

There have been no HIYA meetings over the summer holiday – Venus's time before she went on leave was very much involved with planning and making arrangements with several different individuals/groups/agencies who will be involved with HIYA in the autumn

**Two points of interest** from last term:

The taster session for the 11+ group in June. This was very well attended. There were 38 young people, 22 of whom were year 6's. These year 6's were then allowed to attend the Thursday 11+ group for the rest of the term. We hope to see them returning next week.

The girls' only sleepover (for the 14+ group) was again successful. 14 girls attended. This gave Venus a good chance to get to know them better and to explore their interests and how these could be incorporated into her programme.

The main thrust now is

**The September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting for all 4 parishes to review and plan HIYA**

Aims of the meeting:

1. to share thoughts of HIYA to date
2. to encourage active participation in youth ministry by those present at the meeting leading to the establishment of a core group
3. to map the way forward
4. to plan a day's training in October

The outside speaker, Judi Shimmell, Director of Youth Services, Hallam Diocese is experienced both in youth work and as a speaker.

***We do need everyone to come to this meeting to discuss how our Hemel parishes can continue to meet the needs of young people in the community.***

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