



First Term of 2018!

2018 is upon us, New Years resolutions have been made and undoubtedly broken, but the work of Connect has hit the ground running. While this current term and the following term are very short which sounds good, but the challenge ends up being trying to do a lot in a relatively short period of time. Some of the lessons I support in have already begun their practical exam elements which has raised the stress levels for both staff and students. Other lessons are fully digging into exam answering preparation with gusto.

I have began working with some new students this term, aiding them with a variety of issues some in school and some out. The breakfast and homework groups are going strong as normal. I have some new staff volunteers for Breakfast Club which is great. This allows me to spend more time with the students which is always interesting before 8 in the morning.

Mental Health Awareness day was held at the end of January in the school. I was asked to support the event and volunteered to share my experiences with mental health with the year 11s. The event genuinely broke the stigma for some students and they felt more confident afterwards with sharing with their peers and staff some of their concerns, not just about the impending exams.



Easter Assemblies

I will be running my second set of faith based assemblies this academic year in the new term. The Christmas were well received and I had positive feedback from both staff and students. I am praying that these become a regular event in the school's calendar.

Dates for your Diary/Prayer points

- Connect Prayer meeting Wednesday 7th Mar 2018 8am at Wetherspoons
- Last Sunday - new youth service at Golden Valley School Sunday 25th Feb email me for more info

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