

# How we share our Christian faith

## 1. Introduction

Menadue Management Trust ('The Trust') is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO), whose objects are to:

1. advance the Christian faith, for the public benefit, primarily but not exclusively, amongst young people, by providing facilities, accommodation or services for that purpose.
2. promote education amongst young people, for the public benefit by providing facilities, accommodation or services for that purpose.

## 2. About our team

Menadue is a Christian Residential Centre, meaning that our staff and volunteer team are Christians. We are keen to share the faith we hold with our guests through our actions, care for them and within programmed 'Thoughts for the day', which have Biblical foundations.

In our 'Thoughts' we aim to particularly promote spiritual growth by presenting what we believe as Christians, and the way this impacts our lives, as well as facilitating personal reflection for each student and staff member to consider what they believe and what their values are.

## 3. How we work

The way we aim to share our faith is through interactive and creative times in which a member of staff will share something about their faith, a Bible story and lesson we can learn from that along with practical applications relevant to the students. These are tailored to the age group and aims of the teachers. For example, a teacher may share that there has been an issue with bullying or leaving students out so may want us to focus on sharing how we believe everyone is of value and unique, and that this is because we are made in God's image. Uniqueness can be celebrated and can benefit the group as a whole; this is particularly well-evidenced in team building exercises, which could be included in the time. Our aim is that these will help equip students for the here and now as well as later in life.

## 4. Working with the national curriculum

We can aid fulfilment of the religious education aspect of the national curriculum and would cover the following:

- Explain Bible stories and aid understanding concerning the impact those stories have on our lives as Christians.
- Share symbols and actions of the Christian faith to aid understanding of these, such as saying grace at mealtimes.
- Explain what it means to be a Christian, how this impacts our lives and what the church community is like.

- Explain through Bible stories, some challenges of being in a faith community but why it is of such value.
- Facilitate discussions and expressions on what it means to have purpose and belong.
- Consider values such as respect, love, truth, purpose, justice, fairness, helping others, right and wrong.

## **5. Using other programmes**

The format for sharing our faith, other than through our actions, is through 'Grace' said at mealtimes and a Bible based 'Thought for the day'. We are currently investigating use of other external programmes (which are OFSTED approved) to aid delivery of the above.