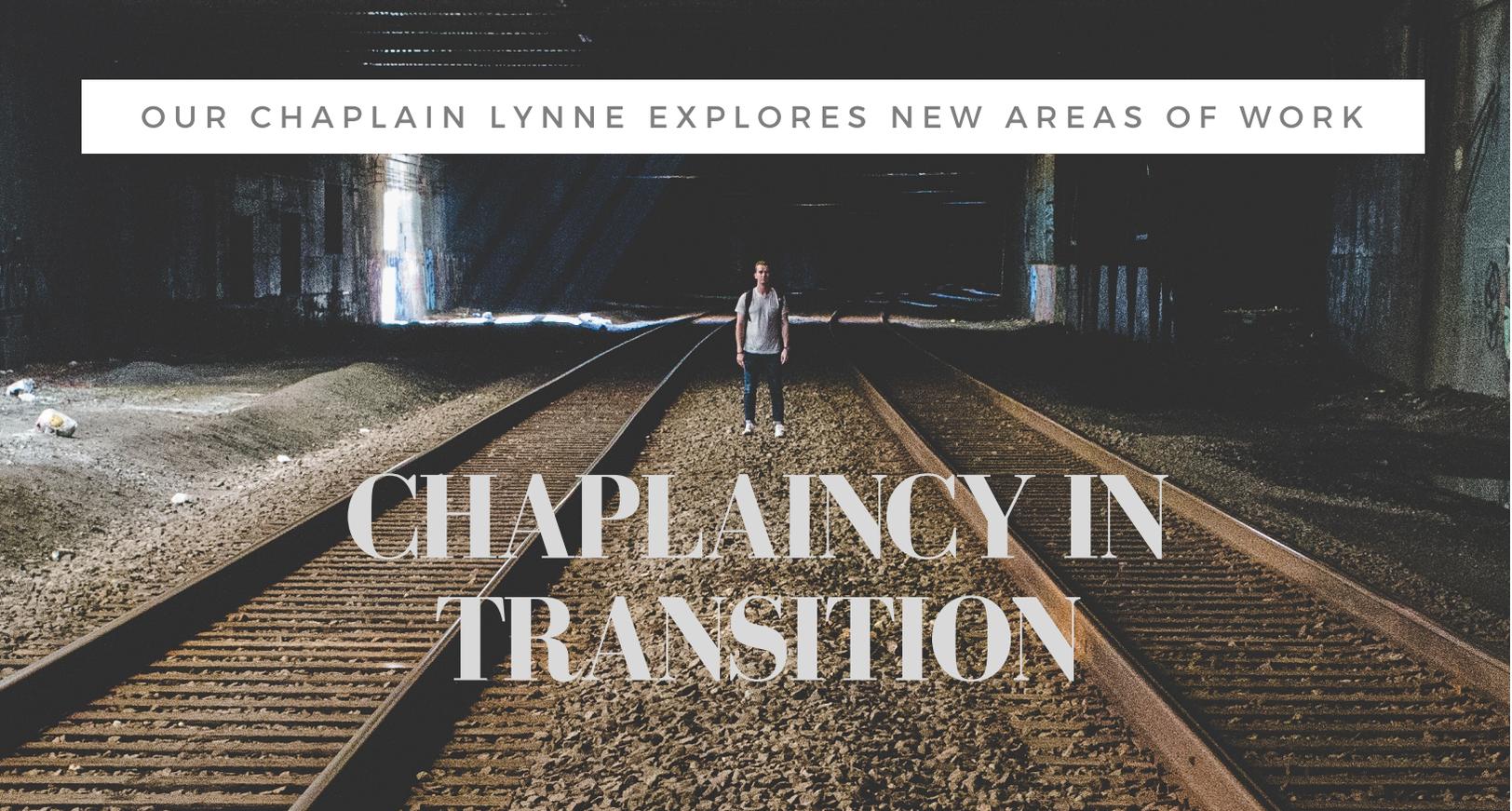
We are committed to our work in Felixstowe, but also to showcasing our work to other churches, schools and organisations, in the hope that many more young people might benefit from the local partnership we have established.

Watch this space!

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- ▲ Speaking engagements
 - ★ Training delivered
 - Boards we advise on
 - ★ Conferences we attend
 - ◆ Courses we take part in

"The Academy Chaplaincy
has brought so much to the
Academy in terms of
community and support.

Both Josh and Lynne work
hard to support the
students and staff and
ensure the whole place has
a real
community
feel".



CHAPLAINCY IN TRANSITION

**"May your choices reflect your
hopes, not your fears."**

Nelson Mandela

Transition can be a really scary concept for anyone to go through; even more so for our new Year 7s that will be joining us in September.

This is why we feel getting involved as much as possible with our local primary schools is really important. Having a friendly face to recognise when you come through the front doors of the Academy can really put our new students at ease and reduce panic!

As my role doesn't bind me to a timetable, I am in a really privileged position where I can physically go into our primary schools, sit in on a couple of lessons, and get to know the Year 6s as well as the teachers.

I personally see my role as a 'bridge' between the primary schools and the academy as I have that time to build purposeful relationships, to work alongside our fantastic primary school teachers in continuing through into the academy, the work that they have already started with the students

In working in partnership with our primary schools, our hope is to introduce the use of 'bridging materials'; the sharing of information between the primaries and the academy; visits to the academy by prospective teachers, children and their parents; the distribution of booklets; talks at the schools; taster days and other joint social events between schools.

All these elements would ease the transition experience as we invest in our future students; their academic studies and their personal wellbeing.

A successful transition for our students includes developing new friendships, improving their self esteem and confidence, as well as experiencing curriculum continuity.

We look forward to partnering with our primary schools and improving how we plan and deliver Transition!



Get in touch!

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"If I had to pick one thing,
they are a phenomenal
support to every person in
our school community.

They are amazing listeners
and will always find time
for others even when
inundated with work. One
of the best things;

they
genuinely
care".



Pioneering partnerships
between faith and education

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