

Thrive Youth Work Huntingdon – Thrive Space Volunteer

Role Description

- Role title: Thrive Space Volunteer
- Based: St Peter's Secondary School, Hinchingsbrooke School, Huntingdon
- Responsible to: Lead Youth Worker (Richard Schwier)
- Hours of work: 3 hours, weekly during term time

Overview of role

Thrive Youth Work Huntingdon is a Christian project that aims to see the lives of young people transformed. We do this by partnering with churches, schools, and communities to offer programmes that support the social, emotional, and spiritual growth of young people.

Thrive Space is designed to support SMSC (social, moral, spiritual, cultural) development in students through fun, reflective activities around key themes such as emotions and identity. We explore these themes through games and questions to stimulate discussion. Students are referred to structured group sessions by teachers during lesson times or can drop in during break and lunch. This role would be a brilliant opportunity for anyone who would like to be part of our mission to serve and care for young people in the area, and has experience working with young people. It would also be beneficial if Thrive Space volunteers also supported one of the youth cafés.

Role Responsibilities:

- Engage with students who drop in at break times through games, challenges, and discussions
- Support the group sessions by engaging students in discussion around course materials, or supplement with targeted 1:1 mentoring
- Take part in mentoring and safeguarding training with Thrive
- Follow the school's safeguarding procedures to ensure the welfare and safety of students
- Maintain appropriate and safe boundaries
- Communicate regularly with the school pastoral and safeguarding lead, and the Thrive Mentoring coordinator

Skills and Experience:

- Strong communication and listening skills
- Experience working with young people
- Able to follow safeguarding procedures
- Able to work as part of a team
- Able to build relationships with adults and young people
- Good understanding of mental health and social issues faced by young people
- Mentoring experience desirable, but not necessary

Qualities:

- Passionate about youth work and/or mental health
- Warm and approachable
- Reliable and trustworthy
- Organised and self-motivated
- Respectful and unjudgmental
- Committed to nurturing the emotional, social and spiritual growth of young people

For more information, or to arrange an informal conversation, please contact Ruth Hunt at ruth@thrivework.com