

Volunteer Role Description

Role title:	Student Garden Volunteer
Where:	The gardens/grounds, Girton College (Main site).
When:	Monday – Friday, 8.00 – 16.00. Times to be arranged with HG.
Expected commitment:	This is flexible and depends on the individual's availability, but should be agreed with HG before starting.
Duration:	1 academic term but can be extended if both parts are happy.
Accountable to:	The Head Gardener and/or the Deputy Head Gardener.

Role summary

To assist the gardens team with the day-to-day running of the gardens and the associated tasks.

Main duties and responsibilities

1. Assist with herbaceous border maintenance – weeding, planting, cutting back plants etc.
2. Leaf clearance/litter picking.
3. Nursery work – weeding, potting up plants, seed sowing etc.

Student volunteers will not be allowed to operate machinery nor go up ladders.

Requirements

Willingness/availability to undertake training as appropriate for role.

Ability to work as part of a team.

Excellent attention to detail.

Good communication skills.

Manual dexterity.

Physically fit with the ability to carry out lighter manual work.

Ability to work outdoors under a variety of conditions (wouldn't be expected to work outdoors in heavy rain or extreme heat).

Sufficient English skills.

Skills you will develop

- Working as part of a small team.
- Basic horticultural knowledge.
- Identification of plants.
- Plant propagation.

Contact details

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