

WOHAA for Teachers



The Wings of Hope Achievement Award (WOHAA) is a **FREE social enterprise programme** for students in years 9-13

With over 25,000 participants, our nationally recognized competition sees students organize activities and projects whilst developing transferable skills such as **time management, teamwork, entrepreneurship, communication and leadership**

The Wings of Hope Achievement Award - or WOHAA as it is now fondly known - was created to recognise and reward the hard work that students put into designing and running projects and events for The Wings of Hope Children's Charity. It will develop and enhance your students outside the boundaries of the school curriculum in key skill areas such as teamwork, leadership, entrepreneurship and creativity.

The award scheme is growing year on year with record numbers of students benefiting from the WOHAA experience. To date, over 25,000 UK students have participated in WOHAA.

The students that have taken part in WOHAA rate their experiences on average 9 out of 10:

- When asking them what skills they thought they learnt, over a quarter pointed to teamwork and over a fifth to time management skills.
- Many of the students also felt more socially responsible after completing the award scheme.

There are many aspects to WOHAA which makes it stand out from the crowd. Not only does it ripen key skills but also benefits by giving students the flexibility to fit their projects into the school timetable.

WHY GET INVOLVED?

Work Experience key skills

Totally free!

Trip to India! skills workshops

Why students get involved:

- Uniquely, in the long term the scheme offers students a chance to get proper work experience at some of our **associated sponsors**. Such leading UK organisations as Accenture, Saatchi & Saatchi, Capco, TATA Consultancy Services, ARUP, Edelman, and The Sunday Times.
- Some of our corporate partners will be hosting a series of skills workshops for participating students of WOHA throughout the year. The workshops will educate students on the commercial world in addition to building CV writing skills and interview techniques. Vice Chair of Edelman, Jackie Cooper, also hosts a workshop for students into the world of Public Relations and the power of the media. We also run law workshops for students which will take place - along with the Accenture and Edelman workshops - during half term breaks.
- The overall winners of WOHA get a chance to roll up their sleeves on an **expenses paid trip** to one of the educational projects in a far flung corner of the world, to see first hand the amazing work that their projects has made possible.

- WOHAAs also counts towards the service and skills element of the Duke of Edinburgh Award.
- Finally, all the transferable skills and invaluable experiences of WOHAAs give students priceless CV and UCAS form boosts.

The purpose of WOHAAs is to challenge students to step outside their comfort zones and develop an awareness of social responsibility. We look for creativity and innovation with students doing a range of activities from cake sales to mufti days and sky dives!

"I really am very proud of the hours our committed students set aside for Wings of Hope. They have been real ambassadors of our school and the wider community."

Miss K McGrandle, Hatch End High School

The programme is split into four parts:

1. Students register online **NOW** (Deadline in **November 30th**) and fundraise in as many innovative and imaginative ways as possible until...
2. **March**. They submit their snapshots projects (a scrapbook illustrating their activities) to us for assessment
3. The teams are then shortlisted to attend our **Semi-final event** at the **House of Lords in April**
4. In **May/June** we hold our annual **Award Ceremony** at **Wembley Stadium**. All participants are invited to attend and the winners are announced during the evening

*from now on, anyone who gets to the semi-finals at the House of Lords will automatically be nominated for a Diana Award (<http://www.thewingsofhope.org/2014/08/05/wings-of-hope-partner-with-diana-award/>)

SCHOOL LIFE WITH WOHA

CAS PSHE AQA Bacc COPE
DofE Volunteering
Extra-curricular citizenship
Gifted and Talented

What do I (the teacher) have to do?

- As much or as little as you like! WOHA is 100% flexible for students and teachers - it is designed to fit around the school timetable
- WOHA is entirely student managed and we're there to support the students every step of the way
- We do ask that one teacher from each school act as a Liaison Teacher to help pupils book rooms to run events and to communicate with us, should we need to come into schools for presentations or mentoring sessions

WOHA makes an exciting new addition to:

- PSHE
- AQA Baccalaureate
- D of E volunteering and skills
- Citizenship
- CoPE
- The CAS Requirements for the IB
- Gifted and Talented provision within your school
- Work experience

WOHA offers a variety of ways for students to develop key skills outside of the classroom.

Under the microscope WOHAAs look something like this:

- The award is open to anyone in years 9 -13 (but we welcome keen applicants from outside this year bracket)
- The students can enter individually or in a team of up to six people. One person will need to be brave and volunteer to lead the team and manage the project
- There is no limit to the number of teams entering from each school or the amount of events the team undertakes
- Groups can form team between different schools as long as they communicate with each other.
- In groups of up to 6, students plan and carry out their own, projects, events and activities in their school and local community. It is entirely up to the students what they choose to do. Examples of events previous participants have organised include bake sales, auctions, galas, sponsored swims, talent shows and sports days.

If you still need some persuasion, then the prospect of winning our **Best Teacher Award** at this year's Awards Ceremony might be the ultimate temptation. Last year our inaugural winner was Mr Giles Tilbury from St Mary's School.



Get your school involved!

The first step is to book our lively and engaging student presentation team to introduce the scheme to your students! WOHAAs are ideal for students in years 9-13.

Contact us to book a visit to your school today: either call 020 8438 1598 or email info@thewingsofhope.org. Or download and complete the [Presentation Booking Form](#) from the bottom of this page: <http://www.thewingsofhope.org/wohaa/for-schools/wohaa-for-teachers/> and return it to us