

# Student Guide: S4 General Workshop

## Aim

This workshop is designed to encourage pupils in S4 to think how their choices at school affect their future and the benefits of going on to study at college or university. 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 leader then introduces a decision-making exercise where pupils will move to either side of the classroom according to whether they agree or disagree with a series of statements. The leader will then ask what influenced their decisions and then what influences their decisions to stay on at school and what subjects to take.

The pupils are put into groups and then given a brief description of a pupil who is deciding what to do after S4, each group will have a different pupil. They discuss the pupil in question and as a group, note down points on a worksheet. They are asked to pick out what the dangers of bad decisions are, what opportunities can come of good decisions and also how going to college or university would benefit that particular pupil.

The groups will then feedback to the class.

At the end of the workshop, pupils will be given the opportunity to ask you the student questions about your experiences of college or university. The workshop leader will also help with this.

## Students' Role

You will be expected to assist the pupils in their tasks, guiding them towards good answers. Be ready to answer all sorts of questions on student life and encourage interaction between yourself and the pupils. You will also help to answer any questions, 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!**