

Launchpad

Launchpad Explorer

Outline

This worksheet has been designed to guide young people through the Launchpad features that can help them plan their future. It involves looking at the following areas:

- Skills profiling.
- Subject information.
- Careers investigation.



Key Stage 3 CEG National Framework

This resource helps to meet the following aspects of the Key Stage 3 CEG National Framework:

8. Identify and use a variety of sources of careers information, including ICT.
10. Use information handling and research skills to locate, select, analyse, integrate, present and evaluate careers information relevant to their needs.
11. Demonstrate knowledge and understanding of the options open to them including opportunities provided through vocational options.

Method

There are four tasks for students to complete. Each task has a series of questions.

- Task 1 (roughly 30 minutes) focuses on the Launchpad skills profile.
- Task 2 (roughly 20 minutes) focuses on the Launchpad subject list.
- Tasks 3 and 4 (roughly 20 minutes) focus on the Launchpad careers database.

To complete these tasks, each student will need a computer with access to Launchpad. Give each student a 'Launchpad Explorer' handout.

Teacher Notes - Answers to Tasks

Task 1 - Skills Quiz

1. What is your top skill (the one listed at the top of your skills profile)?

This will be the skill listed at the top of the student's skills profile on completion of the skills quiz.

2. Out of all of the skills presented in your skills profile, which skill would you most like to improve?

The students will pick out one of their skills for this question.

Task 2 - Subject Information

1. For the Engineering Diploma, what is the minimum number of days' work experience you need to do?

10 days (this is the minimum for all the Diplomas). This answer is in the 'How will I learn' section.

2. List three skills you could develop by taking GCSE Geography.

Any three skills from the following:

- Research - finding information from different places.
- Writing different types of documents.
- Using ICT.
- Planning, organising and presenting information.
- Questioning whether information is accurate.
- Analysing and interpreting information.
- Making calculations.
- Solving problems.
- Using maps and charts.

3. Name two careers that GCSE Geography will be very useful for.

Any two careers from the following:

- Countryside Manager.
- Countryside Ranger/Warden.
- Environmental Conservation Officer.
- Freight Forwarder..
- Geological Technician.
- Geologist.
- Geologist - Minerals/Mining.
- Geospatial Engineering Surveyor.
- Hydrogeologist.

- Landscape Architect.
- Palaeontologist.
- Road Safety Officer.
- Technical Surveyor.
- Town Planner.
- Travel Agency Clerk.
- Travel Agency Manager.

Task 3 - Career Exploration

Use the information from the 'Career List' section of Launchpad to complete this part.

1) How many careers are listed under the industry 'Social Work and Counselling Services'?

19 careers.

2) What is the average salary range for 'Family Support Worker'?

£17,000 - £21,999.

3) Which qualifications do you need to get into this career?

A level, Diploma, NVQ 3 or equivalent. This information is listed in the 'Career Facts' box.

4) The case study for this job features Gary. List two things he likes about his job.

Any two from:

- Managing his own work and appointments.
- Working in different places.
- Lots of different challenges.
- Each day is different.

5) Name two of the 'Main Features' of working as an Army Officer (you'll find this career under 'Security and Armed Forces' in 'Career Areas').

Any two from:

- Obeying strict orders and instructions.
- Organising or supervising people.
- Facing dangerous situations..
- Influencing people's decisions or actions.
- Teamwork .

6) The case study for this job features Heather. What time does she start work?

7:30 am - 8:30 am

Meeting with my staff to discuss any problems with the previous day's repair and recovery jobs. Dealing with any administrative or personnel issues.

Task 4 - Your Own Career Ideas

To complete this section each student will need to select a that is of interest to them within the 'Careers' section of Launchpad.

1. Choose any career in Launchpad that you are interested in.
2. What is the average salary range for this career?
3. Which subjects do you need to get into this career?
4. Name two things the person in the case study likes about this career.
5. Name two things the person in the case study does not like about this career.

Each question in Task 4 involves looking at a students career of interest. The answer to each question will either be in the Career Information or Case Study for each career.