## Mainstream careers education

## Curriculum map from KS2 to KS5

Transition Transition Transition

KS<sub>2</sub>

**Lifeskills Challenges** that introduce work-related themes and skills.

**Lift Off** highlighting links between skills and aspirational goals.

**Key Steps** to introduce core skills for adulthood and work. Identity module, challenges 2, 13, 14, 15.



Readiness

KS3

**Lifeskills Challenge** continued.

Key Steps Enterprise module and other challenges to develop core skills for work.

Short Courses to provide a focus for work-related learning (eg Careers and Experiencing Work, Enterprise) and vocational tasters to boost engagement.

Personal Development Programmes to introduce and develop transferable key skills.



Readiness

KS4

Personal Development Programmes World of work module and other careers-related challenges.

Employability Skills Development

OR Personal Effectiveness qualifications at E3\*, L1, L2 to build confidence and develop key skills for work.

OR Employability qualifications at E2, E3, L1, L2.

OR **Personal Social Development qualifications**at E1, E2, E3, L1, L2.

OR L1 Foundation and L2 Higher Project Qualifications\*\* KS5

L3 Extended Project Qualification with the option to base project on work experience. UCAS points available.

OR L1 Foundation and L2 Higher Project Qualifications\*\*

OR Personal Effectiveness qualifications at E3\*, L1, L2, L3 supporting progression through levels. UCAS points available at L3.

OR **Employability qualifications** at E2, E3, L1, L2.

OR **Personal Social Development qualifications**at E1, E2, E3, L1, L2.

Readiness

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Suggested routes only, can be tailored to individual learners' needs and interests. Learners can be working at a range of levels at each Key Stage. \*Available from Jan 2026 \*\*Available from Sept 2026