

# YEAR 12 ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

## Why should you volunteer?

- You get the opportunity to gain experience and invaluable life skills.
- Your confidence will increase considerably.
- Volunteering has a positive impact on your community.
- It enhances your CV.
- It allows you to shine above others in an increasingly competitive jobs market.
- You feel good about yourself and that reflects in your attitude and academic achievement.
- You are likely to meet new people and have some fun.

The Sixth Form Enrichment Programme is an intrinsic part of the Sixth Form Curriculum and your Learning Agreement. Its main aim is to develop your skills and confidence and broaden your life experience. In the increasingly competitive world of work it is important for you to develop a range of skills and experiences beyond your academic studies. Employers will be looking for these, as well as good academic grades, when you apply for positions post-17/18.

The emphasis on the Enrichment Programme is to get involved in activities that will help other people and in turn, this should help to develop your team-working and leadership skills, your independence and your confidence. It should also help you to become an active and engaged citizen both within school and in your wider community.

## The process:

- You will choose an activity / activities from the suggested projects on the list or you could choose one of your own (check with EML / GCP that it meets the criteria).
- You will need to spend **AT LEAST 30 HOURS** during the year on your volunteering project(s).
- You need to keep a record of what you have done in your enrichment portfolio; your record will need to be signed off by the adult in charge of your activity / activities.
- You will give a presentation to the rest of your tutor group later on in the year to tell them what you have been up to and what you have got out of your volunteering experiences.
- Most people have 5 study periods per week; some of this time can be used for volunteering, for example, if you decide to do some lesson support, this can be carried out during your study periods.

## **VOLUNTEERING MAKES A DIFFERENCE AND PUTS YOU AHEAD OF THE GAME**

**Just take a look at the two articles included in this pack from ‘The Times’ (19/08/2011) and ‘The Daily Mirror’ (21/07/2011)**

## SIXTH FORM ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME POSSIBLE PROJECTS

**You need to spend at least 30 hours out of the 39 weeks in the academic year on Enrichment (15 hours 'being helpful'; 15 hours improving yourself)**

- Paired Reading in the Learning Support Department (boys are particularly useful as role models).
- Supporting teachers in lessons across the curriculum and departments.
- Supporting Form Tutors in Years 8 to 11 as mentors.
- Sports Leadership – coaching, refereeing, Sports Leadership Award, disability inclusion in sport.
- Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award (the volunteering element will count here).
- Setting up / running a new club or society within school (liaise with Mr Beechy and relevant members of staff).
- Helping a member of staff to run a club or society within school (see list of activities produced by Mr Beechy).
- Charity / fundraising in or out of school, e.g. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Appeal, Sport relief / Comic relief.
- Representative on the School Council (as a Form Representative).
- Organising Rock nights / Live lounge.
- Approved out of school activity:
  - Scout / Brownie club leader.
  - Part of a local community project (e.g. Blooming Youth).
  - Voluntary work at Oxfam / Barnado's / James Rennie School / care home.
  - **Unpaid** work experience (paid work from a part-time job does NOT count towards the Enrichment Programme).
  - Working in a primary school – lesson support, after school activities etc.

The following are activities that aren't volunteering-based but will count towards the Enrichment Programme due to the amount of time that students will have to spend on them:

- Drama productions (in or out of school) – acting, directing, backstage, publicity; remember: Beauty and the Beast will be performed at school this year.
- Young Enterprise.
- CREST Gold Award.

**If in doubt, come to the Sixth Form Office to ask!**