

Section 1:

#1 "I strongly believe volunteering should be mandatory for students as it can help them feel a strong feeling of belonging." Strengths: Your opening statement clearly presents your position with conviction.

Weaknesses: Repetitive language → You've used "strong" and "feeling" repetitively within the same sentence, which weakens your persuasive impact. The introduction would benefit from a more varied vocabulary and a clearer outline of the main arguments you'll develop.

I firmly believe volunteering should be mandatory for students as it fosters a genuine sense of belonging, benefits communities through meaningful interaction, and develops essential life skills.

#2 "Secondly, it can create an overall jovial feeling. Knowing that you have done many things for others can offer a higher self-esteem and more confident attitude." Strengths: You've identified an important emotional benefit of volunteering.

Weaknesses: Vague terminology → The phrase "overall jovial feeling" is imprecise and doesn't effectively convey the psychological benefits you're trying to highlight. Your point would be more persuasive with specific examples of how volunteering improves mental wellbeing.

Secondly, volunteering creates a profound sense of satisfaction and achievement. When you help others by reading to elderly residents or cleaning up local parks, you develop higher self-esteem and greater confidence, which often leads to improved academic performance.

#3 "In conclusion, volunteering must be mandatory for students, as it has numerous benefits." Strengths: Your conclusion restates your position clearly.

Weaknesses: Insufficient summary → Your conclusion merely repeats points without effectively synthesising your arguments or providing a compelling final thought. A stronger conclusion would summarise your key points whilst emphasising the broader importance of mandatory volunteering.

In conclusion, volunteering must be mandatory for students because the benefits are far-reaching and significant. The sense of belonging, improved self-esteem, and essential life skills gained through volunteering will not only enhance students' personal development but will also create stronger, more connected communities for everyone's benefit.

■ Your persuasive piece contains solid ideas but needs more depth to truly convince your readers. You've made good points about community connection, self-esteem, and life skills, but each paragraph would benefit from specific examples. For instance, when you mention "strengthening relationships," describe actual volunteering activities that build these connections. Also, your second paragraph about the "jovial feeling" needs clearer wording to explain how volunteering improves emotional wellbeing. You could improve the structure by expanding your points with real examples of student volunteering programmes that have shown success. Additionally, try to address potential counterarguments—perhaps some might say volunteering should remain optional. Your conclusion could be stronger by reminding readers of the long-term benefits for both students and communities.

Overall score: 40/50

Section 2:

Should volunteering be mandatory for students?

I strongly believe volunteering should be mandatory for students as it can help them feel ~~a strong feeling~~ [a genuine sense] of belonging. It could also positively benefit communities and students by letting them interact with each other, and allow them to learn vital skills that they will need further on in life.

First, making volunteering mandatory for students can create a deeper sense of connection with their community. Imagine a group of students raking a neighbour's yard while talking and laughing. This can help strengthen relationships and bonds with others in their local area, therefore resulting in a happier community as a whole.

~~#2 Secondly, it can create an overall jovial feeling. Knowing that you have done many things for others can offer a higher self-esteem and more confident attitude.~~ [Secondly,

completing volunteer work creates a sense of personal achievement. Knowing that you have helped others in meaningful ways can offer higher self-esteem and a more confident attitude.] This can lead to better academic results and make you better as a whole person.

Finally, it can teach you skills you will need for life, such as putting in effort, kindness, strengthening relationships or even just how to cheer someone up. Making volunteering mandatory for students will ensure you take away long term benefits.

#3 ~~In conclusion, volunteering must be mandatory for students, as it has numerous benefits.~~ [In conclusion, volunteering must be mandatory for students because the benefits are significant and long-lasting.] It improves your self esteem and sense of belonging. It can teach you skills that you will need far beyond your schooling years. If we do this, our community will benefit from it greatly.