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**“Look you will see that the fields are ripe and ready to harvest.....Everyone who planted the seed and everyone who harvests the crop will celebrate together.” John 4: 35b & 36b**

September is here. For those in education, September is a beginning, as much a new year as January. It heralds a start, with all the possibilities and opportunities that can offer. It is a time to capture a vision for the next phase of life and a chance to look back, to give thanks, to take stock.

As CaSS evaluates last term here are a few highlights ..... The 2<sup>nd</sup> CaSS Conference, when 85 of us gathered to learn together and connect with each other. The Sheffield Short Stories or testimonies were one highlight for me, there is such a variety of ministry going on in the schools of our city. The evaluation comments we received about the conference were overwhelmingly positive, but there are, of course, always things to learn. CaSS has undertaken a comprehensive review of the event which will be available on the website at [www.cass-su.org.uk](http://www.cass-su.org.uk) along with more photos



The conference delegates received the new CaSS booklet which attempts to summarise our work. There is a copy enclosed in this

mailing. Please read it and pass it on to someone else or display it in your church. CaSS has also produced a code of conduct (with help from Chester Schools Christian Work) to help those visiting schools to do so with integrity. This will also be available to download from the CaSS website.

Another highlight from last term was the CaSS Open the Book training evening at All Saints, Ecclesall. Around 20 of us had great fun together



and the evening led to another OTB team being launched!

CaSS has been writing articles for Plexus, keeping schools on the agenda, the latest offerings include an interview with RE adviser Lat Blaylock and an article called 'Walking Sticks' – to read them go to [www.plexusmag.com](http://www.plexusmag.com)

Plans for this term including more articles for Plexus, a Pray Day for Sheffield Schools, a meeting with Phil Togwell leader of Prayer Spaces in Schools to look at their growth in Sheffield, a James Montgomery Day in Sheffield Cathedral and there are lots more ideas in the pipeline!

CaSS is looking forward to sharing the office space with Tim Elgar of E:merge who has moved from Bradford to Sheffield with his family to start a work here. Pray for him as he starts work on 1 September and look at ([www.emergeonline.org.uk](http://www.emergeonline.org.uk)) to see how his team have been inspiring and working with the young people of Bradford.

Thank you for your prayer & financial support during the coming term.

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