



Making a difference

“At St Mary Redcliffe and Temple school we really believe in the power of positive black role models from Bristol to help give all young people a strong belief that they can go on and achieve the best. It is great to see people like themselves and their friends from the same kind of backgrounds who have gone on to contribute a lot to society...”

Elisabeth Gilpin, Headteacher, St Mary Redcliffe and Temple CE Secondary School

Joe Constant is a local business man who grew up as a young black man in Bristol in a loving working class family and achieved a lot despite some significant early life challenges.



He is able to bring his own relevant experience together with an excellent programme of mentoring and structured sessions to help young people reflect on how they can be the heroes of their own life story rather than the victims.

We want every young person to understand that everyone is going to face challenges and injustice at some point in their life and that having a strong set of values and the creativity, resilience and skills to set goals and move forward is life transforming.

Joe Constant has been an important part of helping us make this vision a reality in the lives of some of our students who have faced challenges or "lost their way" in education.

His Heroes programme and his one to one mentoring has helped some students focus on their talents and their goals for the future, overcome their barriers and seize what education offers to make these goals a reality.