

The Skills Builder Impact

Why teach essential skills?



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1 Turbo-charge literacy

Language interventions don't just help learners talk; they add an average of **six months** of academic progress in one year. Higher skill scores can move a learner from the **50th to the 80th percentile** in reading.

2 Multiply maths success

Better skills = better grades. At the secondary level, moving a learner from a median to a maximum skill score increases their chance of a **higher maths grade by 50%**.

3 The perception catalyst

When learners level up their essential skills, they are **55% more likely to be viewed as high academic performers** by their teachers (and future employers). It changes the classroom dynamic for good.

4 The social equaliser

Essential skills bridge the gap. While socio-economic advantage gives some a head start, mastering these skills provides the same **massive economic boost** regardless of a learner's background.

5 Lower anxiety, higher wellbeing

Stronger skills in Teamwork and Speaking correlate with a **7% to 9% drop in anxiety**. Learners don't just learn better; they feel better.

6 Clearer career pathways

By age 14, high essential skill levels lead to **clearer, bolder career goals**. For SEND learners, these skills act as a vital compass for navigating life after school.

7 The NEET safety net

Want to keep young people in work or training? A learner with slightly higher skill scores than their peers is **52% less likely to end up out of education or employment**.

8 The lifelong payday

Skills pay literal dividends. Competency in these areas can lead to a **wage premium of up to £10,200 per year** in adulthood. It's the gift that keeps on giving.

Unlock your learners' full potential with the **Skills Builder Universal Framework** - the ultimate catalyst for academic success and lifelong achievement.

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