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## **Volunteering opportunities at Westminster Academy**

Westminster is an independent academy and a registered charity. It opened in 2007 in brand new, state-of-the-art buildings. These stunning buildings, equipped with the latest technology represent an impressive investment in the future of our young people.

### **Key facts and stats:**

- International business and enterprise focus
- Strong support in helping students to be ready for work
- Integrated approach to developing competencies
- The Academy operates outside of the national curriculum and is centred around the students' needs
- Set up in a high level of deprivation area
- Set up to raise aspirations
- Approx 64 different nationalities represented
- Approx 84 different languages spoken
- Approx 80% speak English as a second language
- Approx 52% receive free school meals

With 1200 students and 230 staff Westminster Academy is the size of a medium company

### **Opportunity 1 – Tailor-made event - no CRB required**

A one-off event which may include a presentation/careers talk followed by Q+A session, mock interviews or CV writing/application workshops. This will be for older students aged 16-19. Format and guidelines provided. To be scheduled at a mutually agreed time.

### **Opportunity 2 – Weekly from 1.20 – 2.10 for 12 weeks minimum commitment – CRB required**

Mentoring underachieving Year 11 students (aged 15-16), who are about to embark on their GCSE examinations this summer. Techniques may include keeping students motivated, inspiring students by talking about their future, helping them with assignments/homework, constructing revision timetables and helping students to keep to them, testing students when they revise, advising students on how to remember things (memory skills), sharing good books/newspaper articles with students, encouraging students to practise writing, reminding students of the importance of meeting deadlines, advising on time management, assisting with the completion of the students' internship diaries and most importantly, just being there as a role model and attention-giver!

### **Opportunity 3 – Weekly from 12.00 – 12.50 for 12 weeks – CRB required**

Helping Year 7 students (aged 11-12) with poor literacy skills. Techniques may include following the government's Literacy Progress Units to support children e.g. with reading and writing, hearing children read, helping children use a dictionary to learn new words, giving out spelling tests and helping children with writing homework. Again, just having a bit of 1:1 attention will motivate these students.

### **Opportunity 4 – Weekly any time between 12.00 – 2.10 – no CRB required**

Helping out a teacher in a lesson by assisting students who need help with their work e.g. business studies, financial capability, economics, maths. Older students aged 14-16 have lessons between 12.00 – 1.20 and younger students aged 11-14 have lessons between 12.50 – 2.10.