

## Welcome to the Future Skills Questionnaire!

The Future Skills Questionnaire is a set of questions that have been designed for young people in schools and colleges to help you think about your skills, strengths and what you might like to do in the future.

- Your responses will be shared with your Careers Leader to help make your careers programme better.
- Your responses will help your Careers Leader to make sure that every young person in your school is supported to make the right choice for their next step after school/college.
- The questionnaire takes about 15 minutes to complete. It isn't a test! There are no right or wrong answers, just take your time, read through each question carefully and pick the right answer for you.
- When you complete the questionnaire online, each answer has an emoji next to it too, so if you're not sure what the words say, you can pick the emoji that best fits how you feel about the question.
- (And just so you know...your information will also be stored safely and handled in line with the Future Skills Questionnaire privacy policy.)

## Starting Secondary (Year 7)

### Part 1: Career Knowledge and Skills

A career describes your journey through life, learning and work.

If your friends all know what they want to do when they leave school or college and you don't, it can be scary but it's totally normal to feel a little bit lost. That's where answering these questions can help.

They will get you thinking about the different options that are out there and what you might be able to do in the future.

<b>Question 1</b> Have you learned about different careers other than those of your family or carers?			
<b>No, not yet</b>	<b>Maybe, I'm not sure</b>	<b>Yes, a little</b>	<b>Yes, a lot</b>

<b>Question 2</b> Are you aware of some of the types of businesses or employers in your area of the country?			
<b>No, not yet</b>	<b>Maybe, I'm not sure</b>	<b>Yes, a little</b>	<b>Yes, a lot</b>

<b>Question 3</b> Do you know what skills employers need? ( <i>Skills are personal qualities and things someone is able to do</i> )			
<b>No, not yet</b>	<b>Maybe, I'm not sure</b>	<b>Yes, a little</b>	<b>Yes, a lot</b>

<b>Question 4</b> When speaking to an employer, do you feel confident sharing your ideas and asking for feedback?				
<b>No, not yet</b>	<b>Maybe, I'm not sure</b>	<b>Yes, a little</b>	<b>Yes, a lot</b>	<b>I haven't met any employers yet</b>

**Question 5**

Do you know how to find out how much you could earn in different types of jobs?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 6**

Have you thought about how jobs and careers may change in the future?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 7**

At school, do you know who to go to for information and guidance about careers?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 8**

Do you know any trustworthy websites that can help you decide what to do in the future?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 9**

Have your experiences in workplaces helped shape what you think about the job you'd like to do in the future?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot	I haven't worked in or visited any workplaces yet
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**Question 10**

Have your experiences in workplaces helped shape what you think about your next steps after school or college?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot	I haven't worked in or visited any workplaces yet
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**Question 11**

Do you have ideas about what you might do for a job or career in the future?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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***If 'Yes' - move to Question 12, if 'No' or 'Maybe' - skip to Question 15.***

<b>Question 12</b> What types of jobs/careers fit closest to what you're interested in at the moment? [tick all that apply]		
Administration/secretarial	Driver/pilot	Nurse
Builder/electrician/plumber	Engineer	Purchasing/procurement
Carer/social worker	Factory/machinery worker	Researcher/analyst
Cleaner/security	Finance	Sales & marketing roles
Communications	Hospitality/food preparation	Software/web developer
Creative roles	Human resources	Soldier/police officer
Customer service	IT	Sports player
Design	Lawyer	Teacher/lecturer
Doctor	Managerial	Warehouse/storage worker
Flexible about job/career if I can be in the industry/industries I want (see next question)		
None of the above		

<b>Question 13</b> What types of industry/sector fit closest to those you would like to work in? [tick all that apply]		
Agriculture/farming	Government	Real estate
Animal care	Health	Research/science
Armed forces/police	Hotels/restaurants	Retail/shops
Art/film/music/books	Manufacturing	Social work
Beauty & hair	Media/broadcasting	Sport
Construction/building	Mining/oil & gas	Tourism & leisure
Education	Personal services	Transport/storage/driving
Finance/banking	Professional services	Flexible about the industry/sector fit if I can be in the job/career I want
None of the above		

**Question 14**

Please write or describe the main job you most intend to pursue in the future

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**Question 15**

Do you have ideas about what subjects you want to study for GCSE?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 16a**

Do you understand this option after Year 11? - Apprenticeships

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 16b**

Do you understand this option after Year 11? - A levels

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 16c**

Do you understand this option after Year 11? - T levels

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 16d**

Do you understand this option after Year 11? - Other vocational routes such as BTEC

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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**Question 17**

Have you thought about which of these options might be right for you?

No, not yet	Maybe, I'm not sure	Yes, a little	Yes, a lot
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***If 'Yes' - move to Question 18, if 'No' or 'Maybe' - skip to Question 19***

<b>Question 18</b> Which of these options do you think you will probably take?			
<b>Apprenticeships</b>	<b>A levels</b>	<b>T levels</b>	<b>Other vocational routes such as BTEC</b>
<b>Other :</b>			

<b>Question 19</b> Do you know how to make a good impression if you want to be chosen for a position of responsibility?			
<b>No, not yet</b>	<b>Maybe, I'm not sure</b>	<b>Yes, a little</b>	<b>Yes, a lot</b>

<b>Question 20</b> Do you feel optimistic when you think about your future career?			
<b>No, not yet</b>	<b>Maybe, I'm not sure</b>	<b>Yes, a little</b>	<b>Yes, a lot</b>

**Part 2: Essential Skills for Life and Work**

Skills are personal qualities and things someone is able to do.

These questions will help you think about what you're good at and also the areas that you need to work on to develop and improve.

Remember, this isn't a test! There are no right or wrong answers, just take your time, read through each question carefully and pick the right answer for you.

<b>Question 21</b> Using your own ideas, in schoolwork and things you do outside of school				
<b>I don't know what this means</b>	<b>I can't do this yet</b>	<b>I'm not sure if I can do this</b>	<b>I can do this, but could do it better</b>	<b>I can do this really well</b>

<b>Question 22</b> Solving problems, by thinking about the positives and negatives of different options				
<b>I don't know what this means</b>	<b>I can't do this yet</b>	<b>I'm not sure if I can do this</b>	<b>I can do this, but could do it better</b>	<b>I can do this really well</b>

**Question 23**

Taking part in group discussions to reach shared decisions

I don't know what this means	I can't do this yet	I'm not sure if I can do this	I can do this, but could do it better	I can do this really well
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**Question 24**

Working well with others by respecting different opinions

I don't know what this means	I can't do this yet	I'm not sure if I can do this	I can do this, but could do it better	I can do this really well
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**Question 25**

Listening actively, for example by taking notes or asking questions if you don't understand

I don't know what this means	I can't do this yet	I'm not sure if I can do this	I can do this, but could do it better	I can do this really well
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**Question 26**

Speaking clearly by making points in a sensible order and using appropriate language

I don't know what this means	I can't do this yet	I'm not sure if I can do this	I can do this, but could do it better	I can do this really well
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**Question 27**

Keeping trying when something goes wrong

I don't know what this means	I can't do this yet	I'm not sure if I can do this	I can do this, but could do it better	I can do this really well
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**Question 28**

Having a positive approach to new challenges

I don't know what this means	I can't do this yet	I'm not sure if I can do this	I can do this, but could do it better	I can do this really well
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**Well done! You have completed the Future Skills Questionnaire!**