

Springpod Big Work Experience Challenge

We hope you have a great time exploring Springpod!

Every time you engage with **Springpod**, you will earn **Rockets**! Read all about them [here](#). Put simply Rockets unlock **opportunities**, **rewards** and **prizes**!

Try to finish all the **experiences** and **Extra Challenge tasks**, but feel free to manage your time and choose the ones that interest you the most.

Your teachers will **keep track of your progress** and **celebrate** your achievements at the end of the week. Good luck from the Springpod and let's start earning those Rockets!



Session 1

Getting started

◆ Introduction to **Springpod**

- View [slides](#) or watch the [video](#) or our short animation [here](#)
- Create your Springpod account [here](#) and explore the experiences available [here](#).
- View [slides](#) or watch this [video](#) for a guide to creating your account.

Session 2

Future Pathways

◆ Let's start with researching future pathways. For a quick overview, visit [Skills for Life](#). Then choose one or more of the following Springpod programmes (1 hour):

- [Skills for Life: An Introduction to Apprenticeships](#)
- [Skills for Life: An Introduction to T Levels](#)
- [Skills for Life: An Introduction to Higher Technical Qualifications](#)

🔍 Extra Challenge

- ✓ **One-pathway deep dive:** Pick **one** option (college, apprenticeship, job, gap year, etc.) and list one pro, one con, and one question you still have.
- ✓ **Advice to a friend:** If a friend had your interests and skills, what option would you recommend and why?
- ✓ **Write down at least 3 actions** that you will take to continue your research into your next steps

Session 3

Building Skills

You have two options. Choose one or do both!

◆ Option A

Find the Barclays Lifeskills programme [here](#) and click **START NOW**.
Approx 6 to 8 hours total)

◆ Option B

Put together your own programme with **Rolls Royce**. Choose one or more [Future Ready Skills](#) and/or [Employability Skills](#) Programmes. These are all shorter 1 hour programmes.

🔍 Extra Challenge

- ✓ Pick one task from your **Springpod programme** and explain how that skill could be used in a different job.

◆ Take a break and find your programme to continue on your dashboard 'My Virtual Work Experience'



Session 4

Employer Focus and Digital Skills

◆ Time for a tour of a **real workplace**!

Choose an Amazon Career Tour [here](#) (1 hour) to explore real tech and business roles, meet employees, and discover a wide range of career paths at Amazon.

- You can choose from [Robotics](#), [Fulfillment Centre](#), [Prime Video](#) or [Cloud Computing](#).

🔍 Extra Challenge

- ✓ **Unexpected role:** Identify one job you didn't expect to see in this workplace. **Would this suit me?** One reason this workplace appeals to you, and one reason it might not.

Amazon Digital Skills Programmes (1 hour each)

◆ Build essential digital skills for school, college, work and life from communication and online safety to data and cloud tools.

Choose one or more:

- [AI and AI Literacy](#)
- [Data Analysis and Storytelling](#)
- [Research](#)
- [Digital Communication](#)
- [Cyber Security](#)

🔍 Extra Challenge

- ✓ **Digital confidence check:** Which digital skill do you feel most confident in, and which do you want to improve?
- Future-proofing:** What's one skill you think will be more important in 5 years than it is now?

Session 5

Reflections and Actions

◆ Complete any outstanding experiences

- **One-year letter:** Write a short note from your future self one year after leaving school. What choice did you make? How do you feel about it?
- **Biggest shift:** One thing you think differently about now compared to before the programme.
- **Next step promise:** Write one realistic action you'll take in the next month.
- **Confidence snapshot:** On a scale of 1-10, how confident do you feel about your next steps and why?

Building Experience

- 1- Log back into your account [here](#).
- 2- Go to **My Virtual Work Experience** and continue with **any programmes you have already started**.
- 3- When you complete, choose another programme of your choice [here](#). If you know which sector interests you, use our [Job Sector Collections](#) to find one that matches your interests.

🔍 Extra Challenge

- ✓ **Employer lens:** If you were the employer, what would impress you most about a student who has completed the programme you chose?