

# **Community Participation Programme**

# 2022/2023

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### Introduction

### Why Community Participation?

All year 12 students are expected to take part in at least one regular activity that brings them into contact with and supports the wider community of which you are a part. We have given this time over to you and designed the programme because

a) we value our community and we want you, our post 16 students, to have a positive role in it

b) we want you to have every opportunity we can provide you to develop as people and explore what the future could offer.

The programme is designed to help you to develop your personal skills outside of your lessons and reap the benefits of being part of a school community. Taking part will open more doors of opportunity for you when you leave us at the end of your academic courses. It gives you a chance to develop a range of wider skills that may not be so easily demonstrated in lessons and provides evidence for future employers, training providers and universities of your skills beyond the classroom which could set you apart from the competition.

It can also be used as an opportunity to try out potential careers and future opportunities, helping you to make decisions about your next steps.

# Expectations

### What do we have to do?

As post 16 students you have up to 10 hours per week on your timetables which is given over to Independent Study and CPP. At least one of these hours should be used to complete Community Participation activities. Your tutors will be checking and monitoring how you use this time.

A key expectation of the Community Participation Programme is that you take ownership of it and take responsibility for your own personal development by making your own choices around what activities to take up and ensuring you engage fully in what you choose.

### You decide what activity you want to do.

<u>You</u> organise your own work experience placements/activities (we will help to facilitate this but being responsible for the organisation is a key part of the experience and your development).

<u>You</u> ensure that you are taking responsibility and acting independently – being reliable, punctual and motivated.



### Reflection

To make the most of your experience of the CPP programme we will give you time in tutor period to reflect on your progress and learning.

You will be given time to log your activities on Unifrog, outline what you have been doing and consider what skills and experience you have gained or improved. Doing this will help you to get the most from the activity and also provide you with all the information you need to create really good personal statements for applications to employers, training providers and universities.

### The programme

We aim to offer you a range of activities to fulfil this obligation. The next few pages show you what is on offer and how it can add to your CV as well as what skills you might need to bring to the role. It's completely up to you which activity(ies) you choose to take up.

Opportunities fall into two categories:

Academic (A): these activities are more aligned to subject areas and are meant to enhance the skills linked to your learning and allow you to stretch those skills in new ways e.g. supporting lower school lessons, academic mentoring of individual students, EPQ.

**Extra (X)**: these activities are more often outside of the classroom environment and tend to incorporate wider or complementary skills e.g. volunteering in a local school, shop or community project, running a club or sporting activity, supporting student wellbeing or mental health projects.

Opportunity	Report to	What is involved	What you will gain	What skills you need to bring	Time Commitment
Canteen Support (Start immediately – urgent position)	Mr Lovell	Helping in the canteen with either serving food, operating the tills or managing queues.	Experience of working in food and hospitality industry, including using tills, hygiene rules and people skills. A free lunch or snack on your shift.	A friendly face Reliability Integrity	2 breaks per week – this is a full year commitment and you must attend all your sessions
Wellbeing Ambassadors (X)	Mrs Cooper	You will work as a team to develop and rehearse a workshop which you will then deliver first to year 7 pupils and then take out to our primary feeder schools.	Public speaking skills Confidence Team Work Evidence of your reliability and commitment Experience of working with young people and children	Positivity Willingness to work as a team Courage Sensitivity	Average 1-2 hours per week
Year 11 Student Mentor (A)	YTL	Supporting year 11 students who are struggling either in a specific subject or with managing revision tasks	Experience working with young people Confidence Evidence of your reliability and commitment	Patience Positivity Good study habits	1 hour per week

# Opportunities in the CDS community – in school opportunities

Study Café (A)	ТВС	Helping out after school in	Experience working with	Patience	3-4pm one day per week.
		the canteen to support	young people	Positivity	
		students with revision.	Confidence	Good study habits	
			Evidence of your		
			reliability and		
			commitment		
Homework	Mrs Carew	Working with teachers and	Experience working with	Patience	3-4pm one day per week.
Support Group		TA to support students	young people	Positivity	
(A)		completing homework in	Confidence	Good study habits	
		school.	Evidence of your		
			reliability and		
			commitment		
Bus Monitor (X)	Mrs Sutherland	Monitoring and supporting	Confidence		Every day before and
		good behaviour on school	Leadership skills		after school
		buses. To do this you must			
		travel to and from school			
		by bus every day.			
School Shop (X)	Mr Brown	Running the school shop at	Evidence of reliability	Honesty	At least three break
		break times	working with money	Reliability	times per week
			Organisation skills	A smile	
			People skills		
			Leadership skills		
Inclusion support	Mrs Dulson	Supporting students in	Experience of working	Positivity	Minimum 1 hour per
(A)		inclusion on a one to one	with people with	Sensitivity	week
		or small group basis	emotional or learning	Professionalism	
			needs		
			Leadership skills		

P16 Office	Mrs McDowall	Supporting in the post-16	Admin experience	Honesty	Minimum one hour per
assistant (X)		office with administrative	Evidence of team work	Integrity	week
		tasks such as copying,	Evidence of organisation	Professionalism	
		filing, creating displays,	skills	A positive attitude	
		running errands			
Break time	Mrs Sutherland	Supervising an area of	Leadership skills	Calm	2 breaks per week
support (X)		school (with support from	Evidence of reliability	Observant	
		staff) during break or lunch	and integrity	Professionalism	
				Patience	
Student/departme	ent teaching	Working in classrooms to	Leadership skill	Calm	1 hour per week
assistant (A)		support teaching and	Team Work skills	Positive attitude	
		learning either with	Experience of	Initiative	
		individual students or to	teaching/learning roles	Willingness to work	
		support teacher with	Evidence of reliability	hard	
		resources etc.	and integrity	Ability to work with	
			Experience working with	others	
			young people	A desire to help	
Maths	Mrs Wainwright	History	Mrs Carew	Art	Mr Gardner
IT	Mr Gorvin	Life Skills/RE	Mr Bellamy	Business	Mrs Kirtley
English	Miss Snow	Sport	Mr Bellamy	Science	Mr McDermott
Music	Mr Kay	D and T	Mrs Kirtley	MFL	Mrs Koehler-Lewis
Geography	Mrs Husband	Food Tech	Mrs McLean		
Library Assistant	Ms Davey	Supporting with the	Admin experience	Honesty	1 hour per week
(X)		administration of the	Evidence of team work	Integrity	
		library – organising	Evidence of organisation	Professionalism	
		shelves, collating reading	skills	A positive attitude	
		packs etc.			

Existing School	-	Supporting/leading a	Leadership skill	Calm	At least one break per
Clubs (please say		school club or activity	Team Work skills	Professionalism	week plus 1 hour
what) (X)		involving students from lower years	Experience of teaching/learning roles Evidence of reliability and integrity Experience working with young people	Reliability Positive attitude	planning time
Support Young Carers (X)	Mrs Koehler-Lewis	Working with the YC team, running lunchtime sessions, helping organise events and deliveries	Leadership skill Team Work skills Experience of teaching/learning roles Evidence of reliability and integrity Experience working with young people	Calm Professionalism Reliability Positive attitude	At least one break per week plus 1 hour planning time
Support Bereavement Group (X)	Mrs Granville	Working with Mrs Granville to run the mental health support group,	Experience of working with people with emotional or learning	Positive attitude Patience Honesty	1 break per week plus occasional longer sessions
Group (X)		supporting young people with a safe and friendly space when they are experiencing mental health and emotional barriers	needs Leadership skills	Confidentiality Professionalism Sensitivity and caring	Sessions
Mental Health Group (X)	Mrs Osborn	Working with Mrs Osborn to run the mental health support group, supporting young people with a safe and friendly space when they are experiencing mental health and emotional barriers	Experience of working with people with emotional or learning needs Leadership skills	Positive attitude Patience Honesty Confidentiality Professionalism Sensitivity and caring	2 breaks per week

# Opportunities in the Local Community – Volunteering and Work Experience

- <u>Primary School Sports</u> (A)
  Speak to the PE team about opportunities to support with primary school sports and clubs
- Primary School Reading Support (A)
  Speak to Mrs McDowall, she will be organising a group to support reading in primary schools for one hour per week.

### • Volunteering in the community (X)

Giving something back to the local community and helping those less fortunate than yourself is one of the most valuable uses of your time that you can find. You could volunteer at a local charity organisation such as charity shop or a community centre. For example: Oxfam, Devon Air Ambulance, St Luke's Hospice, Animal Shelters, local theatres or museums, your local library ...

You should aim to complete a minimum of one hour a week – most students do more. It's completely up to you where you want to do this, but do take into account how you can manage transport to and from your volunteering placement and how it will fit around your academic timetable.

### Special opportunities

- <u>Extended Project Qualification (A)</u> (students who are already taking the Extended Project Qualification as an addition to 3 full time BTEC or A Level courses, may choose to forgo additional volunteering in acknowledgement of the additional strain on their working week)
- <u>Sports</u> Leadership (A)Speak to the PE team about getting involved in a Sports Leadership Qualification.
- <u>TEFL</u> (A) This opportunity will arise later in the year. Students taking this up can be released from their existing volunteering role(s) in order to make time for the TEFL qualification.
- <u>Set yourself a CHARITY</u> CHALLENGE (X) Research and propose an activity or do something for charity. Keep a record of what you've been doing and let your tutor know what you've raised.

### **Key Dates**

- ✓ Volunteering launch: 5<sup>th</sup> September
- ✓ Final deadline forms in to tutors 19<sup>th</sup> September
- ✓ Volunteering begins week beginning 26<sup>th</sup> September (at the latest)
- ✓ CPP review 1: 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022
- ✓ CPP review 2: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2023 deadline for completion 16<sup>th</sup> January
- ✓ CPP final review and references: final deadline 3<sup>rd</sup> March

### Work Experience

- ✓ Work Experience Letters home: Autumn Term
- ✓ Deadline for handing in Work Experience Forms: Term 3 February 2023
- ✓ Work Experience Week: 10<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> July .

# **CPP** Proposal Form

Name:
Tutor group:
Proposal:
To fulfil my wider community participation obligation I would like to:
I would like to do this because:
I believe I would be good at this because:
<b>Time commitment:</b> I am able to give hour(s) per week to this activity.
Details
Time and day:
Signature of Student:
Signed by supervising teacher/member of staff:
Tutor sign off:
Tutor: please record volunteering onto the central sheet by Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September

# Review 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> October

#### Name: Tutor group:

**CPP activity:** what CPP activity are you doing?

How often do you do this activity?

How much time have you spent in total doing this activity so far?

I chose this because:

What have you gained through doing this?

What has the wider community gained through you doing this?

**Review by supervising teacher/member of staff:** This is based on employability skills and will be used to help us write your references next year.

Please ask the member of staff who supervises this activity to circle the appropriate options below:

		Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Requires development
Reliability	Attendance	1	2	3	4
	Punctuality	1	2	3	4
	Organisation	1	2	3	4
Working	Communication	1	2	3	4
with others	Team working	1	2	3	4
	Problem solving/ decision making	1	2	3	4
Willingness	Adaptability	1	2	3	4
to Learn	Resilience	1	2	3	4
	Enthusiasm	1	2	3	4

Signed by supervising teacher/member of staff:

Signature of Student:

Signature of Tutor:

# Review 2 – 9<sup>th</sup> January

Name:	
Tutor group:	
<b>CPP activity:</b> what CPP activity are you doing?	
How often do you do this activity?	

How much time have you spent in total doing this activity so far?

I chose this because:

What have you gained through doing this?

What has the wider community gained through you doing this?

**Review by supervising teacher/member of staff:** This is based on employability skills and will be used to help us write your references next year.

*Please ask the member of staff who supervises this activity to circle the appropriate options below:* 

		Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Requires development
Reliability	Attendance	1	2	3	4
-	Punctuality	1	2	3	4
	Organisation	1	2	3	4
Working	Communication	1	2	3	4
with others	Team working	1	2	3	4
	Problem solving/ decision making	1	2	3	4
Willingness	Adaptability	1	2	3	4
to Learn	Resilience	1	2	3	4
	Enthusiasm	1	2	3	4

Signed by supervising teacher/member of staff:

Signature of Student:

Signature of Tutor:

## Final Review – 26<sup>th</sup> June

Name: Tutor group: CPP activities completed this year:

Overall, what have you gained through you wider involvement in the community this year?

What has the wider community gained from you?

What transferrable skills will you be able to mention in your personal statement?

**Review by supervising teacher/member of staff:** This is based on employability skills and will be used to help us write your references next year.

*Please ask the member of staff who supervises this activity to circle the appropriate options below:* 

		Excellent	Good	Satisfactory	Requires development
Reliability	Attendance	1	2	3	4
-	Punctuality	1	2	3	4
	Organisation	1	2	3	4
Working	Communication	1	2	3	4
with others	Team working	1	2	3	4
	Problem solving/ decision making	1	2	3	4
Willingness	Adaptability	1	2	3	4
to Learn	Resilience	1	2	3	4
	Enthusiasm	1	2	3	4

Signed by supervising teacher/member of staff:

Signature of Student:

Signature of Tutor: