

Student Guide: S3 General Workshop

Aim

This workshop is designed to gently introduce the idea of college and university to S3 pupils. It covers role models, values and how both can help pupils decide what to study after school. Central to the workshop is the valuable interaction pupils have with current college/university students – i.e. you!

Format

The workshop begins with an introduction of the workshop team and the objectives of the session – you may be asked to introduce yourself to the class giving your name, what you are studying and where.

The workshop leader will then begin by showing a Powerpoint presentation and facilitating a class discussion about role models. Pupils are then asked to make a mind map that shows who their own role model is and the reasons they admire them. Pupils may be asked to read theirs aloud.

The workshop leader will then explain that their choice of role model and their reasons can help illicit their own values i.e. what is important to them. This will then be discussed in relation to college and university. They will then watch and discuss a short video to illustrate what values are.

Pupils are then split into groups of 5/6 and given a pack of 'values cards.' They will then play a game in which they must individually choose their Top Three value cards i.e. choose three values that are the most important/relevant to them. Pupils must work together and share the cards between them as appropriate.

The leader will end the workshop by explaining to the class that working out what their values are can help them decide what to study at college and university as well as what career path to take.

Students' Role

You will be expected to encourage pupils to complete the tasks and possibly talk about why you chose to study your subject. You will also help to answer any questions during the workshop, help gather in worksheets and place tables and chairs back in the correct position etc.

Further Briefing

You are asked to arrive at the school reception **at least 10 minutes before** the start of the workshop for a final briefing and to be informed of any ad hoc changes that may need to be made. **Remember: if you cannot attend the workshop, please let us know!**