

Canterbury Christian



Schools Work Trust

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CANTERBURY CHRISTIAN SCHOOLS' WORK TRUST

INSPIRATION & TRANSFORMATION

CCSWT provides Christian Schools Workers to resource primary and secondary schools in Canterbury, Faversham, Herne Bay and Whitstable. The Trust is supported by local churches and individuals. Having been founded in 1984, it has seen several workers expand the organisation into both primary and secondary schools.

Our vision is to see every school pupil develop in spiritual awareness, and have excellent pastoral care which leads to a positive educational experience and each pupil reaching their full potential.

CCSWT aims to:

- Promote a positive image of Christianity and spiritual development within local schools
- Support schools in fulfilling their collective worship requirements; to an excellent standard
- Enable local Christian pupils to increase in confidence about their faith
- Provide pastoral resources which boost pupil's self-esteem, emotional health and wellbeing
- Develop strategies which build effective partnerships between schools and church communities

CCSWT delivers these aims through three projects:

CATALYST which provides space for pupils to reflect on their emotions, thoughts and behaviour through assemblies, one-to-one mentors, self-discovery workshops and focus day activities.

INSPIRE which provides space for awe and wonder through assemblies, creative prayer or reflection rooms and the RE curriculum. These give opportunities for pupils to engage with Christian beliefs and develop their own independent inspirational thought, which leads to transformative action.

REACH looks to partner with youth groups to reach and equip young Christians to be secure in their faith, share experiences, hopes and fears, whilst growing their personal, team and leadership skills. The aim is to help develop them into confident independent young adults.

CCSWT builds partnerships with local churches:

We love to meet with Youth Leaders and Children's Workers to develop partnerships that inspire and support Christians in schools, benefiting your church community. In turn we are able to provide voluntary opportunities for your teams to build relationships with schools.

We would love to come and visit your church and talk about the work that we do in schools. Please let us know if you would like us to arrange a church visit.

CCSWT values:

Relationship: This is our key value. All our volunteers and paid employees are encouraged to build positive relationships with schools and pupils. We do not 'sell' a commodity we value people and potential.

Encourage: Our aim is for every person we interact with to be encouraged whether that is the receptionist, teachers, pupils or our volunteers. We promote encouragement and teach others to do the same.

Safety: It is of high importance to us that all CCSWT activities are safe. We have a safeguarding team in place within the Trust to support our worker and volunteers. We prioritise good communication with and work within a schools agreed procedures. All disclosures are dealt with through the school's system for safeguarding. In addition we value the safety of all our volunteers emotionally and physically. Therefore, we provide training, risk assessments, evaluations and supervision for all involved directly with young people. Annually we review our policies and procedures.

Passion: All our volunteers and employees understand our vision and are enthusiastic about seeing potential released. Therefore, we are always seeking out ways to expand our skills base. We believe in education and its benefits and want to support schools as a blessing. We are passionate about our faith but share only in appropriate and agreed situations.

Excellence: It is essential to us that we do all things with a spirit of excellence. This includes delivery, resourcing, care and relationships. We are developing ways to evaluate our work, increase knowledge of the educational environment and continue our professional development.

Creativity: One thing that we love is to develop creativity. In all our delivery and resources, we look to inspire creativity both in the pupil and our team.

Transformation: Our aim is to see positive transformation in children and young people, so that they fulfil their potential and go on to live abundant lives that benefit society.

All our values are outworked respectfully with regard to all involved with CCSWT

Get involved with CCSWT:

If you are interested in partnering with us as a volunteer, please speak first to your church representative or church leader. You can find out more on our website www.ccswt.org.uk

There are other ways to support us too:

CHURCH REPRESENTATIVES look to raise awareness of the work of CCSWT in their local church through promoting the quarterly prayer letter and if they would like through fundraising.

CREATIVES: If you are in music or performing arts, we would love to partner with you in some of our self-discovery activities and workshops.

FINANCE: To give financially to us please email treasurer@ccswt.org.uk

PRAYER: We provide four prayer newsletters a year and regular social media updates. We love people partnering with us in prayer we would love to hear from you!

TRUSTEES are the back bone of CCSWT. If you would like to support us but not on the frontline, maybe you would consider being part of the Trustee team.

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