Harlow College Chaplaincy

Listening & Support Service

January - March 2019

It has been a quiet beginning of term and not many students have booked to see us in the last few weeks. However, we've had the opportunity to meet three new students this term and it's been amazing to see how easily they open up and are willing to receive help. Unfortunately some of the students that book an appointment eventually don't show up and according to the Safeguarding Team (who refer them to us) that's due to their lack of confidence to take that first step and have a face-to-face chat with us.

One of the greatest tools we were making use to introduce ourselves to students so they could put a face to the Listening & Support Service were student fairs, freshers fairs and induction days but sadly the college have decided to bring them to an end and spreading the word about who we are and what we do is quite limited at the moment.

We are exploring different ways to raise the profile of this free and much needed service and our prayer is that new strategic doors will be opened in this regard. As a matter of fact, while drafting this report I received an email from a Social Services tutor in the college who is talking to his students about the work of chaplains in the different spheres of society and has invited me to teach a lesson to his students and given me free reign to talk about what we do in the college. God is amazing! My prayer is that this will be the beginning of a new season.

We appreciate and value your prayerful support as we seek to communicate the love of God in the college.

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