

# SSAT Student Leadership

*Improving the life chances of young people is at the heart of what we do at SSAT. We know that when given the opportunity, students can have a profound impact on their schools.*

**Involvement in student leadership can greatly improve learning as well as help to develop the skills and traits needed for success beyond the classroom. Our student leadership initiatives aim to inspire, empower and motivate your students for life after education.**

## **SSAT Student Leadership Accreditation (SLA)**

The SLA recognises your students' leadership skills in the classroom, across the school or in the wider community.

The SLA offers a formal way to champion and celebrate the leadership skills your students develop in and out of school, requiring students to create a portfolio in which they gather and upload evidence to showcase their skills. They then grade their work using

a self-assessment framework that covers ten core skills, grouped into three themes:

- ▶ Developing myself
- ▶ Working with others
- ▶ Contributing to my community

You can choose between our pre-designed criteria or develop your own school-specific criteria with guidance from SSAT.

## **The SSAT Student Leadership Accreditation process**

There are three steps to the accreditation process:

- ▶ Self-assessment against graded criteria
- ▶ Evidence collation and portfolio creation
- ▶ Moderation and accreditation

“We leapt at the idea, one of the real benefits is the way it recognises students' extra-curricular activities. When pupils get to the sixth form they can use their folders for their UCAS personal statements and take them to interviews. It's a way of showing their wider learning. Employers and universities like to see evidence of commitment, enthusiasm and passion, not just the academic.”

*Margaret Olive, Assistant Headteacher*

SSAT Student Leadership Accreditation is available free as part of secondary membership and also available for non-member schools to buy.

- 🏆 ACCREDITATION
- 👥 STUDENTS/WHOLE SCHOOL
- 👤 STUDENTS

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## SSAT Student Passports

Available for key stages 3, 4 and 5, the SSAT Student Passport provides a framework for students to record a huge range of life experiences beyond the academic.

Through reflecting on their experiences and skills, students will:

- ▶ Enrich their cultural capital
- ▶ Be empowered as agents of change
- ▶ Prepare for employment
- ▶ Engage in citizenship

As students progress through their passport, they will have the opportunity to choose from a wide range of modules including Leading Change, Thinking Like an Entrepreneur, Unleashing Creativity and many more. They are also encouraged to work with their teachers to set their own challenges which can either replace or complement those provided.

Upon completion, students will receive a letter of recommendation signed by SSAT's Chief Executive.

### The range of SSAT Student Passports



#### Key stage 3

Focuses on breadth of experiences  
*(nine compulsory modules)*



#### Key stage 4

Focuses on depth and specialism *(six compulsory and three optional modules)*



#### Key stage 5

Focuses on further education, training and employment aspirations  
*(three compulsory and six optional modules)*

“I went for an interview for a summer job. The interviewer wasn't interested in my CV and references, he wanted me to talk him through my Student Leadership Accreditation portfolio. And yes, I got the job!”

*George Whittingham,  
Year 12 student*

 RESOURCE

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