"The GSUS Live team transformed one of our classrooms for a week and delivered sessions to our Year 7 & 8 students. The three stories presented were very engaging and the use of interactive technology enabled some careful and thoughtful responses. Many students reported that they really loved doing something different. They gave great feedback to the facilitators who were extremely friendly, enthusiastic and were able to respond to the wide range of questions that the sessions provoked."

Nene Park Academy, Peterborough

I wouldn't think twice about having GSUS live back into school in the current format. The content of the programme and the interaction with the presenters is what makes GSUS Live such a valuable experience."

Casterton College, Peterborough

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Engage your pupils with an exciting multi-media RE lesson!



## What is GSUS Live?

GSUS Live helps secondary school students explore the themes of fear, forgiveness and rejection through the teachings of Jesus.

GSUS Live is an interactive learning experience set up in a school classroom or hall and is consistent with requirements for the statutory provision of RE for Key stage 3 students.

Bible story animations, contemporary songs, plus short films on historical and famous public figures such as Martin Luther King and Malala Yousafzai are all used to help pupils look at real-life issues from a Christian perspective.

Since 2000, GSUS Live has supported high quality teaching in over 1,000 secondary schools, with over half a million student visits.

In 2021, GSUS Live was redesigned to fit within a school classroom or hall, with the use of tablets and banners creating a unique learning environment.

GSUS Live is set up and led by local Christians who will help and guide your students through the experience as well as sharing their own view's on the Christian faith.

# The student experience

GSUS Live is designed to complement and support your school's existing RE, Ethics, PSHE or Citizenship curriculum, and to support students in their Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural (SMSC) development. GSUS Live also covers key values such as forgiveness and respect. The experience is made up of 3 parts:

**Introduction.** A short film introducing the themes of Forgiveness, Fear and Rejection and instructions to help the students use the multi-media programme.

**Development.** Students work on a tablet in pairs, and choose one character and theme to investigate. Each theme has four sections including; a short film clip and an instant message from the character asking for help and advice. The students have access to the following resources to help them form a response:

- Historical short films inc. Mother Teresa, Martin Luther King & Malala Yousafzai.
- Extracts and stories from the Bible, presented in a variety of way's, including doodle style animations.
- Contemporary Christian music.

**Summary**. The presenter concludes the lesson by asking if there are any key points students wish to make and responding to any questions that have arisen. The local volunteers may also share how the themes relate to their personal Christian faith.



# Further information about hosting GSUS Live

#### What does our school need to provide?

- A classroom or school hall that can be secured for the time of the booking, with seating for 30/32 students.
- Access to power sockets (minimum of 2.)
- Polices and procedures that need to be followed.

## Can the classroom be used when GSUS Live is set up?

 Ideally the room would only be used for the GSUS Live resource during it's stay. For alternative arrangements please speak to your Local Contact.

# How long is a session?

• The usual session length is 55 minutes, but can be adapted to your school timetable.

#### Who will lead the lessons?

• The lessons are led by Christian volunteers from local churches who are willing to talk about their faith and how that impacts their worldview.

## When is the resource set up?

• The resource takes approximately 1hr30min to set up. This can be done on the first morning before lessons start or after lessons finished the day before.

#### How do I book the resource?

- This should be made through your Local Contact, if you have one.
- Any enquiries can also be directed to the GSUS Live Coordinator at: gsuslive@countiesuk.org.

#### How much does it cost?

 GSUS Live is offered FREE to your school thanks to the sponsorship of local churches and Christian charities.

# What should I expect prior to our GSUS Live visit?

- 2 months before your booked visit, your Local Contact will make an appointment to discuss the practical arrangements. This will include viewing the set up location.
- Your local contact will liaise with you about the timetable and will arrange volunteers to lead each lesson.

#### Who insures GSUS Live?

 GSUS Live has it's own insurance cover whilst on school premises, including Public Liability insurance.

# How will Safeguarding be implemented?

Your Local Contact will ensure all volunteers are DBS checked, and will take care
to ensure that volunteers comply with your school's Safeguarding Policy and any
other Policies and Procedures that you have provided.

