



Skills Builder
PARTNERSHIP



Beyond the Accelerator

OPTIONS FOR 2021-22



The next step in the journey

Despite the challenges of the last year, we hope you feel that you are on track to make a real impact for your learners through the Accelerator programme this year.

The Accelerator programme is the start of a journey to make sure that your students are all equipped with the essential skills to thrive in the rest of their lives. Here, we explore some of the next steps.



Three options for what comes next...

The Accelerator+ Programme

For schools and colleges who want to continue to make progress in embedding top quality essential skills teaching. The programme includes a flexible array of support to achieve the next Skills Builder Award, or to act as a flagship school or college within the network. *Open to applications from 1 March 2021.*

Digital Membership

For schools and colleges who want to be able to continue to run the programme that they have set up, but don't want the wider support. This includes all of the teaching, curriculum and assessment materials.

Repeat the Accelerator

For schools and colleges who did not manage to achieve the Bronze Award in their first year on the Accelerator, perhaps due to staff changes or competing priorities. This is a chance to re-run the year.

- ✓ — Contact your Education Associate to apply for any of these
- ✓ — options from *1 March 2021.*
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Accelerator+

The Accelerator+ programme has been designed by the Skills Builder team for those schools and colleges who have already completed their year on the Accelerator programme, and who are committed to continuing to embed best practice for teaching essential skills for their learners.

A flexible menu

The Accelerator+ model is a deliberately flexible approach – you can pick what works best for you to continue your journey...

Strategy Planning

These are included in Accelerator+ and are crucial to get the most out of the year:

- **Termly strategy meetings:** These help to structure progress over the year and to make sure our team can support your journey in the best way possible.
- **Adaptive support time:** A flexible day of time from the Skills Builder team that can be used to address your priorities or development needs, including curriculum or strategy planning.

Training and Support

These are included in Accelerator+ and will support the Skills Leader and teachers:

- **Skills Leader Training:** at the start of the year and mid-year give the Skills Leader the chance to learn from peers and to think about their plans and goals for the year.
- **Online teacher training:** Flexible, always-available training to help colleagues to build expertise and confidence in building their students' essential skills.

Tools and Resources

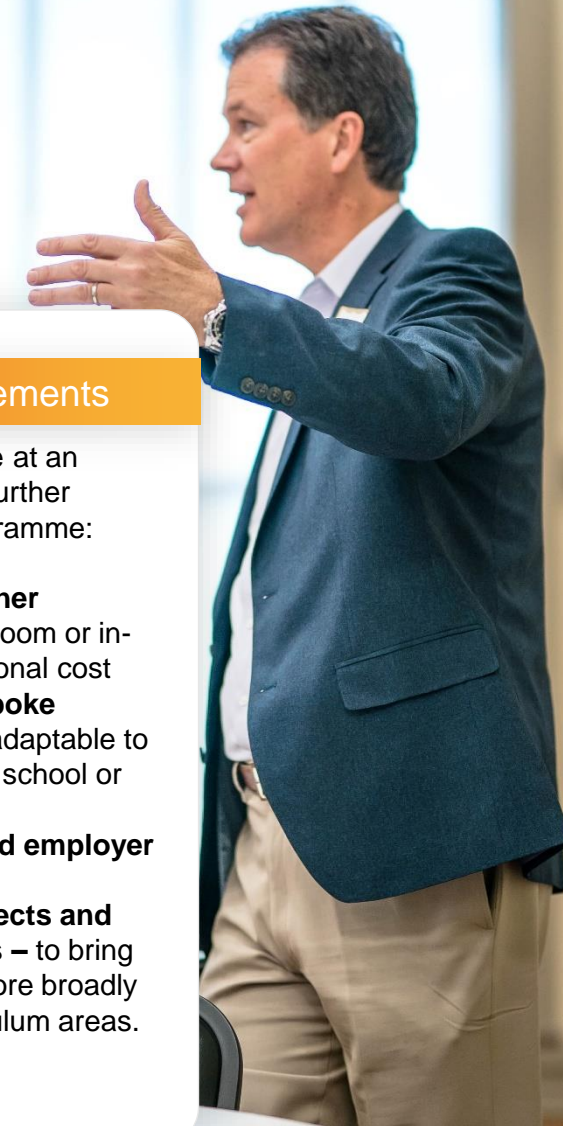
These are included in Accelerator+ and might help achieve your goals:

- **Skills Builder Hub:** Providing a complete curriculum and assessment tool.
- **Home Learning Hub**
- **Skills Builder Benchmark & Launchpad** – for individuals aged 11+ to assess and then build their own skills*
- **4 Projects or one Challenge Day** – for primary schools*

Premium Elements

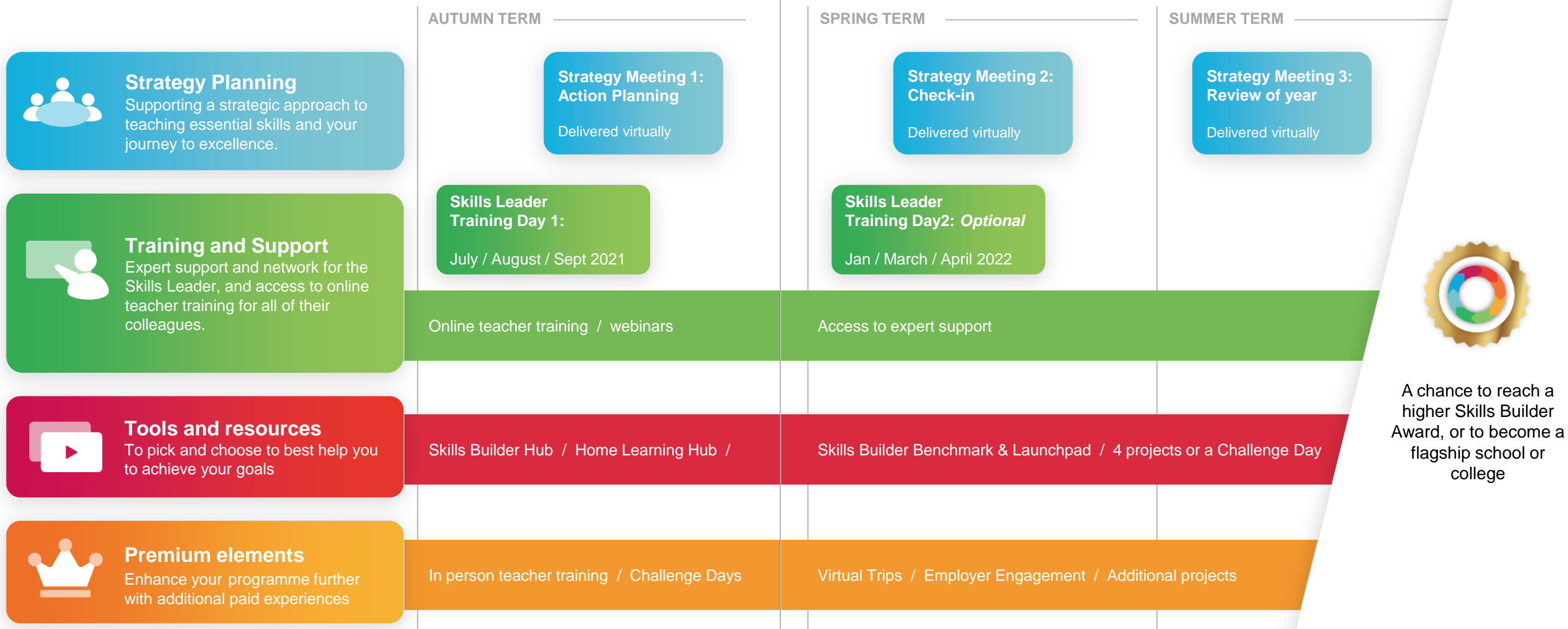
These are available at an additional cost, to further enhance your programme:

- **In-person Teacher Training:** over Zoom or in-person, at additional cost
- **Additional bespoke support** – fully adaptable to the needs of the school or college
- **Virtual Trips and employer engagement**
- **Additional Projects and Challenge Days** – to bring skills building more broadly into other curriculum areas.



Accelerator+

THE 2021-22 YEAR PLAN



Accelerator+

NEXT STEPS

With 430 schools and colleges on track to complete their Accelerator programme this year, we expect that competition for the Accelerator+ programme will be considerable.

We have to balance our capacity to support both the Accelerator and Accelerator+ programmes, and so we recommend that you apply early for your place for 2021-22. We are guaranteeing capacity to support schools and colleges who apply to join Accelerator+ by the first deadline. After that, it will be based on local capacity.

Applications will open on the 1 March 2021 and the deadlines for 2021-22 are:

ROUND 1

Friday 2
April 2021

ROUND 2

Friday 28
May 2021

ROUND 3

Friday 2
July 2021

To apply, please contact your Education Associate from the 1 March 2021

Accelerator+

FREQUENT QUESTIONS

WHAT IS THE COST OF ACCELERATOR+?

The cost of the Accelerator+ programme is £1,250. As a not-for-profit social enterprise we work to minimise costs while ensuring our work is sustainable.

WHAT ARE THE COSTS OF PREMIUM ELEMENTS?

The premium elements are priced at:

- Projects: £50 each or £500 for all 24
- Challenge Day Resources: £250 each
- All Projects and all Challenge Days: £1,000
- Virtual trips: £300

HOW CAN I MOVE UP AN AWARD LEVEL?

Over the year, we will work with you to identify your goals, and use the Strategy Meetings and Skills Leader Training to build and support your plan. At the end of the year, if you have achieved the indicators for the next Award level, this will be confirmed. Read more [here](#).

WHAT IF I HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED GOLD?

If you have already achieved Gold, we hope you will continue to engage with Accelerator+ as a Flagship School or College. This is a way of further embedding your approach, sharing best practice with your peers, and learning from (and contributing to) the latest research and developments.



Digital Membership

Digital Membership is perfect for schools and colleges who want to lead the continued development and impact of their essential skills programme, but without further training or support.

Both options for Digital Membership in 2021-22 include:

- ✓ Full access to a suite of resources to build and assess essential skills through the Skills Builder Hub
- ✓ The ability to add multiple teachers, see each other's classes and monitor groups' progress
- ✓ Exclusive access to monthly webinars to maximise impact and support colleagues
- ✓ Access to online teacher training modules, aligned to the Skills Builder Principles of best practice



Digital Basic

Access to resources for 4 extended projects or 1 Challenge Day or Benchmark
(options to add on more)



Digital Unlimited

Unlimited access to all our resources (including 24 extended Projects & 17 Challenge Days) as well as Skills Builder Benchmark

Explore and sign up at: www.skillsbuilder.org/digital-membership

Overview

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Skills Builder PARTNERSHIP		Individual Teacher	Digital Basic	Digital Unlimited	Accelerator	Accelerator+
What do you get?		Start building skills with your own group(s)	Access a range of online tools and resources	Unlimited, joined up access for all your staff	Develop a strategy and join a network	Further deepening your approach, with support
Skills Builder Hub	300+ Short Lessons	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Add & assess multiple classes	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Online training modules	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Manage multiple teachers	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Download data across classes	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
Bespoke experiences	Unlock access to Premium Resources & other tools	✗	4 Projects or 1 Challenge Day or Skills Builder Benchmark	24 Projects, 17 Challenge Days and Skills Builder Benchmark	Your choice, some costs associated	Some included, options to add more
	Exclusive webinars	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Strategic support and training	✗	✗	✗	✓	✓
	Teacher training sessions	✗	✗	✗	✓	Your choice, costs associated
	Virtual Trips with employers	✗	✗	✗	✓	Your choice, costs associated
		Free	£320 / year	£1,000 / year	£1,800 / year (some funded options)	£1,250 / year

Contact your Education Associate to choose what works best for you



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