

DofE Volunteering Opportunity

Dear Parent/Carer of DofE Participant,

I am aware that it can be difficult to find a volunteering placement, given that many providers do not take students who are under 16 years of age. I am currently looking at opportunities for students to complete this with us at school.

Miss Bottauscio and I are looking for enthusiastic volunteers who can help support our year 7 students with their learning in their core subjects (English Maths and Science). This will provide your child with the opportunity to complete their DofE volunteering hours while also developing their communication skills, supporting the school community, and embedding their own learning. This would also be an excellent thing to use on an application for a leadership position higher up in the school.

This will take place at lunchtimes in a quiet classroom either once or twice a week (depending on your preferred timescale for the section).

If your child is interested in becoming a year 7 mentor, please fill out the very quick Microsoft form below. This does not guarantee your child being able to take part as we are reliant on them being matched with a year 7 student by the Head of Year.

<https://forms.office.com/e/ZdwaEDEEjt>

Clarification on eDofE evidence.

I just wanted to clarify about logging evidence on eDofE. Students are NOT required to log weekly evidence on eDofE to pass the award. The nature of the evidence they need to gather depends on the type of activity they are undertaking. If their assessor will be watching them complete the activity each week, for example a sport or dance coach, they do not need to present any evidence to their assessor as they will have seen their progress during this time. If the student's assessor will not see them completing the activity e.g. they are doing an individual sport or cooking at home, they will need to gather weekly evidence such as a screen shot of a run on Strava or a photo of the dish they prepared that week. They should ask their assessor if they want to be sent a weekly update or show them all their evidence at the end of the section. Remember the assessor can be any adult who is not a relative or the participant e.g. a family friend, neighbour or teacher at school. If uploading this evidence onto eDofE each week will help them keep track of their progress to show the assessor they are more than welcome to use this feature, equally they may just want to make a folder in their phone.

As soon as students have selected an activity for any of the skill, physical or volunteering sections, they must upload a programme planner on eDofE for approval. This is so I can

monitor the progress of students through the award but also importantly to check that the activity meets the requirements for the section. The activity should be undertaken for an average of 1 hour a week spanning a minimum of either 3 or 6 months.

As always, if you have any questions, please contact me at the address below or you child and come and speak to me on a Thursday lunchtime.

Best wishes,

Miss Morgan

DofE Manager

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