



Summer term 2017

Well.....here we are at the end of another academic year. My mother always told me that time speeds up the older you get.

It has been an interesting year but a purposeful one. Our staff team is changing again with the appointment of Hannah Hughes, our new community outreach worker. Dee will be returning from her maternity leave in September. So I am really excited to see what God does over the next twelve months. But before I look too far ahead, it is always good to stop, reflect and thank God for what He has done through Phase Trust over the past months. New partnerships, new opportunities, expanded work into new areas – God has really supplied all of our needs according to his riches in heaven: Philippians 4:19

Inside the newsletter, you will hear updates from the team on their specific areas but I wanted to thank you for the support, whether prayerful or financial, that you have given to Phase. Be assured that every prayer you pray and penny you donate is changing the lives of children and young people.

With heartfelt thanks

Jayne x
Phase Trust Manager

Personal Development (lead Jonathan Allen)

Updates

- 3 students have participated in the ID Plus programme and have all enjoyed the process. Two have plans to move on to further education and the other is continuing to consider their options.

- We have been inundated with requests for mentoring. We are currently working with 7 young people, with over 10 on the waiting list to be seen.
- Both transition programmes which we delivered over the summer went really well. We had 17 students attend Step Up, our three day programme and we had 7 students attend the twelve day course, Step Up Plus. The latter specifically engages with students with Autism.

Prayer:

- That we can continue to serve young people well in our one-to-one service and work our way through those on the waiting list.
- For the summer programmes to be a support and encouragement for those students stepping up to college from September.



Community Outreach

We have had a great Summer term working on the Russell's Hall estate. Every Wednesday we have been providing games, activities and snacks. We have had various groups of young people attend, quite a few regularly. We are having further conversations with a local church over the summer about partnering with them and using their church to run Central Hub from September. We have had a once a month barbecue at Coseley. These have been well attended and appreciated by the local young people.

Please pray for our conversations about having Hub Central in the local church.

Sexual Health (lead Vicky Welch)

The Sexual Health stream has been, as usual, busy! We are running groups and 1-2-1 sessions with young people at numerous schools, including Castle High, Earls, Sycamore short stay school and Dormston.

We have some tough cases at the moment with a few girls and child sexual exploitation so our team is working hard to gain trust from these girls and support them through these difficult situations.

Please pray for us as a team and for the girls we are working with. Ask God to intervene and protect these girls.

We are looking forward to the next academic year and starting new Delay groups and supporting students in new schools.

Thanks for all your prayers and support this past term – we really value each prayer and feel the support as we work with these young people in the sexual health department.



Urban Culture (lead Pete Allen)

We have had many highlights during the work we've been doing with young people. One of the highlights has been the detached work within in the Halesowen community. We have been in contact with many different young people during the detached work and had many different conversations with young people.

Another highlight has been working at Castle High and seeing the young people grow and develop through the mentoring they receive. It has also been great to be part of the team working with some of the hardest to reach young people within the borough. Often the young people are at risk of being involved in gang and knife crime and are making risky lifestyle choices. I love being able to come alongside them and help make a difference. It also helps me develop.

Pray for the young people I work with during mentoring sessions and for the home life of those I work with both within and outside the school context. Pray that these young people start making better lifestyle choices.

Primary Stream (lead Pete Barks)

It has been a fantastic first year for the Primary stream. We really have exceeded our own expectations. We have developed existing relationships with four local Primary schools as well as working with three new ones. Work in these schools has ranged from mentoring and personal development work to sports coaching. One of my highlights has been working with an 8 year old boy who has just been recently adopted by his foster family. He drew a story board of how he was told that he had been officially adopted. It was a great pleasure to see his sheer delight and joy.

I have been using more and more ways to use imagination and 'imaging' to help the children I work with to process their emotions and to help develop their self esteem.

In the Autumn we are hoping to launch our '**Inside Out**' Programme. It is an 8 session programme working with boys aged 7-11 who have witnessed or been affected by domestic violence. We have one school who want us to do the course with them in September, with other schools interested.

Please pray for:

- Development of the tools of 'imaging' for the Primary work over the summer.

- Wisdom as we balance up work with our existing contacts next term with developing new opportunities
- The launch of the 'Inside Out' course, that it would really help the children who attend the course.

Sports Stream (lead Pete Barks)

We have run **10** different sports clubs in three different primary schools over the year including athletics, girls football, mixed football, multi-skills, dance, rugby, tennis and golf. We have also run **7** different Winning Mentality programmes in six different schools throughout the year. Two of these have been day courses with Secondary schools, two have been lunchtime courses at Secondary schools and the other three have been transition courses for Year 6s. They have all gone really well.

The Winning Mentality programme really does go from strength to strength. A teacher at one of the day courses we recently led at a Secondary school said "the Winning Mentality course has made the pupils aware of healthy lifestyles and what they have to do to achieve it". Another teacher, who is the class teacher for a group of Year 6s we have just worked with said " the course has really made the children think about putting things into practice. It has made them think about how to prepare themselves for secondary school. Particularly those who were not already thinking about it".

Please pray for:

- All of the Year 6s we worked with as they step up to secondary school
- The Phase Trust team involved in further developing the programme for the summer.
Praise God that we already have two Winning Mentality bookings for next year

Spiritual Development (lead Rebs Hayllar)

It was a crazy last few weeks before we broke up for the summer holidays! We had a few last minute sessions with young people who needed support and guidance around relationships and keeping safe. The hope was that with a bit of early intervention and raised awareness they would make better choices and keep safer over the summer and also when they get back to school. As well as it turning into a bit of a crazy end of term we have had a lot of requests to do PSHE Days in schools and colleges in the new term.

Please Pray for a restful time over the holidays as the work changes pace but there is still a lot to do. Please pray for wisdom as well for the new term in September that God will be at the forefront of my mind as I go into potentially difficult circumstances, helping young girls. Also would love to grow the Spiritual Development stream over the summer holidays so please pray for that!



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