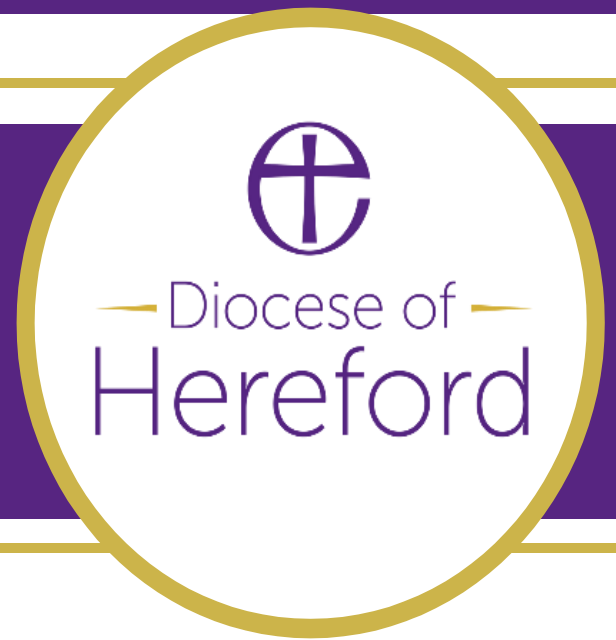


Shape and Focus of the Life Link Chaplain – in John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, & the Ross & Archenfield Deanery



1 In school

Inspiring Faith – all, many, some...

Although JKHS is not a church school, the school is keen to see all students have opportunities to find meaning and purpose in life and to grow up with the skills and resources they need to enable them to live fulfilling lives and contribute positively to society. Through the indicative activities below and other means as appropriate, the chaplain/chaplaincy team will be able to connect right across the school, sharing inspiration for finding meaning in life with all - in its broadest sense, through assemblies, festivals, events etc. They will also enable many to have the opportunity to explore faith further – through for example, PHSE, through contributing a Christian perspective to RE lessons, and through offering explorers' groups, reflective spaces and drops-ins. Some may want to respond and find out more about the Christian faith in groups in school or by taking up opportunities at local churches that the chaplain and chaplaincy team will signpost. Some may also wish to join groups for those with a new, growing, or established Christian faith and to grow as young leaders.

Inspiring Hope – practical tools for all

We know that this is a tough time for many young people and some can struggle to have hope about the future. The Chaplain /Chaplaincy Team will be able to offer a toolkit of easy to use approaches that can help equip students and their families to grow up with hopeful minds and shine with hope. It is hoped that these approaches might through this project spread more widely into our communities. See www.hopefulminds.org and www.hopefulcities.org

Inspiring Love – contributing to society – and learning to make positive choices that change situations

The Chaplain / Chaplaincy Team would have the opportunity to contribute to school community projects, and volunteering opportunities (for example through the Duke of Edinburgh Awards scheme) that make a difference in society.

In a similar way to Hopeful Minds /Shine Hope toolkit, the Chaplain /Team would be able to draw on a "Choose Love" toolkit to help young people navigate difficult situations by making positive choices. See www.chooselove.org

It is envisaged that the core of the chaplain's time during term time will normally be in school on three days a week from 8.30am – 2.30pm on a Monday (Motivational Monday), a Friday (Fab Friday), and one other day (to be agreed). There will be frequent additional opportunities for engagement with the school community through the year such as careers days, parents evenings, events and celebrations. These opportunities will enable the Chaplain / Team) to:

- Contribute wide inspirational messages for all through assemblies, PSHE and the school newsletter.
- Contribute a Christian perspective to RE lessons by invitation/agreement.
- Contribute to marking festivals and the rhythm of the school, community and church year in ways that link school + church + homelife/community.
- Offer a range of lunch time drop-ins, groups, clubs, prayer and sanctuary spaces etc. The school has a staggered lunch break with an early lunchbreak for Years 7, 9, 11 and a late lunchbreak for years 8/10/12/13 so that two sets of opportunities for students could be offered for different groups/ ages each lunchtime.
- Inspire hope and teach tools for living with hope in tough times through working with groups at lunchtimes and during teaching hours identified by the student support team leader. Similarly– offering Choose Love tools for making positive choices in difficult situations.
- Support Year 6s in transitioning into secondary school to build on the school + church + homelife links established in the catchments area/deanery at primary school with young people and their families.
- Participate in staff morning briefings on Mondays and Fab Friday celebrations and other staff meetings/development as agreed.
- Have time for planning, preparation, record keeping and admin during the school day.

2 The remainder of the School and Young People's Chaplain's time will be in church based community settings in Ross-on-Wye and in the wider school catchment area/deanery

- i The chaplain will work with the new Rector of the Ross Parishes (who we hope will be appointed in autumn 2024) and with the Ross Life Link Hub Team to support the Ross Parishes in strengthening and growing links between school + church + homelife/community settings. The successful candidate will be able to develop the role further in accordance with the needs and opportunities.

On up to two Sundays a month it is envisaged that the chaplain will share in leading and further developing young people's groups and worship at St Mary's. On the first Sunday this includes a growing All Age Worship congregation and the junior and senior GROW Youth Groups. In time it is envisaged that a Young People's Fresh Expression will form, with the chaplain working with young people to shape and lead it – this could be in a church setting such as on a Sunday evening – or in a school setting as a "Flourish" Community. There may also be the opportunity to restart after school 'Connect' and 'Explore' Youth Groups for JKHS teens at St Mary's.

In the wider community there are many opportunities for collaboration including with the Families Hub at Ross Community Garden and their work with John Kyrle High School. There is also a strong network of organisations and agencies working with young people in Ross and the surrounding area – and with JKHS we are keen to strengthen those collaborations through the Life Link Chaplaincy project and team.

- ii In the wider school catchment area /deanery, the Chaplain will support the development of two much smaller rural Life Link Hubs linking school + church + homelife/community. The first of these is expected to be at St Weonards where there is a fortnightly Friday night village Youth Group and well attended twice monthly Sunday All Age Worship. Both have the scope to grow strong school + church + homelife/community linkages.