

Girl Band set to take North Wilts schools by storm



Left to right: Beth, Ryo & Nikki

Collective is their name – Beth, Ryo and Nikki are a local Christian resource for schools in the form of a girl band. And the girls are ready to take North Wilts by storm in the autumn - visiting more Secondary Schools, singing, running lessons and assemblies and finishing each week with a fun concert open to all the school

Already this year Collective have visited many schools throughout Swindon and North Wilts. But the band hasn't run out of enthusiasm yet as Beth, the band's youngest member, explains:

"We are really excited to have so many bookings in the autumn term. It's going to be a hectic time but we can't wait until September to get started! It's amazing how far we have come since we arrived in January; by the end of our first year here we will have completed 12 Schools weeks and this doesn't even include all the other visits and one-off assemblies and lessons we have taken".

Supported by ncounter, a partnership of churches, schools and individuals, the girls run assemblies, lessons and workshops in local schools helping young people to tackle issues such as peer-pressure, respect for others, drugs, self-image and all the other challenges that come with growing up.

So far this year the following schools have benefited from the Collective experience: Hreod & Greendown (Swindon), Devizes, Sheldon (Chippenham), Braydon Forest (Purton), Abbeyfields (Chippenham) and special schools; Springfields (Calne) and Burton Hill (Malmesbury)

And in September they open the autumn term at Commonweal in Swindon, followed by St Augustine's School in Trowbridge. In October they will spend a week with the students at George Ward School, Melksham before going to John Bentley School in Calne. November sees them visiting Warminster to spend a week at Kingdown School, back to Trowbridge to John O'Gaunt School and then onto Matravers School in Westbury. They finish the autumn term at Wootton Bassett School in December, where Collective are based.

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