

## Task 2 Essay \_ Agree or Disagree

You should spend about 40 minutes on this task.

Write about the following topic:

***Some people believe that unpaid community service should be a compulsory part of high school programs (for example working for a charity, improving the neighborhood or teaching sports to younger children).***

***Do you agree or disagree?***

Give reasons for your answer and include any relevant examples from your own experience or knowledge.

Write at least 250 words.

There are those who believe that volunteer work should be made a mandatory part of the secondary school curriculum. From my point of view, I totally agree with the suggestion, and in the following essay, I will outline several reasons and examples supporting this belief.

Education should not be limited to strictly academic pursuits, and those in education should also develop life skills such as teamwork, empathy, and self-discipline. One of the best ways to learn these skills is through community service. Helping others less fortunate teaches pupils many lessons, including how to work with people from other backgrounds and the value of hard work, thus enabling students to practice these skills before becoming adults. For instance, many young people from wealthier countries take a gap year from education and aid those less fortunate in order to increase their appreciation for what they themselves have and improve their work ethic.

Many universities and companies are also increasingly looking for this type of experience. Most school-leavers have the same grades, and charitable work can help set someone apart from other students when making college applications. For example, Cambridge and Oxford receive thousands of applications from straight-A students every year and can only accept a small percentage of applicants. What students do outside the classroom is often the thing that differentiates them from everyone else and gets them that coveted spot.

In conclusion, teenagers should be made to partake in unpaid work as part of their schooling because it will help them learn things they wouldn't ordinarily learn from their teachers, and it will also boost their chances of getting into higher-level education.

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