

Grade 11 Mentorship @ TDChristian, 2023-24

The Mentorship Program was launched in 2009-10 and is designed to connect each Grade 11 student with an adult (or mentor) from the broader community. The mentor will serve as a guide, resource, and contact to the student during a work experience usually scheduled between first and second semester.

Mentorship offers students a chance to reflect on the role of work in their lives and in society by learning about a job or career in an intimate and experiential manner. It provides opportunities to make significant connections in the work world. Generally, students have found their mentors to be positive and helpful individuals.

What to look for in a mentor:

- Someone in a career, volunteer, hobby, or area of interest that the student would like to learn more about. It can be very broad, or very specific, depending on how confident students are about their interests or future plans.
- Someone who will, at minimum, commit to being interviewed by the student and then be willing and able to interact with the student for three to five days/times (usually 15-18 hours minimum) in a Mentorship Placement (i.e., a job-shadowing or work experience) during a yet-to-be-determined time.
- Ideally someone who is a Christian or shares Christian values, though this is not a prerequisite.

What needs to be done by students in Semester 1 in preparation for their mentorship:

- Discuss this assignment with your family, homestay guardians, teachers, pastors, and leaders
- Work to connect with a mentor
- Secure transportation, insurance, and police checks, if needed

Grades for the following *currently-planned* assignments will be applied to a **Semester 2, Grade 11 course (3%)**:

- Three or more Mentorship Journals for the mentorship days/times
- Mentorship Placement Completion Form – filled out by the mentor and submitted by the student
- A presentation of the Mentorship experience (Note: Presentations usually last approximately five to seven minutes and are done for a class. Often experiences are so profound and presentations so well done that some students present them to other classes or at a school event.)

Note: If you are in the Grade 11 Internship Block, you will complete these assignments within the scope of the class.

How to find a mentorship placement:

Each student in Grade 11 needs to find a mentor and complete the mentorship placement. Many students find mentorship opportunities through family friends, teachers, employers, and youth pastors. Parents and guardians are encouraged to help connect students with people they believe will be a good fit.

Many parents, guardians, and alumni serve as mentors. We desire mentors from all walks of life. If you wish to be considered as a mentor, please send an email to vaneerden@tdchristian.ca. For your participation in this program, you will qualify for up to 18 hours of volunteer time

Questions about the Mentorship Program? Please e-mail vaneerden@tdchristian.ca at any time.