



Community Action Project

Language Assistant

Community Action Partner

The Magna Carta School

Aim: The Magna Carta School teaches Key Stage 3 (Years 7 and 8) and Key Stage 4 (Years 9, 10 and 11). Students then leave the school and go on either to college or full-time work.

Role: Modern Foreign Language speakers (Spanish/French/German) will assist with GCSE language classes working in small groups or even 1 to 1 with students to practise speaking, listening, reading and writing skills. Volunteers may be required to plan specific small group activities to practise/test students' ability and grammar. The ideal volunteer would be fluent speakers of either Spanish/French/German (preferably native). They would be enthusiastic about Modern Foreign Languages, enjoy working and interacting with young people aged 14-16 years old. This opportunity would suit a student who is thinking of a career in the education sector or enjoys speaking a foreign language and would like to pass on their knowledge to others.

Training: Informal training happens in several stages:

- Initial meeting to discuss how volunteering as a language assistant works and to meet the MFL staff within the department.
- Lesson observations of MFL teachers.
- Student shadowing - tracking a GCSE language student around the school in other lessons to get a feel of how the schooling system works.

Location: Magna Carta School, Staines

Times: Monday – Friday, 9:05 - 3.15pm. Times depend on timetable and how many hours volunteers are able to give. Approximately 2 hours a day, once/twice weekly.

CRB: This project requires a CRB disclosure via Community Action office.

Other: This project has accessibility.

Application: All volunteers must be registered as Community Action volunteers. To do so, visit <http://www.rhul.ac.uk/services/volunteering/register.html>

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