

Volunteer Opportunities

Here at Oasis Academy Coulsdon we have many opportunities in which you can get involved in volunteering. This letter is to ask if you would like to become one of our volunteers and for you to consider sharing your skills, talents and time to help make a positive contribution to the life of the Academy and the Students themselves.

There are so many benefits to volunteering in which your skills and talents can be developed and sharpened and it can help move you forward in vocation areas that are key to you as well as making a difference to the students.

At Oasis Academy Coulsdon we know that every single one of our students can also make a difference. We know each one of them has a talent or range of talents that can be nurtured and developed to enrich their own and others' lives. Some of our students do not even realise they have a special gift or talent and as educators, it is our duty ensure that students are encouraged to excel at their studies, take part in enrichment and contribute to Academy life so that they can flourish and mature into responsible, confident and caring citizens.

We have a strong ethos of inclusion and believe in working in partnership with parents, local community groups and support agencies to provide first-class education, the highest level of care and the widest possible choice of life experiences for our students.

Our recent Ofsted Inspection recognises that academic standards have already improved significantly and describes the level of care and support to students as 'exemplary'. We are determined to become an outstanding centre of excellence and the purpose of this letter is to ask whether you may like to volunteer to help us on our journey towards excellence.

If you were to become a volunteer, we understand that your time will be limited but you may be in a position to be able to offer one or two hours per week (or even on a monthly basis) to help support our students. The sort of volunteer opportunities available within our Academy are listed below, but you may have a particular skill or service that you feel would benefit our students and we would be delighted to hear from you if that is the case.

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Lunchtime supervision
Enrichment clubs and activities
Reading Listeners
Mentors/LSAs
Sports team assistants
Friends of Oasis Academy Coulsdon (FOAC: the committee who organise fundraising events, such as Car Boot Sales, Quiz Nights, etc)
Fun day/Academy fete
Sports day officials
Dance show/Production helpers
Costume makers
Choir instruction
Artists in residence
Bus Angels
Resourcing Parenting Courses –linking to positive parents/Care for the Family

Here are some quotes from people in the local community who volunteer with Oasis

"I was really scared about working with this age group but I have now realized the media stereotypes are wrong. I have grown in confidence and understand more about young people". (Youth Work Volunteer)

"It's a great feeling to know you are making a difference to an individual student as you see the progress they make. It is very rewarding helping them on their journey, and it gives me a great deal of satisfaction" (Reading listener)

"I think it is important to give something back. If we all did this, even if it is only a small contribution it would make a world of difference not only to individuals but to the community as a whole" (Community Events Volunteer)

I have learnt so much more about how to interact with people, about who I am, what I believe, what I want to be. (Gap year student)

To join them in this great community opportunity, to find out more or to arrange an informal, no obligation chat, please contact Kelly Jones on 01737 559059 or email

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We look forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely

David Millar

Principal