

Virtual careers talks: teacher guidance

What are virtual careers talks?

We know schools are facing a hugely challenging time. Thank you for the incredible work you're doing in these tough circumstances.

Students from disadvantaged backgrounds are the ones who'll be worst hit by this crisis, and will be missing out on vitally-important careers education. One of the ways Teach First is supporting schools is through these virtual careers talks. We've asked volunteers from our funders to record short videos describing their company, role and career path.

Because we know not all students have access to a computer and reliable internet, we've also turned these videos into printable fact sheets. There are short worksheets to help students reflect on what they've learned – watching one video and completing a worksheet takes about 15 minutes.

Some of the volunteers have said that they'd be happy to answer any questions your students have about their roles and industries. We've created an anonymous form on the worksheets for students to fill out, but if they aren't able to use this you are more than welcome to gather their questions in and send them to us. We'll make sure they get to the volunteers.



How should I use them?

This is a flexible resource that you can use however you like to embed careers into your students' learning. We know that every school is approaching teaching during the shutdown differently, and we want virtual careers talks to fit with what works for you. Here are a few suggestions:

- Videos can be used as a starter activity during virtual form time, with a group discussion of the role and industry afterwards.
- Select 3 or 4 videos from one company or industry to create a 1-hour 'lesson' exploring it in depth.
- Videos can be embedded into curriculum teaching to help meet Gatsby Benchmark 4.

What's next?

Use the [catalogue](#) to navigate which virtual careers talks you want to use. We've laid them out by company and added subject links for each one so you can see which ones would be relevant for your students. Depending on how you are facilitating it you can send the catalogue directly to your students too.

It's important for us to learn how useful you find these resources, so we can continue to support our brilliant schools in the best way possible. We'll send you a short form in a few weeks to give us your feedback.

We're very aware that it's the most vulnerable pupils who will be hit hardest by this outbreak, in health, education and beyond. It's schools like yours that are doing amazing things to tackle this, in the most challenging circumstances. We're inspired by the work you are doing - thank you and stay safe!