

PRESS RELEASE TEMPLATES

Here are two versions of a press release you could send to your local papers, depending on whether you're volunteering as part of your Duke of Edinburgh award or not.

Version One - General

Version Two - DofE

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saving the lives
of people with
blood cancer

VERSION ONE

(date)

(insert name of sixth form/college) **STUDENTS HELPING TO CURE BLOOD CANCER**

Students at (insert name of sixth form/college) are encouraging their peers to become potential lifesavers.

They are supporting Anthony Nolan, the charity which connects blood cancer patients in need of a transplant with matching stem cell donors who could save their lives.

(name/s of student/s) are educating fellow students about stem cell donation and encouraging them to join Anthony Nolan's stem cell register.

****outline activities undertaken here****

But it is not just extra credit which inspired them to support Anthony Nolan.

Student name, ****'quote about why you decided to support Anthony Nolan and how you've found the experience.'****

(School staff member name), (staff position), said: *'insert quote from school / college representative about the students and activities.'*

Katie Day, Education Programme Lead at Anthony Nolan, said: *'(names of students) have been fantastic ambassadors for Anthony Nolan. Peer-to-peer education is so important in helping us to encourage more young people to join the donor register. Ambassadors really can make a lifesaving difference.'*

To find out more about Anthony Nolan and stem cell donation, visit www.anthonynolan.org.

Photos (include caption and names if you have photos to share)

For more information about stem cell donation and Anthony Nolan, please contact the Communications team on 020 7424 6645 or email press@anthonynolan.org

Notes to editors

Anthony Nolan key statistics

- Someone is diagnosed with blood cancer every 14 minutes.
- Around 2,000 people in the UK need a bone marrow (or stem cell) transplant from a stranger each year. This is usually their last chance of survival.
- You have a 25% to 30% chance of having the same tissue type as a sibling. 90% of donations take place via PBSC (peripheral blood stem cell collection). This is an outpatient appointment and is similar to donating blood.
- To join the register, you must be aged between 16 and 30, weigh more than 7st 12lbs (50kgs) and be in general good health. For more information about our work or to sign up online, please visit www.anthonynolan.org.

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The students are working towards their silver Duke of Edinburgh Volunteering Award. But it is not just extra credit which inspired them to support Anthony Nolan.

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