



MORDEN COLLEGE

Interesting People Living Life to the Full



Volunteer Driver

About us

Morden College is a Charity dedicated to supporting older people. Today the Charity's core purpose is to provide older people who are in need with a home for life, to support them as they grow older, and to provide care services, including residential care and residential nursing care, if the need arises.

We are a strong community, committed to enabling the older people we support to have the highest quality of life, for the rest of their life.

About the role

We are looking for a range of volunteers to drive residents from their place of residence, either in Blackheath or Beckenham, to outings using the College's automatic electric car, minibus or your own car. We want to ensure every resident is able to stay involved in their community, particularly where they don't have support from families or friends.

Common requests will be to drive and accompany residents to appointments, for errands, for meals out, to museums/galleries/cinemas or for days out.

Main tasks:

- To drive and accompany residents to and from pre-agreed destinations.
- To conduct vehicle safety checks before and after a journey.
- To keep a regular log of journeys taken, including mileage and journey times.
- To inform the Volunteering Manager of any issues as soon as possible.

Training & Support

You will receive a full induction and training on safeguarding and dementia awareness. You will also be required to do a familiarisation drive if using the College's electric car or minibus.

Due to the nature of the role and responsibilities required, you will be required to undergo an Enhanced with Barred List DBS check. You will be supported by the Volunteering Manager who will ensure your training, induction and development needs are met.

Covid-19 Protocols

As Morden College's work involves working with vulnerable residents, we ask that you provide evidence that you have had two doses of a COVID-19 vaccine before starting your volunteering hours. If you want to know more or are medically exempt, please contact volunteering@mordencollege.org.uk.

You will also be asked to do a lateral flow test when volunteering.

Expenses

You will be reimbursed for out-of-pocket travel expenses incurred while volunteering. We also offer reimbursement for activities such as lunch expenses, parking fees and ticket prices.

About you

We are looking for a range of volunteers who:

- Hold a clean and current driving license. If you are interested in driving the minibus, you will need to hold a D1 vehicle category on your license and have familiarity driving large vehicles.
- Familiarity with automatic electric cars would be an advantage if you are interested in driving the electric pool car.
- Are confident drivers
- Have a few hours to give during the week or during weekends
- Are friendly and helpful
- Are sociable and enjoy spending time with other people
- Have a good knowledge of London roads or are familiar with Sat Nav systems

Interested?

Please email Juliet Turk, Volunteering Manager, volunteering@mordencollege.org.uk for an Application Form. You will be required to provide two references and will be invited for an informal discussion at the College in Blackheath or Beckenham.