

## **How Talk The Talk workshops can support the Gatsby Benchmarks**

Talk The Talk is on a mission to inspire all young people to become confident communicators for life! Our transformational workshops develop the communication confidence and oracy skills of the young people that participate, supporting them to speak up, speak out and achieve.

In 2021 the International Centre for Guidance Studies (iCeGS) at the University of Derby found that improving career guidance by using the Benchmarks can lead to better student outcomes, such as improved career readiness and GCSE attainment, whilst also raising aspirations and increasing engagement with education.

Our workshops can support you to deliver upon the Gatsby Benchmarks within your careers programme and we have outlined how they link below.

### **Talk About Communication Plus**

This workshop supports students to communicate confidently and cooperatively in workplace style, group talk scenarios. Students develop and apply effective oracy techniques during debating, negotiating and planning activities and use vocal, verbal and visual skills to get their ideas across.

This workshop can support the Gatsby Benchmarks by helping you to address the needs of each pupil (3) and linking curriculum learning to careers (4). This workshop can also form part of a stable careers programme (1).

#### ***Benchmark 1: A Stable Careers programme.***

All Talk The Talk workshops are available throughout the academic year and are delivered to a high standard and consistent quality. Workshop can be delivered over successive years to form a constant and progressive part of your careers programme.

#### ***Benchmark 3: Addressing the needs of each pupil.***

Talk About Communication Plus is delivered in small group format (max 30 pupils) providing schools the flexibility to deliver to selected cohorts of students. This format allows schools to select students that would benefit specifically from the outcomes of Talk About Communication Plus, and in doing so supporting them to address the needs of each pupil. Talk About Communication Plus supports each student to raise their aspirations as they become more confident spoken communicators in group talk scenarios such as those found in the workplace. Students explore visual, vocal and verbal oracy techniques, discover effective communication strategies when working in groups and teams and building their spoken confidence through carefully scaffolded workshop activities. By then learning how to communicate effectively and confidently in groups, students feel more confident and assured in their approach to the range of communication situations in the workplace and careers paths.

#### ***Benchmark 4: Linking curriculum learning to careers.***

Talk About Communication Plus focuses on developing oracy, spoken language and communication skills in group talk scenarios, such as those found in the workplace. Participating young people develop key transferable skills and in doing so the workshop frames these aspects of the curriculum in the context of how those skills are valued and applied in a careers and employability setting. Delivering Talk About Communication Plus will support a strategic approach from schools to link English/PSHE curriculum learning to careers and employability.

### **Get in touch!**

If you want to secure high quality and impactful oracy and employability outcomes that support your students to communicate with skill and confidence, both in school and on into the workplace, do [get in touch](#) to see how we can support you. You can also view us on **The Careers & Enterprise Company's** website as a listed delivery provider.