

A Parent's Guide to

HAM BAP

Welcome...

...to Hamilton Road Baptist Youth Ministries, or “Ham Bap” for short. We are so thankful that you have allowed your teenager to come along to some of the events on our programme, and that you trust us to look after them. Please take a few minutes to read through this short guide, which explains further about who we are, what we do and why we do it, and keep it in a safe place for future reference.

The Leaders...

We have a committed team of volunteer leaders from Hamilton Road Baptist Church, passionate about Jesus and passionate about young people, who plan and deliver the programmes. These leaders have a range of qualifications and experience in youth work and have all been Police Checked through Access NI. We provide ongoing training for our leader team throughout the year and regularly consult child safety legislation. Your child’s protection is paramount to our work.

You may hear about LITs, a “Leaders In Training” programme for school years 13 and 14. These young people have expressed an interest in becoming more involved in youth work so are gaining valuable experience at Hamilton Road. They are trained and equipped for service but always act under the direction and supervision of senior leaders.

If you would like to read more of our child protection policy it will be available on our website or please contact the office and we will send you a copy.

The Programmes...

Coffee bar // Fridays // 3:30 – 5:00

A time to relax after a hard week at school. There is no formal programme but young people can make use of the various facilities within the Church Building, particularly the free snacks and hot chocolate upstairs in the Loft.

Youth Club // Fridays // 7:30 – 10:00 or 10:30

A chance to hang out with friends on Friday night in a fun, safe and caring environment. We also offer the opportunity to explore the Christian faith and what it means to follow Jesus.

7:30 until 8:00 Doors open and signing in. We need to close at 8pm to ensure the safety of young people so please make sure your child / children are on time. If they arrive later than this we cannot guarantee that they will be allowed entry.

8:00 until 8:30 Explore. Announcements, information and talk from one of the leaders or a guest speaker.

8:30 until 10:00 Free time. Team games, crafts, food, videogames, tournaments, competitions, chilling out... we do it all at Ham Bap.

10:00 Collection time and signing out for years 8 – 9.

10:30 Collection time and signing out for years 10-12.

Please be there to collect your children at the appropriate time. It helps the night to run more smoothly.

Youth Impact // Sundays // 7:45 – 9:15

Following our Sunday evening church service we meet in the loft to delve deeper into what it means to follow Jesus, exploring what the bible says in small groups, videos and talks. This is open to everyone in Years 8 – 14.

The Rules...

For the safety of everyone we have a few key rules:

1. Young People must always sign in and sign out.
2. Bullying, whether physical, verbal or emotional, will not be tolerated, on HRBC premises or online such as social networking. Complaints will be taken seriously and will be dealt with accordingly.
3. Young people should be respectful at all times. When a leader is speaking for any reason, young people should listen and follow instructions.
4. We operate a three-strike system. If young people have to be specifically spoken to three times they will be asked to leave and will be barred for a specific period of time depending on the severity of the incidents concerned.

Contact Details...

We would love to hear from you, and if we can help in any specific way please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Our website features a Youth Section which is regularly updated with information and news.

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