

General S3 Workshop

Teachers' Guide



Year group:	S3
Pupil numbers:	1 class (25 max)
Duration:	1 period (50 mins approx)
Resources:	classroom / 1 teacher min
Objectives:	pupil-student interaction, raise awareness of the benefits of post-school education and student life

Aim

This workshop is designed to introduce and raise awareness of the benefits and realities of student life. Central to the workshop is the valuable interaction pupils have with current college/university students.

Format

The workshop begins with an introduction of the workshop team and the objectives of the session.

The workshop leader then begins an icebreaker activity entitled 'Snowball'. This involves pupils writing on a scrap piece of paper any question they would like to ask the students on student life. They then scrunch up their paper and throw it to the front of the class.

In small groups with a student assigned to each, the pupils are then asked to work as a team to complete a worksheet entitled 'Student Interview'. Split into four topics - reasons for going to college or university, student lifestyle, course choice and future plans - the pupils interview their student based on the questions on the worksheet. In addition, the pupils are encouraged to think of their own 'bonus' questions. One spokesperson from each group then feeds back to the class their answers to facilitate discussion and the sharing of ideas.

Near the end of the workshop, the workshop leader returns to the 'snowball' questions and answers a selection of them with the aid of the student volunteers.

Students' Role

Students are essential to this workshop, providing pupils with positive role models and encouraging discussion about student life and post-school education. A valuable source of information, the students are trained to provide full and expansive answers to their group during the interview and will answer any questions pupils may have about college and university study throughout the duration of the workshop.