

Volunteer opportunity:

Maths mentor in Ark primary and secondary (Mega Maths Challenge)



About Ark

Ark is an international educational charity and network of 35 non-selective state schools in Hastings, Birmingham, London and Portsmouth. Our schools are situated in areas of high socioeconomic deprivation or educational need, with high percentages of our students eligible for Free School Meals (twice the national average). Our vision is that each of our pupils will leave our schools with the skills, as well as the academic success, for university or a career of choice.

Mega Maths Challenge

Ark is launching a **maths-based problem solving** programme, taking place over half a term following on from the Easter holidays.

Approximately **10 Y4/5 (age 8-10)** pupils from our **Primary schools** and **10 Y7/8 (age 11-12)** pupils in our **Secondary schools** will participate in the programme once a week for 6 weeks, culminating in a final day Maths-based visit to an external location (LEGOLAND/ Thorpe Park).

The aim of the programme is to **engage a different group of pupils** in maths-based enrichment, namely those who have previously achieved well in maths but are struggling to engage and reach their potential. This programme has been designed to be sustained and impactful, fulfilling the learning needs of our students and opening their eyes to maths in the real world.

How can you help?

- Use your skills and enthusiasm to work with a small group of 10 students and become a mentor, helping them engage in maths
- Spend just one hour a week at an Ark school, leading an after-school problem-solving club (training and resources provided)
- Volunteer at the Mega Maths Challenge trip, which includes a maths-based workshop.

Training and support

- Ark will match you with a school based on your location preferences and availability
- Ark will give you a twilight training session before starting your volunteering
- Ark will provide training materials and resources for the sessions
- Ark will provide you with ongoing support throughout the programme
- You will be invited to the LEGOLAND/Thorpe Park trip in June.

Requirements

- Able to spend an hour a week in a school for 6 weeks after the Easter holidays at an Ark school
- The desire to help ensure that every child deserves a great education regardless of their background.

Next steps

- [Complete a short form](#), specifying your interest in either Primary or Secondary or contact Cleo with any questions on cleo.graham@arkonline.org.