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NEXT MONTH...



Easter Break 1st- 19th

Back home for 3 weeks with the family and able to celebrate Dad and Mum's 25th Wedding Anniversary and Dad's birthday

Essay Writing 1st-30th

Need to work hard on getting 4 essays wrote and get a 7,000 word portfolio together - the deadline is 12th May!!

Summer Placement Planning Meeting 21st

Meeting in college to talk about the summer placement's details.

StAG and CiS 20th onwards

Church attachment with youth group and CiS work continue

PRAYER POINTS...



Give thanks for...

- ✦ Sweaty Church going well
- ✦ All that I've learnt in lectures
- ✦ The week in Tenerife training

Please pray for...

- ✦ Prep for summer placement
- ✦ Disciplined time management and clear thought process in planning and writing essays



Sun, Sweat and Solomon

This past month has gone unbelievably quickly and the thought of end of year deadlines are now even closer! My lectures came to an end this term and subsequently for the academic year. I've enjoyed learning about a variety of new topics and grown in my knowledge of others. I may have said this before but I now realise that even though I know more now since September I know there's probably 100 times (if not more) as much that I don't know! It's very sobering, humbling, daunting and exciting all at the same time. My favourite module this term as been on Christian Worship as we've looked at the history of Baptism and Communion from the early church to the reformation. We will do further study on these in the next couple of years which I'm very much looking forward to. Right at the start of the month too, I got my essay marks back that I submitted in January. The funny thing was that we had a piece of paper with feedback and a number left on our pigeon holes so when I read the number I got, I text Dad, Mum and our Jack basically saying, "Here's my marks....but don't know if they're any good" Minutes later I got a text back from



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Funniest moment of the month...

Without doubt the funniest moment of my time at Ridley happened so far as it caused me to be in laughing stitches for 20 minutes afterwards and almost overtime I re-tell the story! One evening after the evening meal Ben, Jacob and me wanted to play on Nick's playstation but he was heading out. He kindly offered for us to go and wait outside his room as he was clearing up the dining hall so he could then give us the playstation to take and play in my room. 10 minutes passed waiting there and he still hadn't arrived. We could see Nick's silhouette hurriedly making his way towards his staircase and since we were standing in the entrance to it in the pitch black, I suggested to the other two lads that we should hide behind the door and when he gets close we would all jump out and scream at him!! They were in on it so we hid, waited for Nick to come running past us where he used his phone torch to try and find the key hole for the second door. As he put the key in the door...we whispered to one another 1,2,3.....then all of a sudden AGGGHHH!! We jumped in Nicks direction with that Nick turned around, his face turned really pale, positioned himself ready to take each one of us on and shouted as loud as he could; "Come on then let's have it" (He thought we were random men) As he said it he realised who the 3 figures were and we all burst into laughter as Nick's pulse slowly returned to normal!!

my Dad telling me that it's more than good marks - you've got a first and two 2:1's! I told my tutor and other members of staff what happened and they all laughed at my initial reaction.

My staircase was in charge of organising and leading the last college service of the term and after having suggested we do a Sweaty Church style service, staff and students were happy to see what it was like. We were looking at the life of Solomon and aptly (although perhaps quite cheekily) titled the service: Sweaty Solomon. We created 4 different games/activities that focused on 4 areas or attributes Solomon is well known for; his wisdom, his prayer, his building of the temple and his humility. The strap line for service was; *God has given us...Brains to Think, Voices to Pray, Hands to Build and Knees to Bow*. Although we didn't have a particularly large number of kids, the staff, ordinands and spouses all seemed to really enjoy it. One of the third year ordinands came up to me at the end and said that it was "the best all-age services he has seen during his time at college and is probably the best all-age he's ever been to." As well as making the all-age service a bit more active for everyone in the building, one of the thoughts behind introducing the concept of Sweaty Church to college was that there are potentially 66 other churches that the ordinands could take this to when leaving college and start it up. Following from this the Principal's wife set-up for me an interview on the back page of the Church Times talking about Sweaty Church, because she too recognised the need for churches to be made aware of Sweaty Church. Keep your eyes peeled in the next few weeks to see the interview.

Warm weather training in Tenerife went really well. It reached 30 degrees towards the end of the week. I was able to get 10 really good sessions in, get to know most of the athletics squad, relax and switch off from college work for a week and had several really meaningful conversations with people about the Christian faith.

