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LDC Buddy and DOS Language Buddy

During her second and third years at UEA, Georgina had two different voluntary roles:

The first was as an **LDC Buddy**; she was given a list of Freshers in her school and went to a ‘Buddy party’ at the beginning of the year to meet them. She answered students’ questions about their course or university life in general that hadn’t been answered at other talks or lectures. Following that, Georgina emailed all of them to say that she was available for coffee and a chat at any time should they need it.

Georgina said “I saw it as a great opportunity to meet more people on your course as LDC is so huge (I actually met three of my housemates at my one!)”

Georgina told us that one person she buddies with was really struggling to get into his course and he messaged her quite a lot throughout the year, but she heard from him recently and he told her that he is loving his second year now and that he is really glad he stuck at it. So that was satisfying!

Georgina’s second role was **Language Buddy**, which was in conjunction with DOS’ International Student scheme. She provided one-to-one help for students struggling to keep up with the level of English required either as part of their course, or in daily life. She did this in both her second and third year, and helped students from China and Italy studying at undergraduate, MA and PhD level. They went to the cinema, shopping, and did some traditional British baking. She also took students to visit her home in Cambridge, and helped one girl with preparation for her English proficiency test (IELTS), which she passed with flying colours.

Georgina said: **“This role was certainly one of the most rewarding parts of my time at university, and is certainly what convinced me to do a CELTA course and then also apply to come and teach in India. “**

