

# General S4 Workshop

## Teachers' Guide



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| Year group:    | S4  |
| 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, addressing pupils' concerns |

### Aim

This workshop is designed to raise awareness of the benefits of going to college or university, addressing any concerns pupils may have and discussing solutions to those concerns.

### 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 asked to work as a team to complete a series of worksheets entitled 'Why Go to College/University?', 'Common Concerns' and 'Solutions'. These worksheets address the benefits of post-school education, any concerns the pupils may have and strategies to address those concerns respectively. After each section, one spokesperson from each group 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 facilitators in this workshop, providing pupils with positive role models and encouraging discussion about student life. The students are trained to assist the pupils in their completion of the worksheets - pointing out the benefits of post-school study, using their own experience to highlight concerns and directing the pupils towards solutions. As ever, the students will answer any questions pupils may have about post-school study throughout the workshop.