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LIVE AND BREATHE SPORT?

INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING?

Then why not take part in the
**Medway Sports Leadership
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Introduction

Medway Council, Greenacre School Sports Partnership and The Howard School Sports Partnership are keen to encourage more young people to get involved in high-quality sports leadership and volunteering.

There are many benefits for young people who get involved in such activities. These include learning new skills, building self-confidence, improving job prospects, making friends and having fun.

To promote these benefits, we have created the Medway Sports Leadership and Volunteering Awards.

Can I take part in this awards scheme?

To take part in the Medway Sports Leadership and Volunteering Awards you must be aged 11-19 and attend a Medway secondary school or Mid Kent College.

- Students aged 11-15 should be involved in supervised school-based volunteering.
- Students aged 16-19 can be involved in supervised school/college or community-based volunteering.

Community-based volunteering should preferably take place in Medway Council establishments or sports clubs that have been awarded Clubmark status. To find out which sports clubs in Medway have Clubmark, please contact Medway Council's Sports Development Team. Phone: **01634 338761** Email: **sportsdevteam@medway.gov.uk**

What are the different award levels?

You can gain the following Medway Sports Leadership and Volunteering Awards once you have completed the required number of hours.

Level	Sports leadership and volunteering hours	Award
Qualifying Award	5	Certificate and whistle
Bronze Award	50	Certificate and polo shirt
Silver Award	100	Certificate and micro fleece
Gold Award	250	Certificate and training jacket

Up to 20% of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards (i.e. 10/20/50 hours) can be completed by undertaking training linked to your sports leadership and volunteering.

Range of performance sportswear:



Bronze Award



Silver Award



Gold Award

How can I get started?

If you would like to take part in the Medway Sports Leadership and Volunteering Awards you will need to ask your PE Department for a personal log sheet. Alternatively, you can download this form from either of the following websites:

- Greenacre School Sports Partnership (**www.greenacressp.org.uk**).
- The Howard School Sports Partnership (**www.howardssp.org.uk**).

What are the next steps?

1. Start to log your sports leadership and volunteering hours (in **Section 1**) and any relevant training you undertake (in **Section 2**). Remember each entry will need to be authorised by the responsible adult supervising you.
2. Once you have completed the required number of hours to gain an award, take a copy of your log sheet(s) and return them to your PE Department who will then verify your hours and submit a request for certification. Remember to confirm your clothing size (Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards only).
3. Continue to log your hours up to the next level.

What will be expected of me?

All sports leaders and volunteers must:

- Take reasonable care to ensure that others are not harmed by their actions.
- Treat all participants equally and with respect and dignity.
- Develop appropriate relationships with participants and their parents/carers based on openness, honesty, mutual trust and respect.
- Consider the welfare and safety of each participant before winning or achieving goals.
- Make sure that activities are appropriate to the age, maturity, ability and experience of those taking part.
- Encourage participants to accept responsibility for their own behaviour and to value their performances and not just results.
- Promote the positive aspects of sport such as fair play and never condone rule violations.
- Demonstrate high standards of behaviour and appearance.
- Make sport fun and enjoyable.

Remember you should always be supervised by a responsible adult.

Who can I speak to if I have any questions?

If you would like any more information about the Medway Sports Leadership and Volunteering Awards, please contact The Howard School Sports Partnership.

Phone: **01634 236606**

Email: **reesj@thehowardschool.co.uk**



Would you like to increase your sports leadership and volunteering?

Then why not register as an event volunteer with Medway Council **now?**



Event volunteers will be given the opportunity to:

- Gain sports development experience.
- Complete sports related training courses.

For more information, please contact The Howard School Sports Partnership who are administering the event volunteer register on behalf of Medway Council.

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Event volunteers must be at least 16 years of age at the time of registration and will be subject to a satisfactory enhanced Criminal Records Bureau disclosure.