

Personal Development

Parent Partnership Oxfordshire

Could you be an Independent Parental Supporter?

The Oxfordshire Parent Partnership Service runs a very successful volunteer scheme called the Parental Supporter Scheme. Unfortunately, some of our volunteers are unable to participate at present. As parents and schools become aware of the helpful nature of the support we can offer we regularly receive requests for help. We try to ensure that none of our volunteers are overloaded or persuaded to unrealistically commit themselves, so we wondered, are you:

- ◆ A good listener?
- ◆ Friendly and approachable?
- ◆ Aware of need for confidentiality?
- ◆ Interested in education?
- ◆ Not afraid to ask questions?
- ◆ Reliable?
- ◆ Looking for another interest?

Then you might be just the person we are looking for to be an Independent Parental Supporter. (IPS). We give help and support to parents in Oxfordshire who have children with Special Educational Needs, when they have difficult decisions to make about their child's education.

1 in 5 children will need some extra help at sometime during their school life. An Independent Parental Supporter can be there for a parent at a difficult time, perhaps by helping with the paperwork, attending a meeting with them or just by talking things through. We offer training and pay you expenses so you won't be out of pocket.

For more details, please ring: Parent Partnership on 01865 810516

Oxford Brookes University Open Evenings

Oxford Brookes University is holding a series of postgraduate open evenings at their Headington Campus, Gipsy Lane on Tuesday 28th January 2003 and Wednesday 4th June 2003. All events will take place between 5:30 pm-8:30pm.

At Brookes we recognise the skills, knowledge and expertise gained by individuals over the years in their work environments. People who have substantial, relevant and appropriate work-based experience, but who do not necessarily have a first degree, are encouraged to study postgraduate, professional and post-experience qualifications at the University.

Our flexible postgraduate programme can be studied on either a part-time or full-time basis, with some courses available through open and distance learning.

On the Open Evenings you can learn more about the Brookes Postgraduate Programme and talk informally with staff and students. You can find out about fees and funding and also discuss your future employment prospects. Refreshments will also be available.

If you would like any further information please contact: Student Enquiry Centre on 01865 484848 or email: query@brookes.ac.uk