

Supporting You in Preparing for the Future – a survey

As a part of a new major national research project, we are asking for your help in understanding how interacting with people from the world of work while at school can help prepare you for the future.

- Don't worry if you haven't taken part in one of our specific events or placements – your insights as to your experiences and journey so far are what we are after!
- By completing this survey, you are supporting our work which will in turn help us create even more of these opportunities nationally.

Thank you for your time!

Please note: We do not require your name so your responses will remain anonymous.

About your experiences at school or college

- 1. About how many times do you recall your school or college ever arranging for you to take part in any activities which involved employers or local businesspeople in the last 12 months? (E.g. work experience, careers talks, CV or interview workshops.)**

Never Once Twice Three times Four or more times

- 2. Do you remember any external guest speakers coming in and talking to you about their life stories and experiences in the past 12 months (this includes in assembly or in the classroom)?**

Yes No (If no, skip to Q8, 'Aspirations and Expectations' section) I can't remember

- 3. If yes, how many times did you have guest speakers coming to your schools approximately?**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10+

- 4. To what extent did these insight talks with external guest speakers help you?**

	<i>A lot</i>	<i>A little</i>	<i>They didn't help me at all</i>	<i>Don't know</i>
Understand the link between what you are doing in school to a future career				
Get motivated to study harder				
Think positively towards school				
Believe in myself and my capabilities				
Understand that everyone has to overcome set backs				
Raise awareness of a new career or industry				
Give me useful advice from their own experiences				
Raise awareness of other pathways to success outside of university				
Understand that life skills are as important as academic qualifications				

Taking Part in a Speaker Event

When answering, please just think about your most recent activity with an external guest speaker

5. **Did your teacher/other school staff prepare you before talks with external speakers took place?** (e.g. did they help you consider any questions to have in mind before they came in, did they discuss the potential value of the talk etc.)

Yes, they spoke to us about it No, they only told us it would be happening
 No, not at all Don't remember

6. **Were you given a chance to ask the speaker questions during or after their talk?**

Yes No Don't remember

7. **From what you remember, was this talk with an external speaker related to any of the following (tick all that apply):**

A specific subject/lesson Careers education Enrichment activity (e.g. learning by doing) Don't remember

Personal Aspirations and Expectations

8. **More generally, how far do you agree with the following statements?**

	Strongly agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly disagree
I am confident there is a job out there for someone with my skills and interests				
I am confident I can achieve the job I aspire to when I am older				
I have had enough information to make a choice about the job I want in the future				
I am confident I know about all the possible routes to employment (e.g. apprenticeships, training, university etc)				
I think trying hard at school is important				
If I work hard at something, I usually succeed				
People like me (with my accent, from my town or region, or from my ethnic group) can be successful				
I do not see my current circumstances (the school I go to, my parents' income) as a barrier to my future success				

What is the name of your school?

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Age.....

Are you?

Male Female Prefer not to say

Are you, or have you ever been, entitled to free school meals?

Yes No Don't know Prefer not to say