

Lesson plan

Investigate careers



40
Minutes

12-16
Age

KS3:L8/12
KS4:L4
PSHE

Learning outcomes

By the end of the lesson students will have:

- Explored career and labour market information for three careers
- Identified skills and/or subjects they need to improve in to pursue those careers
- Decided whether any of the investigated careers may suit them

Summary of the lesson

This session follows on from the **Aspirations** or **Aptitudes** lesson plans but also offers an alternative activity if used as a freestanding lesson. It is appropriate for students considering their GCSE, or equivalent, subject options or post-16 study options.

It gives students the opportunity to investigate several careers and the subjects they may need to pursue those careers:

- Students investigate three careers from their careers list and/or their own career ideas
- They record their findings on the form or worksheet **Investigate Careers**

Classroom requirements

- Interactive whiteboard
- Computer/device per student
- **Investigate careers** form/worksheets, one per student

Suitable for students aged

12-16

Time required to complete tasks

40 mins max

Gatsby Benchmarks covered



Learning area in the CDI Career Development Framework

Explore possibilities

Programme of Study for PSHE Education

KS3:L8 | KS3:L12 | KS4:L4

Skills Builder Universal Framework



Lesson activities

1. For students with a Morrisby account

Students investigate and compare the three careers they chose at the end of the last session:

- Students login to their Morrisby account at www.morrisby.com with their username and password
- Select **My Choices / Careers**
- For each chosen career students read the career overview and look at the career routes and salary information
- If there is time they can watch one or more of the career videos (in **Media**) and read a case study (in **Resources**)

Students use the **Investigate Careers** form (available to schools using Tracker) or **Investigate Careers** worksheet to record the outcome of their career investigation.

Time
required

35
Min

Resources

Computer/device per student

The three careers each student chose are listed at the end of the appropriate form or worksheet (**My Interests Profile** or **My Aptitudes Profile**). Forms are located in the **Progress > Activities** area of a student's Morrisby account.

The **Investigate Careers** form is located in **Progress > Activities > Investigate Careers** OR handout worksheet to students



1. For students who do not have a personal Morrisby account

Time
required

35
Min

Students choose three careers to investigate and compare:

- Students go to **Explore jobs** on the UCAS website as follows: www.ucas.com > **Careers** > **Finding a career**
- Students choose three careers to investigate - they make each choice either by selecting a job family that interests them, a subject they like or a skill they want to use from the drop down boxes
- Handout the worksheet **Investigate Careers**. Students use the worksheet to record the outcome of their career investigation
- For each chosen career students read the career description and look at the career routes
- They can use the **Where to find out more** links to extend their research
- Note: students can find salary information in the job profiles on the National Careers Service (NCS) website

Resources

Computer/device per student

UCAS Explore jobs:
<https://www.ucas.com/ucas/after-gcses/find-career-ideas/explore-jobs>

Investigate Careers worksheet per student

NCS job profiles:
<https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers>

Differentiation



- Some students may need help to interpret careers information
- Students can use the resources links in their Morrisby account, or the 'Where to find out more' links in the UCAS job profiles, to continue their research into one or more of their chosen careers
- Students can explore careers that are related to their chosen careers

Extension activities



If there isn't enough time to complete the form or worksheet **Investigate Careers** in the lesson, it may be done as homework.

Students with a Morrisby account can add completing the form or worksheet **Investigate Careers** as a goal in their Morrisby Action Plan.

