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## A letter from the Chairman

*"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus." 1 Thessalonians 5:18*

The Summer break is for most a time of rest and reflection. It is no different for us as a trust.

As our staff take a break from schools, we all reflect on the past year. A year when we have seen the evil one attack in several ways, but also a year that we have so much to give thanks for: -

A Father who protects, sustains and inspires us all.

For lots of prayer from Churches, supporters, trustees and staff.

For a great staff team who work so well together and share so passionately with young people.

For trustees who give time so freely and support lovingly.

For new projects and new ideas.

For new school contacts and fresh opportunities.

For schools who would like to use us more.

For new partnerships with churches reaching out to our unchurched young people.

For enough finance to cover all our costs.

For the privilege we have, being allowed to take the Love of Jesus into our Schools.

A big thank you to you, our supporters who continue to pray for us and give financially to the Lords work in this area. Please can I ask you to continue to pray that in the coming academic year the Lord will meet all our needs whatever they may be and check out our important dates!

God Bless,

Steve Innes

# Our reflections on the year...

The last year has been a year of change and adventure for the trust. We have been on a journey together, as we have added new members to our team and other members have moved on. We have explored more new ground as we have diversified our school ministry, and also seen the doors in Stockport open in schools for us. So what have been our highlights from this year? Read on to find out:

## **Jen Anderson, Secondary Schools worker:**

This has been Jen's first year with the trust. She has been building relationships with our schools and growing the work in new schools too. We asked Jen what her highlight from this year has been:

"My highlight of this year really has just been seeing everything that goes on during the school year, starting from October when I joined the Trust. I have got to try so many different things!"

We asked Jen what she is most looking forward to in the coming year:

"I am most looking forward to starting new projects in school and furthering relationships with schools."

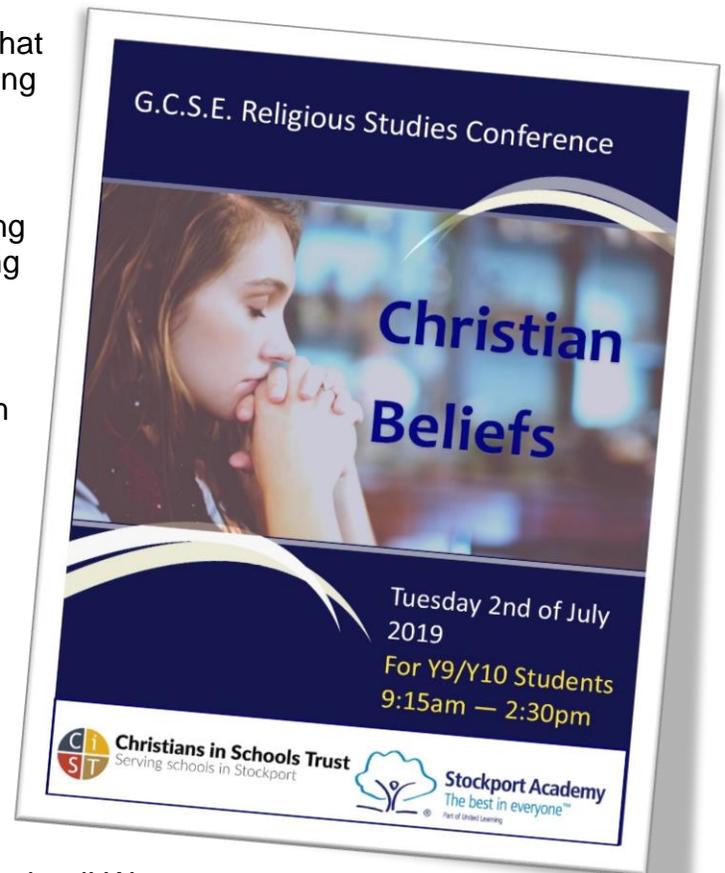
## **Emma Hinds, Team Leader:**

This has been Emma's fourth year with the trust, and has been the year when we have had the biggest team for Emma to lead! We asked Emma what her highlight from the year has been:

"My highlight this year has been the creating of our Religious Studies Conference for G.C.S.E. R.E. students. It was an amazing opportunity for students to learn about Christianity from practising Christians of different denominations. This was our first year running the conference, and it went really well and I am excited to repeat it this coming year."

We asked Emma what she is most looking forward to about the coming year.

"I am really excited to follow the next group of year 6's up to high school. It is such a



blessing in this work that we get to build connections with children in primary school and then help them transition successfully to High School. I am most excited to get to know these students further as they grow into young people and to support them in High School."

## **Josh Openshaw, Primary Schools worker:**

Josh has had an exciting year, spearheading our Guardians of Ancora clubs and also building up our repertoire of primary schools R.E lessons. This is Josh's second year with the Trust and we asked him what his highlight from this year has been:

“My highlight from this year has been the worship club at All Saints Heaton and teaching all classes RE at Dial Park and y1, 2, 3 and 4 at Romiley.”

Josh will be focusing on growing and maintaining our Heaton schools work in this coming year. We asked him what he is most looking forward to this year:

“I’m looking forward to working in the heaton at some lovely schools and building up the 3 new clubs we will be running at Abingdon Primary school next year.”

### **Sarah Williams, part-time Primary schools worker:**

This is Sarah’s first year with the Trust, and she has been focused on growing our work in the south Stockport area, particularly Poynton which is her home town.

We asked Sarah what her highlight from her first year has been:

“My highlight has been doing a complete year and doing all the projects, lessons and assemblies. Also beginning to grow and develop our work in south Stockport has been very important to me.”

In the coming year, Sarah will be focused on growing the work she has begun in Poynton and Disley. We asked her what she is most looking forward to about this coming year:

“This year, I’m looking forward to meeting more church leaders and building partnerships with them as I seek to grow the work in local primary schools across south Stockport.”



We hope that you will pray for our team, that you will praise God with them as they thank him for all he has given us this year, and also lift your voices to bring their hopes and excitements before God too for his blessing. As a trust, we always thank God for our supporters and the love and dedication they show to our work and our team. It would not be possible to do this work without your support and prayers. Thank you again, and we thank God for another blessed year!

## UPCOMING EVENTS FROM THE CHAIRMAN!

### **SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER IS EDUCATION SUNDAY**

Please remember and if possible, ask your church to pray for your local schools, the staff and pupils as they start a new term. Also, the work of Christians In Schools as we work in our schools and with churches to make Jesus known.

### **TUESDAY 8th OCTOBER**

IS our supporters COFFEE AND PRAYER time at our office

Church House, 99 Chatham Street Edgeley Stockport SK3 9EG 10am – 11am

If possible, please come and join us, your presence alone will be a blessing and encouragement to us.

If you are unable to join us why not invite us to your church, we would love to visit you!

Thanks, Steve (Chair).