

Mentoring in Southwark Secondary Schools

Business Mentors support young people to achieve their potential by helping students with their career choices and exam techniques

Supporting individual students can bring immense rewards to business mentors

What is a business mentor?

- A mentor is an experienced and trusted guide. Your role as a business mentor is to build a relationship of mutual trust with a student and be an effective role model. This will include listening, supporting and encouraging him/her and also demonstrating an understanding of the problems and challenges they face.
- A key aspect of your role will be to provide praise and motivation. You will be trying to help your mentee become more aware of their ability to succeed.

The arrangement benefits mentors by enabling them to enhance their communication, listening and problem-solving skills.

What will mentoring involve?

- Meeting with a young person face-to-face once a fortnight or once a month at school for one academic year
- Talking about school work and academic goals
- Supporting young people with their career choices

This project has proven very successful in several Southwark secondary schools and we would like increase the number of businesses.

If you would like to become a business mentor, please contact:

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