



Young Highland Talent Programme

The Young Highland Talent Programme is a school-based mentoring programme that connects young people with a caring, adult mentor providing additional encouragement and support. We recruit, train and support volunteer mentors who meet their mentees weekly, in school, for a minimum of a year.

Mentors are matched with a young person who they meet for an hour a week to listen and provide encouragement. Mentors help their young person engage with their education and build the self-belief they need to leave school to a positive destination.

The Young Highland Talent programme is run by our Pathways Coordinator who helps young people by running mentoring, group work and Talent Tasters.

Group Work

S1 and S2 work with their Pathways Coordinator and participate in weekly group work sessions. These are focused on building confidence and life skills, and improving Literacy and Numeracy levels. This allows the Pathways Coordinator to also get to know the young people and chat to them about having a mentor when they reach S3.

Mentoring

Young people in the Young Highland Talent programme can be matched with their own mentor from S3 onwards. Pupils meet with their mentor once a week, for a school period and receive guidance, encouragement and support. Mentoring is focused on helping young people to build confidence, self-esteem and goals for the future.

Talent Tasters

Talent Tasters are a chance for young people to try out work, further and higher education and cultural experiences through manageable, bite-sized sessions. They are designed to engage and inspire pupils with hands-on learning opportunities. Talent Tasters are organised for S3-S6 young

people. They provide more opportunities for young people to find their talents and focus on the pathways to achieve their ambition.

For further information on the programme, please contact our Pathways Coordinator, [Colleen MacLean](mailto:colleen.maclean@mcrpathways.org) on 07708 529079 or colleen.maclean@mcrpathways.org

We are looking for volunteers from all walks of life who can #ShareAnHour each week to be a mentor for a young person. What better way to start 2022 than by signing up as a mentor to help support our talented young people here at Lochaber High School.