

YOUTH NEWS



ECT Youth Club term dates 2023

- 20th April term starts.
- 29th May – half term.
- 14th July - End of term.
- 14th September term starts.
- 23rd October - half of term.
- 15th December - End of term.



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ECT Youth Club

Since September ECT's Friday Youth club has been extremely busy reaching full capacity an hour before doors open. We have had many new young people joining us from year 6 this year.

We have had visits from our local Police and also a visit from the chairman of Sevenoaks district council, Cllr Avril Hunter and her husband.

ECT was once again nominated for 2 awards at the SDC making it happen event in March of this year.

The young people have also taken part in a number of activities including indoor archery, crafts and games a basketball tournament and indoor football as well as just being able to socialize with their friends.

As of April 2023, ECT has started a new Thursday evening Youth club session dedicated to our older youth in school year 9 and up.

This will be a much more mature environment relating to their age range. Of course, none of this would be possible without the help of our dedicated team of volunteers who give up their time to support the young people of Edenbridge.

Outreach

ECT has continued in doing some great partnership work with West Kent Youth service, supporting them with their Olympia boxing sessions as well as ongoing regular detached work visiting young people on the streets and outside areas.



Help for Sheila

We would like to invite you to come on board! - There is a current need for a few adults willing to join in the work of our wonderful fundraiser Sheila Stapleton. Working together with her to fundraise and raise the profile of ECT. Training is available and your help would be greatly appreciated. If you would like more information please contact Anthony.

PULSE Camp 2023

Pulse camp is being planned at Blackland Farm again for the end of July. This was after a successful camp in 2022 which saw 17 young people attending.

Activities included various crafts and games, Movie nights, team activities including the crate challenge, canoeing out on the lake as well as the tunnel maze. There will also be some fantastic faith input, all based around PULSE (Prepare, Unite, Love, Serve and Equip). Worship and teaching from various leaders.

Not to mention the great food on offer!

Satellites Festival

In August of last year twelve young people and three leaders attended the first ever Satellites festival hosted by Youthscape.

This was held at the Peterborough show ground over a period of four days, and what a fantastic four days it was seeing up to three thousand young people attending.

There was a great time of worship and teaching in the main meetings as well as some fantastic activities laid on by the hosts.

We already have eleven of our young people already signed up to return this summer at the new venue at the Bath and West showground in Shepton Mallet.

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The sessions have continued to run well with nine young people regularly attending the two sessions provided.

Its great to be able to listen to what these young people have to say, and to be able to come alongside them to encourage and support them in different ways.

We have an amazing team of mentors from all walks of life who give up their time to enable this important project to continue.

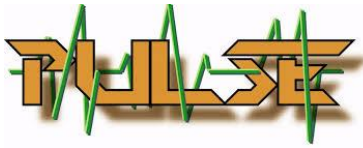
School Clubs

ECT is currently running two oversubscribed after school clubs in both Hever and Crockham hill schools, with a further two lunch time clubs at Edenbridge primary and Four Elms schools.

This is a great way for our youth leader to build relations with young people and to get them involved in other activities ECT has to offer within the Edenbridge community.

ECT WEBSITE

Eden Christian Trust has a great website with lots of information about ECT activities and a number of useful links to helpful resources. Please have a look at www.ectyouth.com



Prayer Points

- For all the volunteers who make ECT's work possible.
- For continued funds for the work of ECT.
- For the children and youth that Anthony & the volunteers meet with each day.
- For God to provide the volunteers we need in various roles.
- For us to be able to continue our activities and reach out to all.
- For the plans & preparations for all residential in 2023.

We are always in need of volunteers in many areas of work within ECT.

The Thursday night Youth club is in need of helpers – once a month (or more!) for 2 hours on a Thursday evening during term time.

Could you help with fundraising? Run an activity? Or donate your time and skills in any other way? Please get in touch!