

Can you remember starting out at secondary school?

It's a big change, and it can be tough. For many children, that change throws up challenges – whether that means trouble getting settled in class, difficulty finding new friends, or just feeling uncertain about the future.

Help someone make a strong start.

If you're in Year 9 or Year 10, you've been through this all before. You know, perhaps better than any teacher or parent, what it feels like. You also probably understand that the support you get at the start has the potential to make or break the rest of your school experience.

We think you have the unique potential, the knowledge and the experience to help those Year 7s who need it most. In our partner schools, we recruit a group of brilliant Year 10 students to become Franklin Scholars, and act as personal coaches for younger pupils.

As a Franklin Scholar you are matched with a child in their crucial first year of school. Through weekly sessions, alongside your colleagues, you'll have the chance to lead group activities and provide 1:1 support to build students' confidence and resilience. In this time you'll help them develop their literacy skills, as well as talking through other issues they might be facing.



It's your job to help them get on track, and doing the very best they can. This small piece of your time now could have a real impact – and set them up to feel good and thrive, throughout their school career.

When you're good to others, you are best to yourself.

As a Franklin Scholar, you teach – but you'll also learn and develop new strengths. Becoming a coach is a responsibility, as well as an opportunity – but you have the complete support of the Franklin Scholars team and a dedicated teacher within your school, and between us we'll make sure you're never out of your depth.

When you see you're making a difference in someone else's life, it feels really good.

Y11 Franklin Scholar,
Langdon Academy

We'll give you specialised training, support and guidance to develop your leadership and academic skills, as well as lots of tools and support to run your weekly sessions. It's not about being the smartest or the most confident person. The thing you'll need most is a real desire to help, and to listen.

As a Franklin Scholar, you'll become part of a wider collective of extraordinary students around the country, working to make a positive difference in their schools. Together, you have the potential to make a real, long-term impact – on your Y7 partner, on your school community – and on yourself.

I would definitely recommend it; it's been an amazing experience.

Y10 Franklin Scholar,
The Grange School

If you have any questions that we haven't answered yet, you can contact us at:

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