



Mentoring at Greenacre Academy & Walderslade Girls' school part of the Skills for Life trust.

At Greenacre and Walderslade Girls' School, we believe that preparing our Pupils for life beyond education is as valuable as the academic qualifications they receive.

Our Mission statement: To prepare our young pupils to be the adults that they are to become, by encouraging them to reach their full potential academically through high quality teaching of a curriculum including life skills.

Additionally, to introduce all pupils to a wide range of potential careers and mentors from the business world both locally and regionally so that they are fully prepared for the world of work when that time arrives.

Between the two schools, we reach approximately 2000 students. The schools are located in Chatham, Kent. The families of many of our students find it both demanding and challenging to support their children with academic studies.

Our Skills for Life programme and our Mentoring programme are designed to run alongside their academic studies, we aim to fully prepare our students for the world of work or further education.

Given the multitude of choices that exist in the modern world, many young people do not have a clear idea of what they want to do in the future; faced with so many choices this can be overwhelming.

Having mentors, from a variety of business sectors helps our pupils to understand in detail more about the world of work. As a mentor, we would be looking for you to help guide our pupils into achieving their aspirations. By talking to them about what they can expect from the working environment, being honest and realistic with them about the goals they have set themselves, you will help unlock their true potential. You will be guiding them onto the most appropriate path, seeing their potential and encouraging them to develop this. Even the offer of a job!

As a mentor, we would be looking for you to support our students in the following key areas:

- CV writing and application form completion.
- Interview techniques – How to survive the process.
- Appropriate dress for an interview.
- A day at the 'office' compared to a day in school.

The list is not exhaustive. As a mentor, you bring a wealth of knowledge of the world of work to our students.

Mentoring can be as rewarding for the mentor as it is the mentee. Our expectations are visiting the pupils in school at agreed times, approximately three times per academic year. Contact is then regular and meaningful to both parties. It may be from one visit to the next you ask your mentee to work on something specific ahead of the next session. Between sessions, you may wish to communicate with your mentee to check on progress or for them to contact you for advice. This would need to be authorised at the school and would be on an individual basis.

As a mentor, you would be required to complete a DBS check the school will advise you on how to complete this.

Should you wish to become a mentor at either Greenacre Academy or Walderslade Girls school please contact Mrs Sam Presneill Skills for Life Manager nichs018@sflt.org.uk