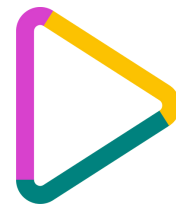


WHAT CAN I ASK?



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Some tips for asking businesses questions

Research the business/person

If you know a little more about the person/business you are speaking to, you can pre plan your questions and feel a little less like you are on the spot. If they have a website, then take a look at it first.

Take notes

When you are speaking to someone, take some notes. Write down something that you don't quite understand, or something you want to know more about. This will help you think of what you want to ask.

Ask for contact details

If you aren't confident asking questions face to face, or you remember a question you really wish you'd asked (always happens) then ask for some contact details so you can ask them at a later date.

Have good etiquette

Etiquette is polite behaviour. As you are representing yourself/your school, this is important. Remember to smile, be enthusiastic and to always thank the person for their time.

Useful questions:

- Can you tell me more about how the business works?
- What different job roles are there?
- What qualifications would I need to have a job like yours?
- Are there different access routes to a career like yours?
- Do you enjoy your work?
- What kind of challenges do you face?
- How might different skills help with the different job roles?
- Are there any extra curricular things I could do to help me be successful in the work that you do?
- What would a typical day look like in your role?
- What advice would you give to your teenage self?