

Student Guide: S6 General Workshop

Aim

This workshop is designed to encourage pupils in S6 to think about preparing for the next stage of their learning, ie. college or university. We will look at how experiences at college and university differ from those at school and steps pupils should take to prepare for these changes. Central to the workshop is the valuable interaction pupils have with current college/university students and their experiences – i.e. you!

Format

The workshop begins with an introduction of the workshop team and the objectives of the session – you may be asked to introduce yourself to the class giving your name, what you are studying and where.

You will be assigned a group and the workshop leader will begin an interactive finance quiz, during which pupils work in smaller teams to guess the price of certain goods or services they are likely to purchase as a student, eg. monthly cost of electricity, a weekly grocery shop, etc; the idea being that pupils will have an increased understanding of the realistic costs of living, and the need to budget as a student.

The pupils will then be asked to work on an accommodation-based task. Working in their teams, the pupils will prioritise services and amenities they require from a Hall of Residence, within a set budget. This includes location, ensuite facilities, catering, etc. The team decides what priorities are most important to them. The purpose being to give the pupils a greater understanding of the range of options of student accommodation and the costs involved, helping them to make informed choices.

Lastly, the teams fill in the diary of an example student. A number of events will be scheduled into the diary already, but the team will be asked to complete a full two-week schedule for him/her (extra-curricular activities, social engagements & academic commitments). This is to introduce the need to manage time effectively as a student (which we know you are all fabulous at!)

Students' Role

You will be expected to assist the pupils with their tasks (without giving away too many answers to the quiz or the timetable!) Be ready to answer all sorts of questions on student life and encourage interaction between yourself and the pupils. You will also help to gather in worksheets and place tables and chairs back in the correct position at the end of the workshop.

Further Briefing

You are asked to arrive at the school reception **at least 10 minutes before** the start of the workshop for a final briefing and to be informed of any ad hoc changes that may need to be made. **Remember: if you cannot attend the workshop, please let us know!**