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LINKING CURRICULUM LEARNING TO CAREERS

TEACHER RESOURCE GUIDE: ENGLISH



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GATSBY BENCHMARK 4: LINKING CURRICULUM LEARNING TO CAREERS

Bring your subject to life by providing real-life examples from the world of work to help motivate and inspire students. This can range from easy-to-implement 'quick wins' to full schemes of learning in which curriculum teaching points are embedded in the context of careers and the world of work. **The resources drawn together here take you through the full spectrum of linking careers to the curriculum in English, from quick wins to in-depth content.**

-> KEYS TO
LOOK OUT FOR



Quick tasks



Tasks with
some planning



Tasks with
moderate
planning



All of the **resources** signposted in this booklet are **free to use**, but some will require you to sign up to receive the resources.

QUICK WINS

If you have very little curriculum time: Display posters in your classroom showing careers and apprenticeships that are relevant to English.



All these posters are **free to download**.
careerpivot.org.uk - pathways and jobs subject posters.



For little planning and little curriculum time: easy-to-use resources to link English to careers within existing lessons and curriculum.

You can highlight the careers-relevance of key English skills and processes in lessons without making significant curriculum changes or additions.

The 'English, Why Bother?' videos from MYPATH take a key skill from the English curriculum, for example, 'analysing persuasive texts' and give examples of how the skill is used in several different jobs. The videos are typically less than two-minutes long, meaning that they can be easily inserted into existing lessons.

mypathcareersuk.com - English - why bother?

SKILLS BUILDER HUB



For a small amount of initial planning and curriculum time: easy-to-use resources to highlight the transferable skills being used and developed in your existing lessons and curriculum.

1. The Skills Builder Partnership has designed the Universal Framework for measuring and building essential skills, identifying eight key transferable skills.

skillsbuilder.org - universal framework

2. You can easily incorporate the framework into your existing lessons by displaying and referring to the skills posters – you could display all eight or choose the ones which are most relevant to your curriculum. You can also add the corresponding skills symbols to your slideshows to highlight when the key skills are being used or developed in your lessons.

hub.skillsbuilder.org - resources

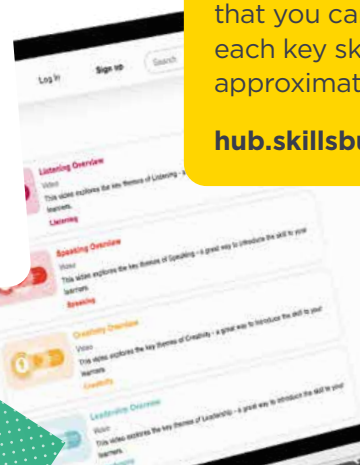
3. You could take this a step further by introducing the relevant skills, making your references to them in subsequent lessons more meaningful.

Each skill has an overview video that requires no more than five minutes of lesson time to watch.

hub.skillsbuilder.org - overview videos

4. In addition, there are fully-resourced 'assembly' slide shows that you can use to introduce each key skill; each one takes approximately 20 minutes.

hub.skillsbuilder.org - assemblies



CAREERS-FOCUSED INFORMATION



-> SHORT VIDEOS

For a small amount of planning and curriculum time: adding careers-focused information to your curriculum using short videos.

There are lots of videos available that explore English-related careers. You could insert these videos as a regular feature of your curriculum, or use them when your school has a careers focus.

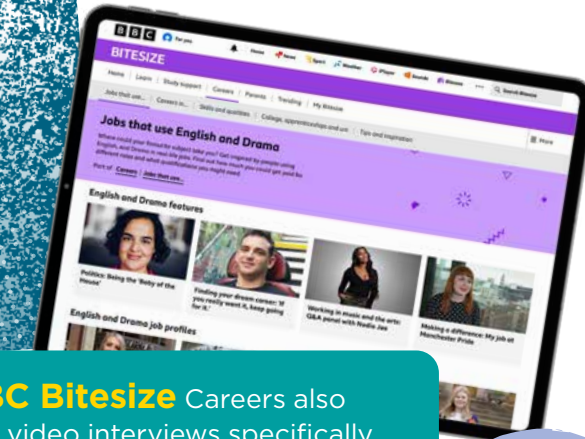
icould has video interviews with individuals doing English-related jobs, coming in under five minutes long.

icould.com - English



BBC Bitesize Careers also has video interviews specifically related to jobs that use English and Drama in its 'how to become a...' series. The videos are less than 3 minutes long.

BBC Bitesize Careers - jobs that use English and Drama



MYPATH 'jobs of the week' videos give labour market information about a different job each week. There are over a hundred so far, with several about jobs that are relevant to the English curriculum, including, barrister, journalist and drama therapist. Each video is around two-minutes long.

mypathcareersuk.com - job of the week



CAREERS-FOCUSED INFORMATION

-> USING WEBSITES



For slightly more planning and curriculum time: adding careers-focused information to your curriculum using websites.

You can use these resources to enhance your own knowledge of English-related careers or for research-based lesson tasks and homework with an explicit careers focus.

The government apprenticeships website has an overview of apprenticeship opportunities related to English.

[apprenticeships.gov.uk](https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk) - subject snapshots

BBC writers has information on how the BBC works with writers alongside interviews with industry professionals and writing opportunities.

[bbc.co.uk - writers](https://www.bbc.co.uk/writers)

On Planit, a list of English-related careers can be found by clicking on 'languages' then 'English'. Clicking on a career takes you to an information page that includes information on the nature of the work, pay and conditions, necessary qualifications and labour market information.

[planitplus.net](https://www.planitplus.net) - subject career list

The Publishers Association has a 'learn about the industry' page that explains what the industry involves, as well as how to get into it.

[publishers.org.uk](https://www.publishers.org.uk) - learn about the industry



EMBED CURRICULUM TEACHING POINTS



For a moderate amount of planning and curriculum time: embedding curriculum in the context of careers.

The gold standard of careers in the curriculum is to embed curriculum teaching points in the context of careers and the world of work. There are different resources available to you depending on how much curriculum time you have available.

The AET and Tesco have produced a sequence of three lessons, suitable for standard lessons or for delivery as part of a drop-down day, in their Careers in English resources. There is a fully-resourced sequence of activities for each of years, 7, 8, 9 and 10. Each set of resources includes recommendations on sequencing of these lessons within the existing curriculum.

[careersandenterprise.co.uk](https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk) - AET and Tesco

The KS3 English Careers in the Curriculum resource contains lesson plans and accompanying scheme of work to support embedding Careers within the curriculum in English. This fully-resourced unit of work (8 - 10 lessons) is designed for learners in Year 7-8 and explores the world of work through an English lens.

[careersandenterprise.co.uk](https://www.careersandenterprise.co.uk) - KS3 English careers curriculum

For a comprehensive starting point full of links, examples and guidance, see the Careers Enterprise Company resources **My Learning My Future: English**

ABOUT GROWS

Grows is a network of six Gloucestershire universities and colleges that aims to encourage young people to explore the world of higher education and make informed decisions about their future.

GROWS works with local secondary schools offering all schools free quality resources for their learners and the parents/guardians of those learners. GROWS targets young people who are the most under-represented in higher education and offers a range of events and activities to support them to make well informed decisions about their future educational and career options. Teachers and advisers can use the links below to access our resources and a range of other useful websites, videos and see the range of outreach activity available to your school.



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