



# TWYFORD COMMUNITY SERVICE

At Twyford we try to develop students as rounded people as well as being academically successful. One of the key aspects of this is community service. This can take many different forms, and helps to enrich the school and wider community. It also has many advantages when applying for universities and jobs. This year we have links with v Awards to gain formal accreditation of the work done by our students and hope to be giving out our first 50 and 100 hours service certificates soon.

Within school there are many opportunities to help subject teachers and Heads of Year. Sixth formers often help in a large number of classes. Students find this improves their own subject knowledge whilst providing a valuable service to teachers and younger pupils. There are other opportunities within the school for example helping in the library, the learning support department, year teams and the Careers Office. Equally we encourage students to co-ordinate and participate in extra-curricular activities during lunchtimes and after school: these include sports clubs, debating, music and dance groups and film clubs. The sixth formers put their talents on display in the annual school drama production- not only in acting and singing but stage design, costume making and orchestral accompaniment.

The Sixth Formers plan to run a charities Week every year, talent shows, a teachers quiz and the opportunity to sponge their favourite(or not so!) teacher, provide a lot of fun and the chance to raise thousands of pounds for charity. In 2009 they raised several thousand pounds for Royal Brompton Hospital & St Charles Hospital, Kensington.

If they have any free time after all the above, students can get involved within the local community. In the past students have helped in special schools, working in old people's homes, staffing charity shops and this year some were getting involved with the Envision group.

At Twyford we encourage students to take responsibility and as such have a student leadership team to help organise themselves and assist staff. In addition to the Head Girl and Head Boy; roles exist for treasurers, academic and pastoral support, a social secretary, enterprise co-ordinator and sport and music representatives.