

Service

Choose 3 of the 4 types of “service action”

Four types of service action

It is recommended that students engage with different types of service within their CAS programme. These types of action are as follows.

- **Direct service:** Student interaction involves people, the environment or animals. For example, this can appear as one-on-one tutoring, developing a garden in partnership with refugees, or working in an animal shelter.
- **Indirect service:** Though students do not see the recipients of indirect service, they have verified their actions will benefit the community or environment. For example, this can appear as re-designing a non-profit organization’s website, writing original picture books to teach a language, or nurturing tree seedlings for planting.
- **Advocacy:** Students speak on behalf of a cause or concern to promote action on an issue of public interest. For example, this may appear as initiating an awareness campaign on hunger, performing a play on replacing bullying with respect, or creating a video on sustainable water solutions.
- **Research:** Students collect information through varied sources, analyse data, and report on a topic of importance to influence policy or practice. For example, they may conduct environmental surveys to influence their school, contribute to a study of animal migration, compile effective means to reduce litter in public spaces, or conduct social research by interviewing people on topics such as homelessness, unemployment or isolation.

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In other words....

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Direct – you give sandwiches to the homeless, face-to-face

Indirect – you make sandwiches that someone else goes out to give to the homeless

Advocacy – you raise awareness about the causes of homelessness and the need for shelters and other services

Research – you collect data on the number of homeless people living on the street, which the Union Gospel Mission uses to inform their practice to help the homeless