

# LITERACY VOLUNTEERS

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## Sixth Form Mentors Course

### Who are we?

We are Literacy Volunteers, a registered charity formed in 1996, which helps children in Primary Schools with reading and communication difficulties overcome their problems. We are a partnership of member schools and Volunteers, who we vet (via the CRB) train and support in post with the minimum call on school staff resources. This is our **Sixth Form Mentors Course**.

### What do we do?

The **Sixth Form Mentors Course** is based on the standard Literacy Volunteers training course. This course has the main aim of developing practice which is encouraging rather than discouraging when Volunteers are helping children with their reading and communication.

Mentors do not join Literacy Volunteers but are managed and maintained by the School.

The course covers:

- Reading techniques that can be used so that the experience of reading with a mentor is encouraging rather discouraging.
- The need for mentors to understand that they are **not** 'teaching reading' but sharing their own enjoyment of books.
- What it feels like to be struggling to read and the student's consequent behaviour.
- The use of word games and puzzles.
- The development of the student's understanding of what they have read.
- Confidentiality, child protection, equal opportunities and health & safety.

### Who will benefit?

- **Year 7 Students** who do not have the required standard of reading and communication.
- **Sixth Form Mentors** who, themselves, will learn new skills and further their own personal development.
- **The School**, by having less remedial work to carry out with year 7 pupils who, in their turn, will feel more settled by having a special person to mentor them.

### What do you do if you are interested?

Contact the Administrator on **0115 915 1119** or email [contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk](mailto:contact@literacyvolunteers.org.uk) to find out more and detailed costings.

### We are also able to offer:

Community Course

Parent Volunteers Course

Family Reading at Home Course

Pen Pals Scheme



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