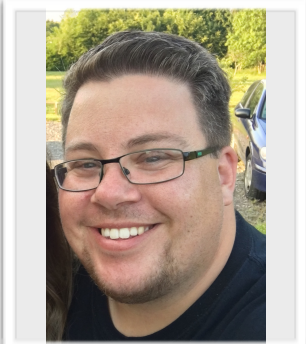


## Christian Youth Work at The Marsh Academy

### James Smith



James is an experienced Youth Worker with over 10 years volunteering experience, 6 years as a Youth Pastor at Cheriton Baptist Church and also experiences as a Secondary School teacher and Social Worker with Kent County Council.

James was appointed as our Christian Youth Worker for The Marsh in April and began his role on the 5th June.

### Marsh Projects

- 1-1 Mentoring
- Group Motivation
- Christian Union KS3
- Christian Union KS4
- Staff Chaplaincy
- Young Carers Club

With more to follow .....

## EXCITING TIMES

The first term at The Marsh Academy has been very successful and very exciting. All the projects that I had planned to get running are now up and running. The school are advertising the Christian Union on a number of platforms and while no students have come forward I am hopeful they will be bold and identify themselves.

The staff are now aware that I am available for them as well as the students. This has proven to be valuable to them and they appreciate having someone who can listen and offer prayer and advice. I feel my role is for all in the school community not just the students.

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### PRAYER POINTS

-Pray for the staff, as we approach the busy season of Christmas!

-Pray for the students, there are many in broken homes and families who need to know the love of God.

-Pray for James, that he can be an example of God's love in the Marsh.

*'..not to be served but to serve ...' Matthew 20:28*



## Christian Youth Work at Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre

### Richard Dowling



Richard is an experienced Youth worker who has been working with Young People for over 25 years. He was appointed to the role at Homewood School & Sixth Form Centre in January 2017. Richard has taken over from Nathan who spent the last 4 years developing the role within Homewood.

### Homewood Projects

- Take up the Challenge
- Young Carers
- Mentoring
- Assemblies
- Christian Union
- Staff Prayer Time
- Primary School Visits
- School Trips
- Inclusion Meetings
- Religious Education Lessons
- PSHRE Lessons
- Well-Being Centre
- Special Events

## HOMEWOOD UPDATE

Richard has been very busy at Homewood, continuing the work that Nathan built and starting to develop his own flavour and work ethos. Richard has established himself well within the school community and has become an integral part of the school structure.

Richard works directly with around 500 students across his projects and is in the community of around 3300 students across the Tenterden Schools Trust Network.

The Apollos trust is directly working with around 700 students between both Homewood & The Marsh and has influence to over 4500 students across both school districts.

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### Prayer Points

-Pray for Richard as he leads weekly staff prayer times, that he would be able to encourage and support staff.

-Pray for the students of Homewood, that they would feel the love of God through the amazing work Richard is doing.

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