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Summer Term 2012

“They found Jesus in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.” (Luke 2: 46-47)

The summer term is here already! This term is short but busy, exciting but tiring. There is revision to be done and tests and exams to be sat. There are also sports days, trips, reports and goodbyes to be said. For Christians/CaSS this term offers opportunities to serve and plenty to pray about. This was true of last term too.....

Connecting & Encouraging

Those CaSS connected with or encouraged last term included parents at a number of different school **prayer groups** (e.g. Ecclesall, Tapton, Westways, Lydgate and Sheffield High). Many parents prayer groups struggle to encourage Christians to meet for prayer or are run by parents whose children are about to move on. Sometimes groups want ideas about how to further their involvement with schools or just someone to cheer them on! Please pray for them, or consider how you could support or even attend your local school prayer group.

Other links made this term include - meeting with Andy Rushworth to learn more about **Shine Sheffield** (makeyourcityshine.com) The CaSS Lent prayer diary encouraged you to pray for ways Christians could serve Park Academy. I mentioned this to Andy, he approached Park and Shine Sheffield will now visit the school for a week! Thank you for praying.

I regularly try to **email/text** encouragement to contacts or let them know I am praying for them. I have used facebook to encourage a 6th form leader of a school CU and may try to increase this type of contact.

I accompanied Helen Hawes of **Love2Last** (www.love2last.org.uk), as she talked to girls at Sheffield High CU over 4 lunchtimes (pupils gave excellent reviews!) and I've also met with the Love2Last committee.

I introduced CaSS and lead prayer for Sheffield schools at Montgomery Hall's exciting **Prayer & Praise evening**. I have made useful links with SCEC at Montgomery Hall and attended their committee meeting

Resourcing

CaSS organised two **Open the Book** (openthebook.net) taster sessions at which myself, Julie Jefferies (the National Open the Book trainer), Hilda Isaacson & Viv Jeans (both from St.John's, Deepcar) spoke. Over 30 attended over the two sessions and we received great feedback! (The next taster session we will be running is on 23rd May 10am - 12 noon at St. Mark's, Grenoside.) Two churches are running Open the Book services in order to recruit teams, I have been able to offer them ideas.

I have also taken some time to build up my expertise and knowledge, so that I have more to offer others. I attended a three day **Godly Play** (www.godlyplay.org.uk) course at St. Stephen's, Netherthorpe lead by Kathryn Lord (highly recommended). Birkdale School kindly paid for me to go and I plan to use Godly Play at Birkdale and other schools.

I am involved with the group planning an SU **Lifepath** day (www.scriptureunion.org.uk) for schools based on Christian hero, Eric Liddell.

Lindsey Beagles at SCEC and I have spent a lot of time planning a cross curricular day for schools based on local hero, **James Montgomery** (www.scec.org.uk under events). We have met with Danni Fenton at the cathedral as the day involves a visit to the Anglican cathedral and learning about the Archer Project.

I've had other opportunities, such as helping advertise **Bible Reading Fellowship** (www.brf.org.uk) **RE days** & the new EpicFriends.co.uk website, an invitation to develop school material for the Jesus Centre, Broomhall & a request to provide **prayers** for use in a Totley school.

The CaSS **website** is about to be refreshed & updated and I hope it too will be a valuable resource for Christians working in schools.

Please continue to pray for the work of **CaSS** and for new opportunities to connect, encourage and resource **Christians** and **Sheffield Schools**.

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