

The Young Talent Programme Portlethen Academy

The Young Talent Programme which is run in collaboration with MCR Pathways was launched in Portlethen Academy in 2022. MCR Pathways is a school-based mentoring programme that connects young people who need additional encouragement and support with caring, adult mentors.

The MCR charity was established to support young people, including those who are care-experienced or who have been recommended by their school as being able to benefit from the programme, to help them grow their talents and realise their full potential.

S1 and S2 group work sessions are run by our pathway's coordinator. Groupwork focuses on building confidence, wellbeing, communication and teamworking skills and preparing for mentoring. By the end of S2 the pathways coordinator will have met with most of the young people weekly, allowing them to have built a trusting and individual relationship with each young person, which will aid them when matching the young person with a mentor in S3.

From S3 onwards a young person can be part of our mentoring programme. This is where we match young people with an adult volunteer mentor. Mentors meet with their young person for 50 minutes in school each week to provide a regular opportunity for the young person to focus on their future, talk through any concerns, or just share thoughts and experiences.

In-person Information Session:

If you are interested in becoming a mentor, then please join us for an in-person information session at Portlethen Academy on **Thursday the 30th November 2023 from 6-7pm.**

You'll have the opportunity to meet with the MCR team and find out more about the programme. This event is free to attend.

****Please click the link below to register: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mcr-pathways-information-session-portlethen-academy-tickets-758811635027?aff=oddtcreator>**

