

# General S5 Workshop

## Teachers' Guide



Year group:	S5
Pupil numbers:	1 class (25 max)
Duration:	1 period (50 mins approx)
Resources:	classroom / 1 teacher min
Objectives:	pupil-student interaction, post-school options: practical next steps and research skills, introduce variety of courses, S5 Next Steps Pack

### **Aim**

This workshop is designed to get the pupils thinking about their post-school options with the focus on the practical next steps and research they will have to undertake.

### **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 Fight'. This involves pupils writing on a scrap piece of paper a subject/course they would ideally like to study. They then scrunch up their paper and throw it across the classroom. Pupils should end up with a snowball that isn't their own.

In small groups with a student assigned to each, the pupils are asked to work individually completing a worksheet entitled 'Next Steps'. The pupils list things they need to think about and practical things they need to do before applying to college/university. One spokesperson from each group feeds back to the class their list to facilitate discussion.

Next the pupils are asked to research the subject on their new snowball using the accompanying worksheet 'Research'. University and college prospectuses are provided. This forms the main bulk of the workshop.

At the end of the session, each pupil hands their research to the pupil who wrote the original snowball, and is given a S5 Next Steps pack containing the Role on to Success DVD, post-school plan and links to useful sources of information.

### **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 tasks and, as ever, answer any questions pupils may have about post-school study throughout the workshop.