



GOSPORT SCHOOL PASTORS

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ARE COMING



LISTENING
CARING
HELPING

Want to Volunteer?

- * We are now recruiting if you are:-
- * 18 or over
- * a church attender
- * have a heart for young people
- * willing to commit to training
- * have 2-3 hours to give once a week
- * want to be part of the exciting Gosport Street Pastor Charity
- * please contact Lee Davis on 07500058486

Daniel Stone the Ascension Trust National School and College Pastor Coordinator— visited Gosport on Tuesday 6th May to give a presentation on the work of the Ascension Trust and School Pastors Nationally.

The meeting chaired by George Bexon , Minister of Stoke Road Baptist Church took place at Brune Park Community School where fifteen people attended.

Currently there are 25 School Pastor Schemes nationally with fifteen more in the process of being set up, Gosport being one of these.

The attendees, which included members from different faith churches, the steering group, the chair of the Gosport SP Charity and Richard Kelly, Head Master of Brune Park Community School, watched a power-point presentation of the work and the “set up” structure involved in running a School Pastor Initiative followed by questions and a time of sharing.

Ascension Trust and School Pastor Initiatives

On the back of the incredibly successful 'Street Pastors' initiative, Ascension Trust launched School Pastors in 2009.

We now have over twenty initiatives across the UK, ranging from Southampton and the Isle of Wight, to Aberdeen and a number of London Boroughs.

School and College Pastors are volunteers who work to build and develop relationships between the pupil, the home and the school, and to encourage the pupil to positively relate to peers, teachers and the wider community.

What do we do?

Typically, School Pastor initiatives will begin by patrolling an area of the school or local community. Over time, they will become an integral part of the school community, with a number of Head Teachers commenting that they 'can't imagine the school without them!'

**The Ascension Trust*

What are the benefits?

- Enriched schooling experience for students
- Offering additional pastoral support for schools
- Provision of a reassuring presence
- Reduced levels of anti-social behaviour
- The opportunity to provide additional services such as
 - ⇒ Presence at break times
 - ⇒ Mentoring
 - ⇒ Assemblies



*Listening,
Helping and
Caring in School
and College
communities
across the UK*

- You do not need previous experience working in schools or with young people, as your training will include topics such as:
 - Society and Youth Culture
 - Safeguarding
 - Listening and Mentoring
 - Conflict Management
- However you will need to be over the age of 18, a regular member of a local church and able to pass a DBS check.
- Training dates will be held regionally at regular intervals throughout the year

Brune Park Community School

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Head Teacher—Richard Kelly and his staff have graciously offered to pilot the School Pastor Initiative at Brune Park Community School.

Students age between the ages of 11 and 16 years and come from geographical areas around the school. These being Elson, Rowner, Forton, Hardway & Brockhurst.

There are currently around 1600 students studying at the school .

Their school day starts at 08.30 and finishes at 14.30 with two breaks during the day.

The school encourages and expects their students to be good citizens and focuses on developing respect, positive attitudes and informed choices along whilst developing social skills. Pastoral care also features high on the schools agenda.



Students outside the Drama Studio

The School Pastor Management Team will be visiting local churches during May and June with a presentation of the work of this new initiative. This will give all those interested in supporting the school pastors to find out more and get involved.

We will be looking to recruit school pastor volunteers for training with the aim of starting work with the students in September.

We are also keen to seek out and engage prayer warriors— prayer underpins all that we do as is as essential as the school pastors themselves.

Other areas of support required will be the practicalities of raising the necessary capital to support the new initiative so we will be looking for fundraising ideas and folk willing to help in this area.

Presentation Opportunities

LOOK OUT FOR US
AT A CHURCH NEAR
YOU



Training

Training is usually undertaken regionally with Southampton, Portsmouth, Salisbury and Winchester recruits joining together for training over three weekends in September.

However in order to commence working with Brune Park students from September 1st 2014 we will be seeking to train our new volunteers locally in Gosport. We would expect training to take place in July and August.

Volunteers would need to commit to attending all sessions in order to comply with the Ascension Trust Governance and policies but also to ensure the safeguarding of the young people they will be working with.

Here's what one of the volunteers had to say



"Working with young people brings its own special rewards and real blessing too. They are great fun and so special"

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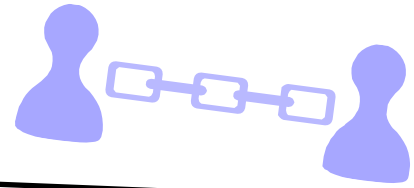
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LISTENING HELPING
CARING



WE ARE



The New Gosport School Pastor Project is an extension of the Gosport Street Pastor Charity already in operation in the town center. Gosport Street Pastor teams go out every Saturday night between the hours of 10pm until 3am to care for folk that have been out to pubs and clubs. They do this by engaging with people, caring for them when they are in need and helping when it becomes necessary.

The School Pastors will support the work undertaken by the street pastors and will offer friendship, support and pastoral care to the young people in Gosport Schools at the beginning and end of their school day they will be working initially with the students at Brune Park Community School.



"School and College pastors offer something that in today's society is in worryingly short supply; an adult who is willing to perform the simple task of listening to a child. This act tells the child that they are valued and that their opinion matters, and can provide the foundation for greater self-confidence and educational attainment"

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