



Name:

Age:

School:

What is your favourite place in Birmingham and why?

(Please draw a picture below)

What is your favourite thing about Birmingham and why?

What is your favourite book?

What is your favourite subject at school?

If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be?

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

**Five minutes with ...**

# The Very Revd Matt Thompson, Dean of Birmingham



What is your favourite thing about Birmingham and why?

**The Cathedral! It's beautiful and there are lots of lovely people who work and worship there.**

What are you most excited about doing in Birmingham?

**Getting to know the City again after such a long time. It has changed a lot since I used to come here as a boy.**

What book do you recommend most to others?

**That's hard! There are so many. After the Bible, amongst spiritual writers I love the work of Jean Vanier. For fiction, Chares Dickens would be a favourite.**

What food or drink sums up happiness for you?

**A mug of tea!**

What was your favourite subject at school?

**History.**

What hobbies do you have?

**Reading, running, cinema, the arts, following cricket.**

What was your favourite food when you were a child?

**Cheese sandwiches.**

What's the #1 most played song on your iPod? It would probably be something by Bob Dylan.

What is one of your favourite quotes? 'Be the change you want to see.'

What's your favourite indoor/outdoor activity?

**Reading/ Climbing Hills (not at the same time!).**

What is your favourite form of exercise?

**Running.**

What is your favourite time of day/day of the week/month of the year?

**Early mornings/Sunday/Autumn.**

If you could throw any kind of party, what would it be like and what would it be for?

**It would be like the Big Get Together we held in June. Everyone all together and happy.**

If you could choose to stay a certain age forever?

**I am happy being whatever age I happen to be!**

If you could choose anyone, who would you pick as your mentor?

**Jesus, Martin Luther King, Desmond Tutu, Oscar Romero, Dorothy Day.**

If you could witness any event past, present or future, what would it be?

**I would have loved to have been in the crowd when Nelson Mandela was released from prison in 1990. I did watch it on TV and it was amazing.**

If you could learn to do anything, what would it be?

**I would have loved to be able to play a musical instrument. Not my gift!**

**Now have a go at creating completing your own fact file.....**



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