

### **What does the Bridge do?**

The Bridge is a registered Christian charity working in local schools at both primary and secondary level. We provide support for students in various ways, whether that be through social skills groups, mentoring, clubs, collective worships, lessons, or specific pastoral intervention/chaplaincy. We work in approximately 26 schools on a regular basis, although this is rapidly increasing, and over 8000 children and young people a year.

At the Bridge we aim to enrich the life of the pupils and schools we serve, bearing witness to the faith we have by bringing Christian faith, hope and love to the young people we work with. We offer a holistic approach to our work, we care for the spiritual, pastoral and emotional wellbeing of individuals. We want to see young people thrive and experience life in all its fullness which is at the heart of all we do.

### **What is a Bridge Chaplain?**

A Bridge Chaplain is there to provide a listening ear, be a positive role model and offer pastoral care to students with the desire to help people achieve a positive wellbeing, see their worth, increase resilience, develop spirituality, and build skills to cope with the issues they face.

Through using bespoke, innovative, and creative intervention a Bridge Chaplain will bring about positive change in the lives of young people. They will take time to walk alongside a young person and journey with their family in order to listen, support, build resilience, bring hope and give tools to equip each individual to thrive.

Being a calm, caring presence the Bridge promote social, emotional and spiritual wellbeing through the school, walking alongside not only students but all members of the school community to help them grow, learn and develop.

*You can visit the RE Curriculum to learn more about our school Chaplain.*