



## Lockdown life pt 2

As we come to the end of the term that never really was, it feels in some sense a guilty relief to be starting the summer holidays next week. As I have been furloughed from Connect for the months of April, May and June there has not been an enormous amount to report on. I have been in regular contact with the school, receiving prayer requests from staff, some reaching out to me personally.



It is now public knowledge that Josh Howard, my friend and former Holy Trinity Nailsea youth worker will be starting in Nailsea this September as the Unicorn Head of House, as well as teaching R.E in the school too. Josh and I will be sharing an office again after a break of 5 years! It will be great to have another Christian in the school and working in the pastoral team.

We have postponed GSUSlive till early 2021 as the logistics of social distancing inside a metal container are challenging. The schools also we felt need to start this September without any other challenges than they already face.

For the first time in two years we will have a GCSE RE group this September. I look forward to working alongside the department with this

group, as it was a hugely enjoyable part of my working week at Nailsea.

Connect faces its challenges in how we restart in September. We will not be able to run Breakfast clubs in the initial term, nor will we be able to run CU as year groups are going to be kept in their own 'bubbles' on a day to basis. I will be working more closely with the pastoral team, playing a role in supporting the school's new intervention room, when that is allowed to operate during the Covid era of education life.

It has been refreshing to be back in school the last few weeks, I was asked to come in to do 1-2-1 sessions with year 7-9s who haven't been in to school at all in the last 3 1/2 months. It was lovely to see so many of the CU young people who booked in to meet with me, and to speak to some parents in the car park (from a safe distance) afterwards.

Personally I have found the last month quite challenging and frustrating as many have. I look forward to September having a greater sense of clarity about what God has planned for Connect's day to day and ongoing role will be.

## Dates for your Diary/Prayer points

- Connect Prayer meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd September at 8am in the hall at Christ Church Nailsea

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