# **MADE FOR MORE**



Dear friends,

It is a privilege to share with you some updates and developments from the charity over the past few months. I encourage you to read this newsletter knowing that you have played an integral part in making what we do possible. We sincerely appreciate each and every one of you and without your love, prayers and support, we would not be able to deliver our service. Thank you.

As we enter the final month of the academic year, we reflect upon every young person we have invested in, knowing that they have been loved, valued and seen. We also know we cannot stop here. There is so much more work to do. Our heart, as always, is that every young person would know that they are Made for More.

Please continue to stand with us as we take steps to support as many young people as we can through some of their most challenging years.

God bless,

**Tim Button - Director of Made for More** 

## **SCHOOLS WORK UPDATE**

All of a sudden we find ourselves in exam season again! It's been a tough stretch for many A-level students who haven't experienced the exam hall during the GCSE period previously, due to the pandemic. GCSE students are sitting these on top of multiple mock exam sessions, due to the concern that the real thing might not have gone ahead. As we move between schools throughout the week, you can certainly feel the tangible pressure the students feel! Please do remember them during this time.



This term, in our lunch clubs, we have taken the time to focus on 'I Am' statements. We have encouraged the groups, through looking at who God says they are eg: I am valuable, I am courageous, I am unique, I am delighted over. Each week it has been brilliant to see young people think about who they are and make positive decisions about who they want to be. You can find out more on our social media pages.

### THE EMPOWERED COURSE

So far this year we have been able to run 6 Empowered Courses, seeing a total of 56 students across 4 different High Schools in Chelmsford. The course runs for six weeks and covers a range of topics including resilience, relationships, identity, communication. well exploring as as emotions, such as anger and anxiety, plus self esteem and self worth. Students have been given tools and strategies to help empower them in the decisions and choices they make.



This July we are thrilled to be partnering with Chelmsford Fringe Festival. The festival will run from Thursday 7th - Sunday 17th July and we will have a display stand on the high street, so please do come and say hello. We are thankful for the opportunity to share our work through such a high-profile event and we forward to developing looking partnership throughout the next year. Watch this space.

# **NEW VOLUNTEER MENTORS**

We have recently trained up some new mentors that will be going into our schools this term. They are going to be brilliant and we are so grateful that they are willing to give up their time to listen, support and encourage young people. Let us introduce you:



# Rachel and Josh Kennedy

Hi, I'm Rachel Kennedy, married to Josh Kennedy and we are so excited to be partnering with Made for More and all the schools work they do here in Chelmsford. Josh and I have been working together in churches and in schools for the past 4 years and we recently moved to Chelmsford in January this year and are the Community and Pastoral assistants in Life Church Chelmsford. This has been our biggest move since we were married and we are just so excited to be here and being a part of all that God is doing.

#### **Lauren Adams**

Hi, I am Lauren and I go to Skylark Church with my husband Pete and our three kids. Having been an at home mum for a few years, I am excited about the challenge of mentoring young people. For the next few weeks I will be shadowing Lynsey Wells in Boswells to see how it's done! Wish me luck :-)

We are ever grateful to Evie Ball, Elaine Fisher, Andy Hill, Jonathan Fowler, Richard Cecil and Kate Haywood for all they continue to do as volunteer mentors. You are amazing!



