



CIS
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Schools

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Prayer Pointers

July to August 2026

in partnership with



Scripture Union

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

Matthew 11:28-30



The end is nearly in sight! In just a few more weeks another academic year will come to an end. Year 11 and Year 13 pupils have completed their exams and now await the results of their hard work in August. For Year 6 pupils, preparations are under way as they leave primary school and look forward to the move to secondary. Change is very much the order of the day.

The summer break gives staff and pupils an opportunity to rest, relax, refresh and recharge. Hopefully, that's something we will all be able to do as we take holidays over the summer period.

For all of us, times of rest are important. They give us the opportunity to step away from the routines of everyday life, to do something different, to visit places we've never been before, to experience new things, and to spend precious time

with family and friends that we may not have been able to enjoy at other times of the year.

We all need opportunities to step away from the demands of everyday life, to regain strength and energy, and to refocus on what lies ahead. Perhaps it is also an opportunity to renew our relationship with God. When the busyness of life is set aside, we often find it easier to lift our eyes to Him rather than becoming overwhelmed by the situations and difficulties we face.

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Please turn over.

This is a favourite passage of mine having been brought up in a farming background. Jesus uses the picture of a shared yoke. In training oxen or horses to pull farm machinery, a young animal would often be yoked alongside an older, more experienced one. The younger animal learned to walk in step, discovering that working together was far better than pulling in different directions.

In the same way, Jesus invites us to walk alongside Him. He leads us in the right way, gently teaching us as we share life's journey with Him. We were never meant to carry life's burdens on our own; He walks with us, strengthening and guiding us every step of the way.

I hope that over the summer we all find the rest we need - physically, mentally and spiritually. Thank you for partnering with CIS through your prayers and practical support throughout this academic year. May God refresh, encourage and strengthen you as you continue to walk with Him.

Christopher Baker - Schools Worker

Here are some things to thank God for and to pray for.

Please thank God...

- ▶ for the positive response from pupils to all the activities that CIS has been involved with this academic year
- ▶ for continued positive encouragement received from staff, particularly in regard to assemblies
- ▶ for enabling CIS to continue to maintain good and positive relationships with schools
- ▶ for Lindsey Bryant who has recently joined CIS as a Trustee

Please pray...

- ▶ for forthcoming assemblies and other speaking engagements.
- ▶ Assemblies:- **St. Francis College Prep. Department** 6th July; **Grange Academy** 15th July
- ▶ Speaking Engagements:-
St. Francis College Prep. Department Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9th July
- ▶ It's Your Move and SPACE
It's Your Move presentations at Grange Academy 14th July **and at Norton St. Nicholas** 20th July
SPACE at Norton St. Nicholas 20th July
- ▶ for Fearnhill CU that meets on Friday
- ▶ Year 6 pupils as they receive the It's Your Move books to help them with their move up to Secondary School in the coming weeks
- ▶ for all those moving to new schools and on to college, university or work
- ▶ for the Trustees as they oversee the ministry of CIS and meet together on the 17th July; Roger Aldridge, Penny Bainbridge, , Lindsey Bryant, Graham Clark, Ashley and Chris Croft, Martin Money and Christine Sherriff. Please pray for them as they look to appoint a new schools worker for CIS
- ▶ for Christopher as he prepares to retire in December

Thank you for your continued prayer and practical support

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