

# SYMPHONY SCHOOLS

A young man with short, curly hair, wearing a dark blue t-shirt and a dark green backpack, is seen from the back and side, looking out a large window. The window shows a bright, outdoor scene with trees. The image is framed by a purple border.

CHURCH  
PARTNERSHIP  
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**Symphony Schools seeks to educate, equip and empower young, gifted black boys by providing free core subject extra tuition classes in line with the National curriculum.**

We believe the great education that students receive today will enable them to become the answers to society's problems tomorrow. The government has deemed an individual's postcode to be a determining factor of their exam success in state schools - this has got to change!



# WHY ARE WE DOING THIS

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Statistically young Black men are disproportionately faced with limits placed on them by school and society. A report from the former Prime minister, Theresa May, disclosed the disheartening extent of racial discrimination in the UK.

Ms May highlighted issues regarding the exclusion policy, with a focus on distinct minority ethnic groups disproportionately being more likely to get suspended or expelled.

The proportion of permanent exclusions is higher for black people and people with mixed black heritage than any other ethnic group; the rate of exclusion for black Caribbean people is 3x that of white people and as a result, Black boys have the lowest average attainment 8 scores across all ethnic groups (calculated from best 8 GCSE results).

In addition to this, research shows that nearly half of Birmingham's children live in the 10% most deprived wards of the UK. Suggested reasons for this are Low-income families, Lack of aspirational role models, Lower expectations placed on black

children, Academic bias, Lack of cultural understanding between schools and their students; this can lead to poor communication between parents and schools, Lack of diversity across teaching teams as black Boys don't see themselves represented enough in the professional world and Exclusion due to racial inequality.

**We aim to be an academic bridge that enables young black boys to embody possibility by supporting them in maximising their potential and creating opportunities so that they and generations ahead can achieve more.**

We also hope to facilitate a space that connects pastors and youth leaders to the respective students and their family, fostering opportunities for authentic, long term relationship building, allowing them to become part of the life of the church and followers of Jesus.

# SO **HOW** DOES IT ALL WORK?



**STUDENTS**



**WEEKS**



**CHURCHES**

**We know that knowledge is power, the African proverb 'each one, teach one' is the mantra for all that we do.**

10 sponsored students between the ages of 14-16 will enrol onto the 12-Week programme consisting of curriculum-based teaching to assist them towards their Maths and English GCSE exams.

As well as enhancing the students academically, we want to help develop them in both their character and self-esteem so that they can confidently answer the following three questions with a greater degree of certainty:

- 1 What do I have to give?**
- 2 Where can I serve?**
- 3 What do I love?**

# WHO?

Symphony Schools will be run by some of the best faith-filled, Christian tutors across the country primarily but not exclusively from the BAME diaspora. These qualified and passionate professionals from within the education sector will be tasked with the teaching and mentoring of our students through innovative and cutting edge lesson plans complemented by educational, fun-filled experiential trips to cultural sites and leading businesses. This 12-week programme is completed with a graduation ceremony at the church service.

Further assistance will be given through a cohort of committed volunteers who will help set up and ensure the smooth running of each session. (Travel expenses and light refreshments will be provided)

Over the last few years, reports have shown a loss of young people attending church with a large generational gap between Millennials and Generation Z. **We believe the local church is a light on a hill and the salt of the earth and want to support you in reaching the next generation.**

Our community is filled with great potential and our young boys have the ability to become great leaders across the community and even in your church.

The Church is one of the largest organised institutions and is historically recognised as being the inventor and facilitator of the first state schools. Standing on these shoulders, Symphony Schools will enhance the lives of young black boys, and also be a benefit to the local churches by becoming a tool of evangelistic witness. Adventuring in the opportunity to build relationships with students and their families.

Together we believe that we will not only see a significant improvement in the GCSE grades of those selected students but will also unlock more opportunities to better their life, career and future.

Our hope is that through relationship and prayer, each student will be exposed to a world of faith where the church will become a go-to place for them, their 'third place' even, inviting friends and family to become citizens of the Kingdom.

# WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU?

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**We believe that your facilities will be the perfect environment to encourage the flourishing of our Young Black Boys.**



## Space

We are aware that many of the rooms in church buildings are unused across the week therefore, we want to put this space to good use. Symphony School will take over your space for 2.5 hours, 1 day a week (Thursday) for a duration of 12 weeks.

To ensure quality and beneficial educational experience, we require WiFi availability, storage spaces, tables, chairs, washing facilities and extension cables.

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## Security

Symphony Schools wants to ensure the safety and safeguarding of both our students and staff. Through this, we require a fire evacuation policy/procedure, code of conduct for the building, safeguarding policies, capacity structure, building access areas and cleaning procedure.

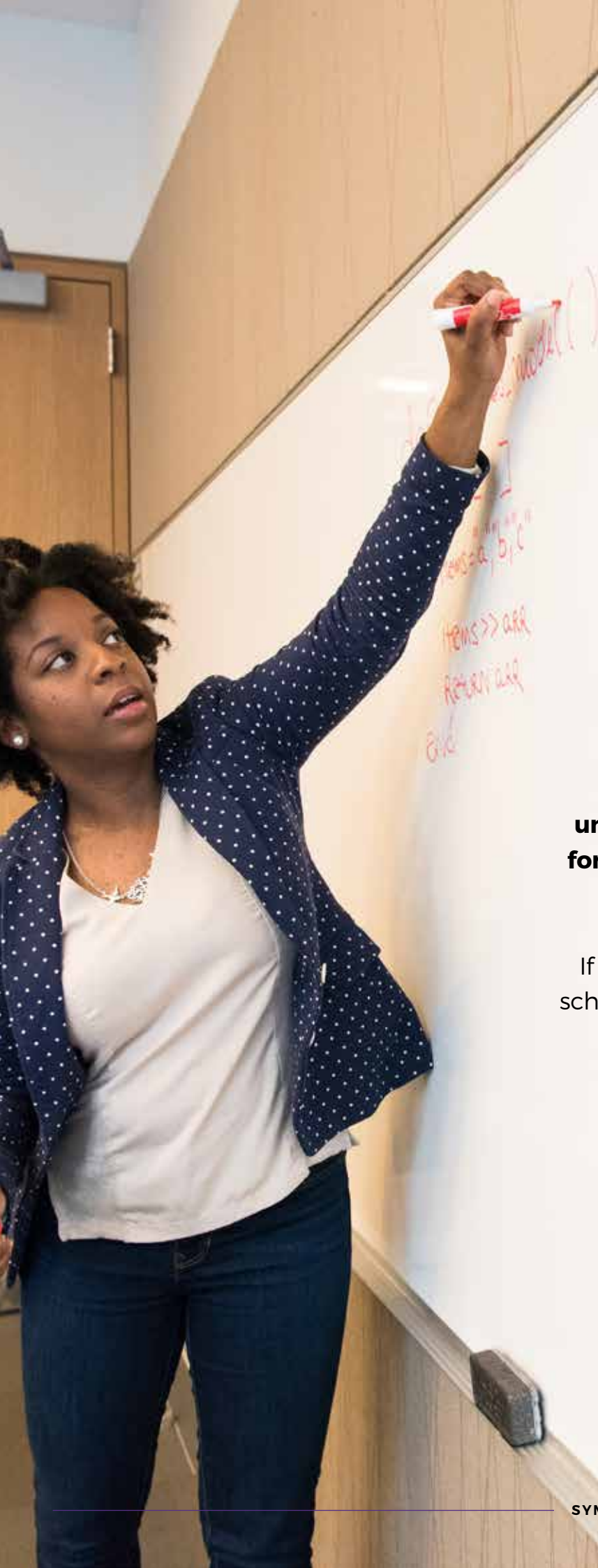
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## Support

Your church would be required to assign one or two contact personnel to liaison with us as well as the appointing of a facilities manager who would be responsible for the security, maintenance and services of the building and facilities, ensuring that they meet the sufficient needs at all times.

As we are a charity, our income is solely reliant on our devoted monthly donors therefore you providing this free space for our young black boys to grow would be greatly appreciated. **We hope that you can join us in praying that this vision exceeds all expectations.**



# THANK YOU

**Symphony Schools will create a unique and infrequent opportunity for us to bless the lives of the young black community.**

If you're interested, we would love to schedule a meeting to discuss further.

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