



Skills Builder
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Digital Membership Prospectus 2026-2027

Join a global network building the essential skills for success



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Essential skills: The golden thread in a changing landscape

The primary educational landscape is evolving rapidly. From a renewed focus on early Oracy and inclusion standards to the delivery of broad enrichment activities, primary schools are under pressure to build strong foundations early.

In this climate, essential skills - like listening, speaking, problem solving, and teamwork - are not an 'add-on'. They are the **golden thread** that ties your entire provision together.

Future-proof your institution

Digital Membership gives you the rigorous, measurable framework needed to navigate these shifts with confidence:

- **Supercharge early Oracy:** Seamlessly embed speaking and listening steps across the primary curriculum to meet rising standards for expressive language and communication.
- **Build classroom confidence:** Provide young learners with a structured way to develop emotional resilience, self-regulation, and collaborative skills from an early age.
- **Streamline personal development:** Turn character building and social skills into clear, quantifiable progress that aligns perfectly with inspection frameworks for early years and primary phases.

Why partner with Skills Builder?

One day, everyone will build the essential skills to succeed

The Challenge

92% of teachers believe explicitly teaching essential skills is vital, but common barriers - such as a lack of time, training, and resources - frequently stand in the way of structured delivery.

Our Approach

Learners in established Skills Builder programmes make up to
3.3x
more progress than their peers

A clear, measurable framework	Ready-to-use resources	Rigorous assessment tools	Strategic & statutory alignment	Connection to a global network
Historically, 'soft skills' have been difficult to teach because they lacked consistent definitions. The Universal Framework breaks each skill down into 16 measurable, sequential steps, providing a common language for your entire school.	We equip your staff with a complete library of short lessons , projects, and Challenge Days that engage students without increasing teacher workload.	Access formative group-level tracking tools for teachers. Measure essential skills and the impact of personal development. Learners in established Skills Builder programmes make up to 3.3x more progress than their peers.	Embedding the framework effortlessly supports wider institutional goals, including inspection criteria for Personal Development, oracy and character building.	Join a partnership of over 900 organisations. Your students will learn the exact skills and professional language demanded and utilised by major global employers (like Amazon, PwC, and Heathrow), as well as hundreds of secondary schools and colleges across the UK.

What is the Universal Framework?

You don't have to reinvent the wheel. The [Skills Builder Universal Framework](#) is the global standard for developing essential skills. It breaks down 8 essential skills into 16 sequential, teachable, and measurable steps.

 Click on any of the skills icons below to explore the steps of the framework.

The eight essential skills:



Receiving, retaining and processing information



Transmitting information or ideas



Finding solutions to challenges



Using imagination and generating new ideas



Overcoming challenges and setbacks to achieve goals



Setting goals and designing routes to achieve them



Supporting, encouraging and motivating others to achieve a shared goal



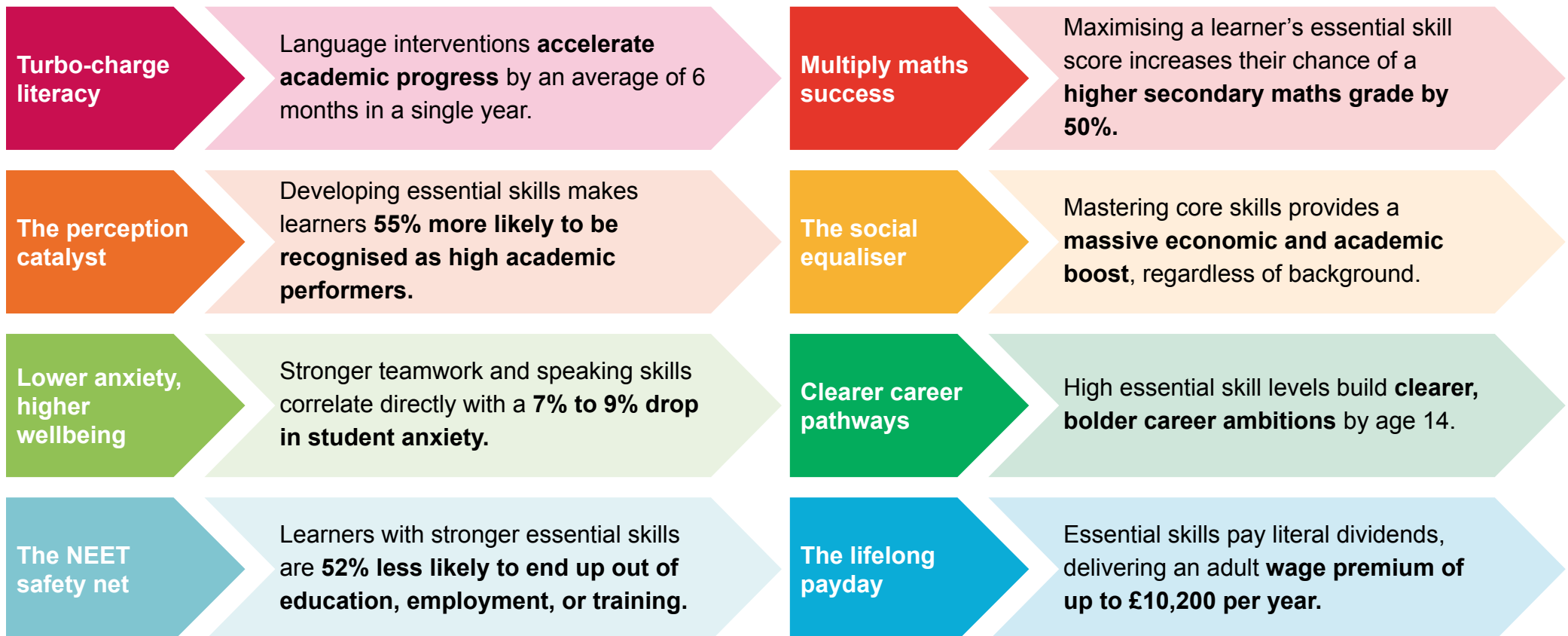
Working cooperatively with others to achieve a shared goal

Why is this important?

What are the benefits of developing essential skills?

Research has shown that though these skills are highly valued in employment, many school leavers lack the level of essential skills required to be successful in their careers.

With a rapidly shifting landscape throughout education and employment, these skills are crucial for preparing learners for a future where they can thrive.



Digital Membership Overview

Digital Membership is your annual subscription to Skills Builder’s online tools and platforms. With regular skills updates, core teaching resources and our Operation Moonbase Challenge Day included as standard, you’ll have access to everything you need to independently kick-start your skills strategy.

What’s included in each tier?

	Skills Builder Digital Membership	Core £490	Growth £1,275
Support & Community	- Weekly skills updates, planning & teaching tips 3 Support Calls - Event invites - Networking opportunities & Communities of Practice	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓
Group Assessment	- Class-level formative assessment tool - Class Admin Dashboards - Class level data & progress insights	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓ ✓
Teaching Resources	- Core teaching resource library - Exclusive membership resources (updated regularly) - Operation Moonbase Challenge Day - All premium teaching resources	✓ ✓ ✓ ✗	✓ ✓ ✓ ✓

Support & Community

Weekly skills updates, planning & teaching tips

Regular emails giving you strategic advice, teaching ideas and helping you to keep essential skills at the top of the agenda.

3 Support Calls

Optional check-ins with a Skills Builder Education Associate to chat through any technical questions you may have.

Event invites

Invites to Careers Insight Weeks & our annual Partnership Conference.

Networking opportunities & Communities of Practice

Join a community of peers to connect and share practice on chosen topics e.g. SEND, oracy, enrichment.

Group Assessment

Class-level formative assessment tool

Access to Skills Builder Hub's formative assessment tool to track your groups progress over the year. Re-assess at any point to track your learner's skills journey over the year.

Class Admin Dashboards

Identify recommended resources for each class, see your premium resources and log which resources have been used.

Class level data & progress insights

Track your whole school data to see how each class is progressing throughout the year, and what resources they have been utilising.

Teaching Resources

Core teaching Resource Library

Access to hundreds of Short Lessons, self-assessment materials, certificates, workshops and assemblies to build your skills curriculum.

Exclusive Membership Resources

New for this year - a whole catalogue of additional *brand new* resources only available on a Skills Builder programme.

Operation Moonbase Challenge Day

A great resource to get the year started, learners use their skills to build a new society on a distant moon!

All premium teaching resources

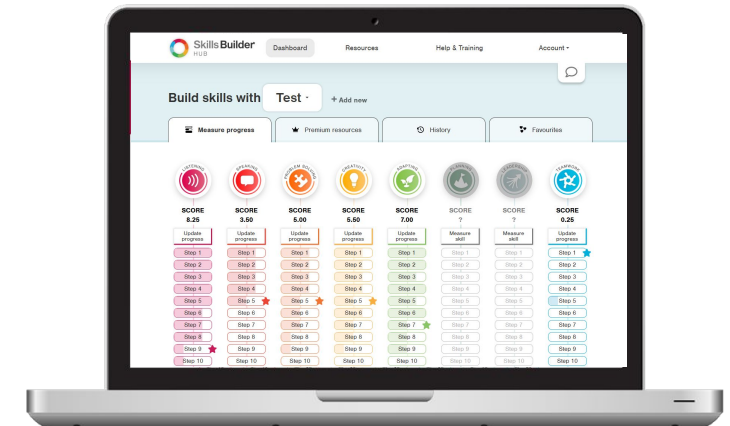
Bring your skills curriculum to life with our Challenge Days, Projects & Work Experience Modules - fully planned and ready to go.

What is Skills Builder Hub?

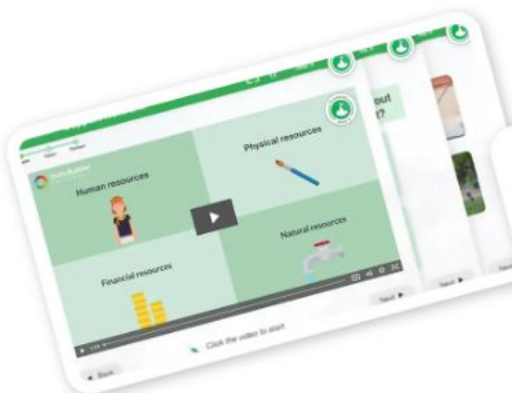
Skills Builder Hub

Online resource & impact platform for teachers

- High-quality resources for learners aged 4-18 designed by teachers for teachers
- 300+ Short Lessons, assemblies, workshops, posters, certificates, passports, curriculum guides
- Diagnostic tool - Measure skills and aggregate data for progress
- Online, bitesize teacher training modules



[Explore the Hub here](#)



Access hundreds of 15-minute, interactive lessons to start the day or bolster the curriculum



Boost careers education with resources linking skills and the world of work



Save time with ready-made projects and challenges for project-based learning

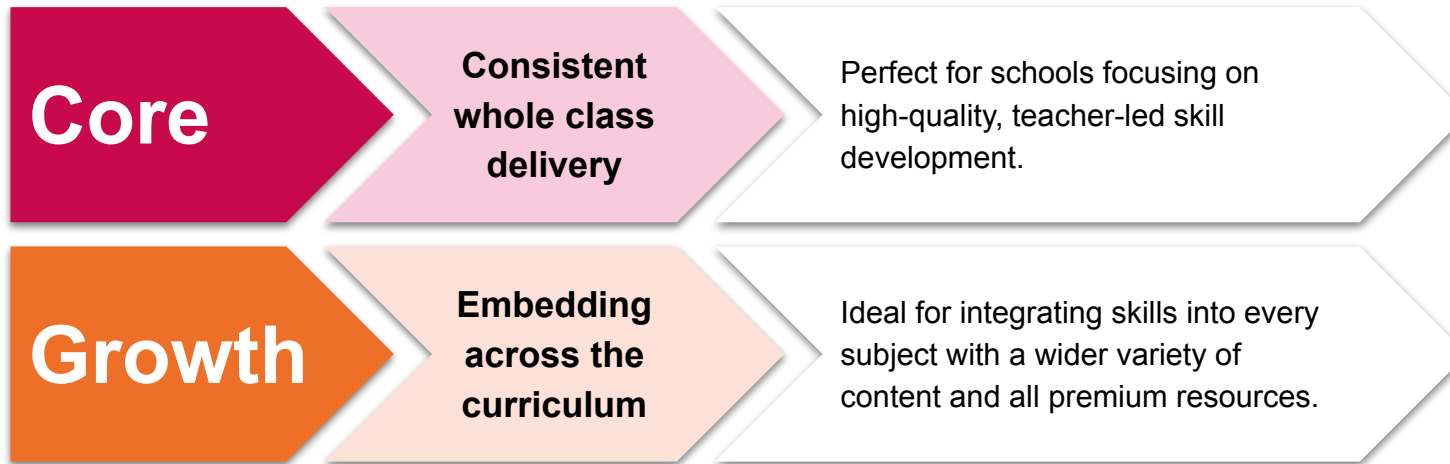


Find downloadable resources to link skills and the wider curriculum

Which tier is right for us?

Choose Your Impact

Our membership tiers are designed to match your institution's strategic goals. Select the level that best supports your learners' journey for 2026-27.



90% of Skills Leaders using our framework & tools report a direct, visible boost in their learners' readiness for the world beyond the classroom.

Growth

GROWTH is our most recommended tier for Primary Schools



Start your skills journey today

Ready to bring the universal language of essential skills to your classrooms? Getting started is quick and easy:

1. **Choose your tier:** Review the options on Page 7 to see which level of access best matches your school improvement plan.
2. **Fill out the application form:** Click the button below to access our registration form. Select your tier, input your institution's details, and set up your billing.
3. **Get started:** Once registered, our team will be in touch to get you set up on your chosen platforms, where your staff can begin utilising the resources immediately for the upcoming term.

[Join the Skills Builder Partnership here](#)

Any questions?

Reach out to our Senior Education Associate, Lauren:
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"Skills Builder is not a bolt-on extra to the curriculum, it is the foundation beneath it."

We know that it is absolutely the right foundation as it was created to meet the needs of employers, so we are guaranteeing our children the best possible success in their future lives."

Lisa Macaulay

Headteacher

Atkinson Road Primary Academy



"The Skills Builder programme has had a wide-reaching impact.

For pupils, it has provided a clear structure to develop and talk about essential skills...

Staff have benefited from having a shared language and high-quality resources that make it easier to plan, teach and assess skill development."

Hillborough Junior School

Hillborough Junior School, an 'Outstanding' primary school in Luton, embedded the Skills Builder Universal Framework to establish a consistent, structured approach to skills education across all year groups. Essential skills are woven directly into medium-term curriculum planning, reinforced via dedicated weekly lessons, and tracked using the Hub's formative assessment tools to set clear targets. This school-wide culture extends beyond the classroom into assemblies, extra-curricular clubs, and parental communications, creating a unified language that accelerates pupil confidence and collaboration.



Skills Builder
Flagship Status

[Read the case study here](#)

HOW MUCH DOES DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP COST?

Prices start at £490 for our Core tier, and go up to £1,275 for our Growth tier. Choose the tier that matches your data and resource needs for the coming year.

HOW AND WHEN DO I APPLY FOR DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP?

Ready to get started? You can register for Digital Membership at any point throughout the year via our website [here](#). To keep things streamlined for schools and colleges, all memberships align with the standard academic year running from September through July.

Because our pricing structure is fixed for the year, we are unable to offer pro-rata rates, meaning the annual tier cost remains the same regardless of your start date. However, signing up at any point grants your team immediate, unrestricted access to all of your tier's platforms and resources for the remainder of that academic year.

WHEN WILL MY DIGITAL MEMBERSHIP START?

Your 2026-27 Digital Membership will run September 2026 – July 2027. Your programme automatically renews annually, and you will be sent your renewal options in the summer term.

WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?

Digital Membership provides self-service access to your chosen platforms and resources. As part of your membership, you will receive regular programme emails, 3 x 30 minute support calls for technical queries and email support from our team all year round.

DO YOU PROVIDE CPD?

CPD is not a core part of our Digital Membership programmes, but we can offer CPD sessions for an additional cost.

CAN YOU HELP US PLAN OUR PROGRAMME?

Digital Membership is a self-service programme. Bespoke Support Time can be added on to your programme for an additional cost, which can be used to support planning, strategy, resource creation, data analysis and more.

If you want to explore a programme with a higher level of support, our Accelerator Programme offers 1:1 support from a dedicated Education Associate. The Accelerator opens for applications every spring term, and runs for the whole of the following academic year. You can find out more [here](#).

WHAT IS SKILLS BUILDER HUB?

Skills Builder Hub is our online teacher platform. It is designed for teachers, by teachers and gives you the tools and resources needed to successfully teach essential skills. It also features a group assessment tool, to measure your learners' progress.

HOW DOES THE ASSESSMENT TOOL WORK?

The assessment tool offers a quick and easy way to assess your class or group as a whole, so that you can pitch your skills teaching at the right level for your learners.

The tool saves all of your data over time, so you can see how much progress your class or group has made. It also recommends resources based on your assessment. People with Admin-level access can see the Data Overview, which shows the progress of all classes and groups across the whole school.

WHAT RESOURCES ARE ON THE HUB?

The Hub houses hundreds of resources, including short lessons (to explicitly teach the core ideas of each skill step), posters, certificates, skills passports, workshops, mini-apprenticeships, careers challenges and more. New to this year, we will be adding a whole extra level of resources, only available to those on a programme with us.

HOW DO WE USE THE HUB?

Hub has its own [Help & Training](#) section, which takes you through everything you need to know to get the most out of the platform. We also have a YouTube channel with an overview video [here](#).

WHAT IS A CHALLENGE DAY RESOURCE?

Best delivered off-timetable by classroom teachers, you can run it with multiple year groups at once or over separate days. In each Challenge Day, learners apply all 8 essential skills. See Challenge Days [here](#) on the Hub.

WHAT ARE PROJECT RESOURCES?

Best delivered over 10 hours, over a series of lessons. Work best in primaries and specialist settings. 24 themes, suitable for EYFS, KS1, KS2 and KS3. See Projects [here](#) on the Hub.

WHAT ARE VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE MODULES?

4 modules, each with 8 x 15 min sections that feature videos and tasks set by real employees in a variety of careers. See modules [here](#) on the Hub.

WHERE CAN I FIND YOUR PRODUCT POLICIES?

Our Product Policies can be found on our website [here](#).