

Discover Learning Pathways



Recommended
Year 8



Length
75 Minutes

About This Lesson

Students explore pathways that lead to preferred destinations by reviewing their key stage 4 options, investigating future pathway options, and evaluating the learning pathways to 3 careers of interest.

Learning Objectives

By the end of this lesson, students will:

- understand their key stage 4 options
- investigate their future pathway options (university, college, apprenticeship, straight to work, and military)
- explore the learning pathways to various careers
- evaluate the pathways they could take to a career that interests them

Driving Question

Which learning pathway may lead me to my future success?

Future-Ready Skills

Research Skills

Evaluating

Pathway Planning

Lesson Breakdown

15

Minutes

Activity 1 - Secondary School Pathways

Provide your students with a list of key stage 4 options and have students answer the following questions: what are my options at this stage of secondary school? What mix of subjects or course types will better support my future plans? Explain why or why not.

35

Minutes

Activity 2 - Xello Lesson: Discover Learning Pathways

In this activity, students will investigate a variety of pathway options and learn that there is more than one way to prepare for a career.

25

Minutes

Activity 3 - Preferred Pathway

In this activity, students will identify what they like and dislike about the learning pathways to 3 saved careers and evaluate their likelihood of pursuing the required training.



Xello Entry Point

Students will need to make sure they have saved 3 careers before starting this lesson. It's also recommended that students complete the **Matchmaker** assessment (phase 1) and **Explore Career Matches** lesson.

Vocabulary

- University
- College
- Apprenticeship
- Straight to work
- Military
- Career Path
- Job Responsibilities
- Job Requirements

Benchmarks & Curriculum

Gatsby Benchmark 7: Encounters with FE and HE.

PSHE L4: The range of opportunities available

PSHE L8: Progression routes into training, vocation, and academic opportunities.

Activity 3 - Preferred Pathway



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20 Minutes

Inquiry Prompts

- What education or training is required for careers that interest me?
- What do I like and dislike about the possible learning pathways for careers that interest me?

Teaching Strategies

In this activity, students will identify what they like and dislike about the learning pathways to 3 saved careers and evaluate their likelihood of pursuing the required training.

- 1 Provide the [instructions](#) on the next page to your students.

Materials Required

- [Student Instructions](#)
- Computers or tablets with internet access

Outcomes

Students will identify at least 3 likes and 3 dislikes about the education and training required for 3 saved careers, and then evaluate **Important Factors: Education.**

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Preferred Pathway

Student Instructions

Complete the following for 3 saved careers:

- 1 Review the **Sample Career Path** and **Education & Training** sections of the career profile. What requirements or responsibilities do you like or dislike?
- 2 At the top of the profile, choose an emoji to indicate how you feel about this career.
- 3 Within **Likes and Dislikes**, add at least one like and one dislike in regards to the career path requirements and responsibilities.
- 4 Under the section titled **Education**, within **Important Factors**, on a scale of 1-5, evaluate the likelihood you'd want to complete the required education or training, 5 being very likely.