

# How to use your mentor in the classroom



# About our mentors

## Why Mentors get involved



- Give back to the community
- Curious about teaching/education
- Inspire the next generation
- Enhance communication skills
- Gain volunteer experience and professional skills

## Skills Mentors bring



- STEM passion and enthusiasm
- Ability to work with young people
- Communication and interpersonal skills
- Other (eg: leadership, teamwork, professional)

# Mentor training

- All our mentors go through extensive pre-placement training, either in-person or via an interactive online session, with an additional self-paced module.
- Mentors also have a mid-placement training session to continue development of important skills during their placement.
- Make sure to fill out the mid-placement survey and we can apply that feedback to your mentor at training.

# What mentors are trained in

- Communication skills
- Student diversity
- Growth mindset
- Inclusivity
- STEM skills and their real-world applications
- Professional boundaries
- Child protection

# How to use your mentor

## Learning coach:

- Helping advanced students extend their learning
- Assisting struggling students to become more confident with the content
- Working on projects and investigations with students
- Teaching students that it is ok to not know the answer, and how to research

# How to use your mentor

Helping hand:

- Helping with practical work e.g. experiments, build projects
- Roaming the classroom helping students with classwork
- Engaging students in discussions
- Demonstrations – they may be able to bring something in from their own studies

# How to use your mentor

## Role model:

- Presentations – content about their discipline, curriculum-relevant topics, life at university, etc.
- Conversations with students about their interests and continuing to study STEM at school
- Explaining to students what university is like and how it differs to school
- Discussing future careers and opportunities in STEM