



CONVERSATION STARTER ACTIVITY

talking
futures

Engaging parents in
young people's choices

SKILLS & INTERESTS



for students
to ask **parents**

What were you GOOD at in school?

for students
to ask **parents**

What do you ENJOY doing most at home, work, with friends or family?

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**What do you think your
TALENTS are / you are good at?**

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**What do you ENJOY most in
and out of school / college?**

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**What do you FEEL you are
good at in school / college?**

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**What is your favourite SUBJECT?
Do you know what kind of jobs are
related to these subjects?**

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**Which of your interests, skills
and abilities do you think will
help you most in your CAREER?**

**LEARNING
ABOUT
CAREERS**



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**How did you learn about careers
when you were at SCHOOL?**

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**Do you think there are more OR
different career options available now?**

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to ask **parents**

**Do you know anyone who's
completed an APPRENTICESHIP?
What did they tell you about it?**


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**Do you know anyone who's been
to UNIVERSITY? What did they tell
you about it?**

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Do you know anyone who went straight into a JOB after school or college? What was that like for them?

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**What takes place in school / college
to help you with your FUTURE?**

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Who can help you at school / college with questions about CAREERS? Is there a Careers Leader, Careers Advisor or Head of Careers?

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**Do you hear from EMPLOYERS in school?
Which ones did you like? What inspired you?**

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**Do ex pupils / students come back into school
to TALK about their post-education experience?
Did some of their experiences inspired you?**

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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?

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Is there any ROUTES you're unsure of that you've been introduced to but need more information about?

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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



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**What did you want to be when
you were 10 YEARS OLD?**

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**If money wasn't a factor what
would be your DREAM JOB?**

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**What are the TOP FIVE things
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**How did you choose the
PATH you've taken?**

for students
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**What ADVICE would you give
me about making choices?**

for parents

to ask **students**



What do you think of jobs that involve TRAVEL? Do you want a job that will give you the opportunity to travel?

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**Would you be happy to move away
from HOME to pursue a career, or
would you prefer to stay near home?**

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What sort of ENVIRONMENT would you like to work in? An office / in a big team / independently / outside?

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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

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My path has included (education, apprenticeship, university, work, homemaking etc). Is there anything that **SURPRISES you or you want to know more about?**

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What would you like your FUTURE to include – are there any similarities or differences to the path I took?

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**What challenges do you need to OVERCOME
to get to your preferred option?**

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**What support do you need from ME
to help you research your options
and make decisions?**
