

CONVERSATION STARTER ACTIVITY

TALKING

FUTURES

To help parents have more meaningful career conversations with their child, we have collated questions and prompts to help get a conversation started.

Skills & interests

- What do you ENJOY most in and out of school / college?
- What do you FEEL you are good at in school / college?
- What is your favourite SUBJECT? Do you know what kind of jobs are related to these subjects?
- Which of your interests, skills and abilities do you think will help you most in your CAREER?

Learning about careers

- What takes place in school / college to help you with your FUTURE?
- Who can help you at school / college with questions about CAREERS? Is there a Careers Leader, Careers Advisor or Head of Careers?
- Do you hear from EMPLOYERS in school? Which ones did you like? What inspired you?
- Do ex pupils / students come back into school to TALK about their post-education experience? Did some of their experiences inspire you?
- How much do you know about Further Education and employment options including apprenticeships, traineeships and T-levels? Do you know where to find out MORE about these routes?
- Are there any ROUTES you're unsure of that you've been introduced to but need more information about?
- Is there anything about my CAREER you would like to know? What do you think my current (or past) job entails? What do I do day to day? What do you think are the main tasks?

Making choices

- What did you want to be when you were 10 YEARS OLD?
- If money wasn't a factor what would be your DREAM JOB?
- What are the TOP FIVE things that you think are important when choosing a job or career?
- What do you think of jobs that involve TRAVEL? Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to travel?
- Would you be happy to move away from HOME to pursue a career, or would you prefer to stay near home?
- What sort of ENVIRONMENT would you like to work in? An office / in a big team / independently / outside?
- Have you thought about how your job can help you have a positive impact on the world and the values you would look for in an EMPLOYER? For example, their environmental impact, their approach to diversity or their commitment to giving back to the community
- My path has included (education, apprenticeship, university, work, homemaking etc). Is there anything that you or you want to know more about?
- What would you like your FUTURE to include – are there any similarities or differences to the path I took?
- What challenges do you need to OVERCOME to get to your preferred option?
- What support do you need from ME to help you research your options and make decisions?