

## **Community Challenge**

(Year 12 & 13)

The Community Challenge Event is a Two Day Event aimed at students running a project to give something back to their local community.

The purpose of this event is to get students to work in teams to create and run a project to serve the local community and to provide valuable work related and personal development skills whilst developing their business knowledge.

A local need is identified and set as a challenge for the students. Students need to find solutions and practical approaches in addressing the issues.

Students will form a Project Team and work through the set challenge. The aim is for the Project to be run during an academic year with students actively working on serving the needs of their local community by offering their services on a voluntary basis.

Students will have an opportunity to work towards the Vinspired awards and if the students' contribution is outstanding Teachers can nominate students for further volunteering recognition awards.

The students involvement in this project will help enhance their core employability skills. In addition, the students will develop key business knowledge, experience and valuable project management and enterprise skills.

The students have to prepare and present their ideas as a business proposal in a formal presentation to a panel of judges. Their business proposal needs to incorporate the Project Management Life Cycle – Initiation, Planning, Execution and Closure.

The presentation style and delivery is left to the judgment of the students however, students are encouraged to be creative and resourceful as possible and to look beyond the standard PowerPoint presentation.

The experience gained working on this project will also build their confidence, motivation and provide them with real evidence for their C.Vs, job interviews and UCAS applications.

A very demanding and challenging two days with real tangible outputs.

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