

Volunteering Scheme

Why Volunteer?

Volunteering makes a huge difference to the local community and also for your own sense of well being; knowing you have made a positive impact on other people less fortunate than you is a priceless feeling.

How will volunteering help me get into university or get a job?

Employers and Universities look very favourably on those applicants that have enriched their CVs with voluntary work. It makes you stand out from the crowd and shows your commitment to the course of job you are interested in.

What counts as voluntary work?

Unpaid work that can enrich your CV counts as voluntary work – voluntary hours count if you;

1. Help out with a sports team, you may help to coach a children's cricket or football team.
2. Help out with church activities, i.e. Youth Club or Sunday School.
3. Duke of Edinburgh.
4. Bag packing at supermarkets.
5. Homeless Shelter, food packing (School arranged).
6. Samaritans' Purse sorting office (School arranged).
7. Nursing Home visits (School arranged).
8. Helping at school open evenings.

The type of voluntary work I am interested in is not listed above, where can I find out about more places to volunteer?

Register on www.volunteeringliverpool.org.uk

This website has lots of information on how to get voluntary hours in the area of work you are interested in.

How do I volunteer in Hospitals?

Some hospitals will only allow you to volunteer if you are 16 or over, some will take you so long as you are in Year 11. I have listed below what age you have to be, the hospital and contact details of the people you need to contact. I would strongly advise you to make contact and arrange an interview for over the summer holidays. This is because the hospital may have to do a criminal check on you called a CRB. This may take up to 4 weeks to clear.

Hospitals that take volunteers in Year 11 (you can proceed now because it will be more than likely September before they will have clearance done);

- Royal Liverpool Hospitals – contact Doreen Ryan.
Doreen.ryan@rlbuht.nhs.uk
01517063170
- Liverpool Heart and Chest Hospitals – contact Jackie McGillivray.
01516001639

Hospitals that take volunteers that are 16 years old +:

You will be asked to attend an induction day at either Aintree or Alder Hey; you must be 16 years old when this induction happens (always first week in July). You need to phone prior to induction to reserve a place.

- Alder Hey – contact Alison Morgan
Alison.morgan@alderhey.nhs.uk
01512525873
- Aintree – contact Gail Bruen
Gail.bruen@aintree.nhs.uk
01515293996/01515292408

How do I volunteer if I am interested in a career in Law /Social Work/Police?

www.volunteering.org.uk

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<http://liverpool.gov.uk/Business/trading-standards/young-volunteers-wanted/>

or www.liverpool.gov.uk – search bar – ‘volunteering in court – click ‘young volunteer wanted’.

Contact - 0151 225 3489.

How do I volunteer if I am interested in a career in Teaching?

www.liv.ac.uk (students and graduates/school volunteering scheme). Also contact local primary schools/help out with church youth clubs/help coach sporting teams, any involvement with helping younger children. When entering 6th form enquire about the Primary Faith Partnership Scheme. If you choose to take Religious Studies for A level we offer our Year 12s the opportunity to teach parts of lessons and go into feeder primary schools and teach their own materials.

How do I get an award from volunteering?

When you return to school in September I will be giving out certificates and awards to those of you who have reached;

BRONZE (10 hours) SILVER (20 hours) GOLD (30 hours)

Those of you who will have reached 30 hours or more in September will be entered into the draw for Liverpool 1 vouchers. You will also be registered for the Duke of York Volunteering Award, this is a nationally recognised award.

If you have misplaced your Voluntary Passport ask your form tutor for a green replacement one. Try to get as many voluntary hours as you can over the summer holidays, you may even want to join us on the fun run!

If you have any problems with getting in touch with any of the contacts or you are still unsure of how to get voluntary hours please don't hesitate to come and ask me.

Finally Year 10, well done for all your hard work this year, we as a school are very proud of you.

Miss Kinloch
Head of Learning for Life