



The Chapel is used every day for Morning Prayer at 8:30; we have our regular handful of students that attend as well as the R.E department. Friday mornings we have singing Morning Prayer so we meet in the music classroom. Every Wednesday lunchtime the chapel is used for voluntary mass, there are about 25 young people who regularly attend, the R.E department are

always present too, and it's always a really prayerful celebration. As well as these times students often visit me in the chapel to ask me to pray for loved ones and very often they find me in the chapel if they need to have a chat.

Every month the chapel is used to deliver prayer services on a relevant topic to all of the R.E classes during their lesson time.

September: We used September as a getting to you time for me so R.E classes would come into the chapel and I would lead a name game for them, so they would share their name and something like, if they could have any super power what would they have or if they had to be stuck in a lift with anyone who would it be? We would finish the session with a short prayer led by me and a prayer said together.

Also in September we had our year 7 'getting to know you' day. As part of the day the year 7's came to the chapel in their tutor groups and took part in a prayer service based on 1 Corinthians 12, 'we are one body.



Practicing some songs outside on the 'patio'!

October: During this month of Mary I led a prayer service around the story of the annunciation. The young people were given time to reflect on the story and how Mary's yes changed not only her life but the lives of all God's children.



The whole class would come into the chapel and sit around with Mary as our focus, I would read them the story from the bible, explain the story so it was accessible to them and help the class to understand the relevance of Mary's story to them. I would then play some music to give them time to reflect on what they had heard and to spend a short time in prayer; we would end the prayer service by saying a Hail Mary together.

November: The November prayer service was remembering all souls. The students would come into the chapel with their R.E class, I would begin the service by reading a piece of scripture that helped us to think about grief and how different people grieve in different ways but something we can find comfort in is knowing that our loved ones are in heaven and something positive we can always do is pray for them. Then while some music played the class took it turns to light a candle and spend some time in prayer remembering the people in their lives that have died and their families. The students could then go back to class when they felt they were ready.



Playing some team games!

Also during November I set up a 'prayer station' in the chapel so that students and staff could come to the chapel and write down a prayer for those people in their lives that had died. All of the prayers were folded up and put into a vase, to be burnt at a later date.



December: Throughout December we had penitential services in year groups which had to be held in the hall and then confessions were held in the Chapel, during the afternoon after the penitential services.

January: January prayer service for year 7,8 and 9 was all about prayer and we explored different ways to prayer we spent a little time in the classroom watching a power point reflection, I then would take half the class at a time over to the chapel and we started with some Lectio

Divina, moved on to some meditation, tried silent prayer, then something called the five finger prayer. Followed by a discussion about which type of prayers worked best for them and which ones they didn't like!

With the year 10 and 11's we concentrated on the bible and how it can be relevant to their lives and support their prayer life. Before we started we had a discussion about the bible and how they felt about it! We spent some time doing lectio divina with several different pieces of scripture we then had a bit of time to think and reflect on what we talked about and they were given a piece of paper that had a list of some of my favourite pieces of scripture and psalms.



Also during January I began leading prayers for all tutor groups in morning registration. We have been thinking about and praying for our global family.

These prayer services will continue into February, with a cross over in February and March as we prepare ourselves for lent and think about giving things up, prayer and almsgiving. Then throughout Lent we will spend some time thinking about Cafod and play a stimulation game about working hard and staying poor, which is all about fair trade.

Also starting on 11th February will be the year 11 retreat days based in the chapel, we will think about their leavers mass as well as team building, morning prayer and a thank you service to end the day.