

# Secondary 45 Minute Lesson



**Be informed.**



**Be curious.**



**Be heard.**

# Your latest results: “Are online scams always too good to be true?”



Yes

53.5%

No

46.5%

**“Whether it is £5 or £1,000,000, you should know you wouldn't get something for nothing.”**

Heckmondwike Grammar School

**“We feel we have more awareness of how online scams exist and operate than lots of older adults do.”**

Prince William School

**“Scams are quite obvious, as soon as you have to enter personal details there is suspicion.”**

Weaverham High School

**“I always buy things from TikTok. There are scammers and scams going on out there, but I'm not going to stop missing out on opportunities.”**

Woodbury School

51,128 young people voted this week! Were you one of them?

# Your latest results: “Are online scams always too good to be true?”



Click to hear from Tom Pinfield at Childnet, part of the UK Safer Internet Centre, about his thoughts on your latest VoteTopic results.

# Your views on “Are online scams always too good to be true?” were also heard by:



Childnet

National Cyber  
Security Centre

Ukie

Common Sense  
Media

Nominet



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Today's VoteTopic:

# Would you like to start your own business?

UNCRC Article 29:  
Aims of  
education

UN SDG 8:  
Decent work &  
economic growth

VfS Key Theme 8:  
Jobs, economy &  
education

# 1 Why are we talking about this?



There are **so many options** to think about when you consider **what you want** from a **future career**.

## **Career:**

The job or series of jobs that you do during your working life, especially if you continue to get better jobs and earn more money.



# 1 Why are we talking about this?

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a white pen, poised to write on a document. The background is blurred, showing what appears to be a person in a white lab coat.

A study last year found that **60%** of **young people** want to be their **own boss** by the age of **30**.

Being your **own boss** is when you are **self-employed**. This could be **working on your own** or being a **business owner** where you **employ other people**.

**National Careers Week** runs from **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** to **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March**. Now is a good time to **think about** some of your **future options**.

# 1 Why are we talking about this?



Let's look into this topic a little more as we move towards a vote on: **“Would you like to start your own business?”**





## 2 Work, work, work , work, work



### Pair discussion (10-15 mins)

Let's take a look at some examples of **self-employment**. Discuss with your partner **at least one positive** and **one negative** aspect of each person's possible experience of being self-employed. You can click to reveal some possible answers.



I get to follow my own vision and passions.

If the company does well, I'll be better off.

*Running and owning a small business.*

There's a lot of people's livelihoods relying on this.

If things don't go well, I will not get paid.





I have flexibility so I can work around my interests and family.

The income is not consistent. Some good days, some bad days.

I can do as much or as little of this job around my life or other jobs.

If I don't work, I don't get paid. Getting sick or going on holiday is tricky too.

***Working in the gig-economy, for example as a delivery driver.***



***Designing and creating your own crafts to sell on an online platform such as Etsy.***

I get to express myself through my work.

Many online services help me with things like finances and taxes.

I need to have a lot of drive to work hard. I can feel guilty if I take any time off.

My ideas could be copied by someone else.





I can pick the jobs I want to work on.

The harder I work, the more I can earn, it's all in my hands.

You're only as good as your last job, or whatever someone posts about you as a review online. One bad write-up could finish you.

*Working as an independent tradesperson, such as a plumber.*





## *Running your own shop or salon.*

This place was my dream, and I'm living the dream!

You get to meet wonderful people.

Overheads like rent and electricity bills are expensive.

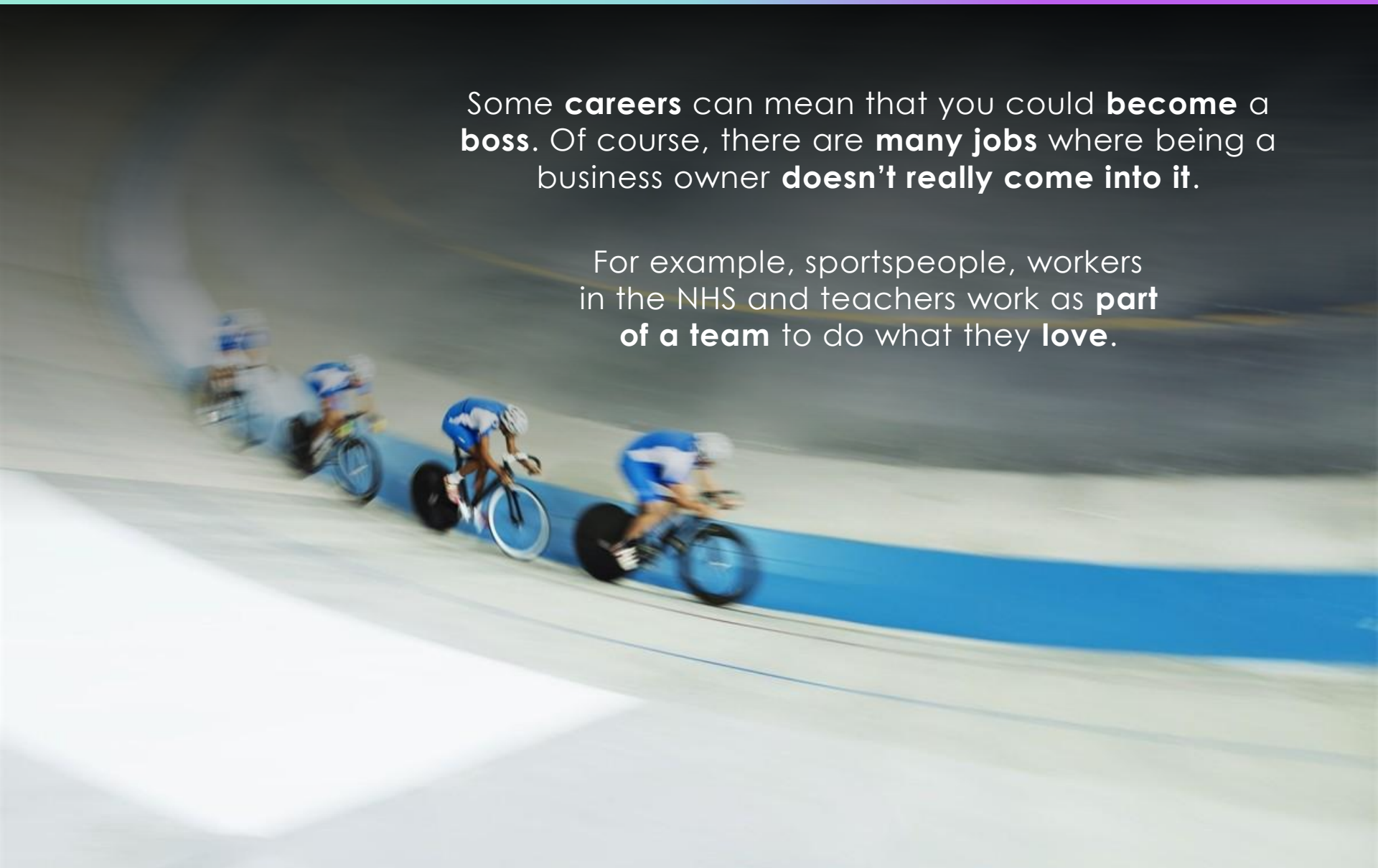
Some days are very quiet, I might have to bin unsold stock I've paid for.

### 3 I'm working late



Some **careers** can mean that you could **become** a **boss**. Of course, there are **many jobs** where being a business owner **doesn't really come into it**.

For example, sportspeople, workers in the NHS and teachers work as **part of a team** to do what they **love**.





**Class activity (6-8 mins)**  
**Would you rather?** Let's look at some **features** of being **employed** vs being **self-employed** for your work. **Point** to which option **you prefer**. Keep track of whether you are more in favour of being employed or self-employed.





### 3 I'm working late



*Have a regular, guaranteed income.*

*Have a very high earning potential depending on your success and the amount you work.*

**Employed**

**Self-employed**



### 3 I'm working late



*Benefits including paid annual leave, paid sick leave and a pension.*



*You have flexibility so can often work from anywhere at any time.*



**Employed** **Self-employed**



### 3 I'm working late



*You enjoy greater job security as you sign a contract that outlines your rights, responsibilities and conditions.*

*You decide your work-life balance. You create your own working schedule around your life.*

**Employed**



**Self-employed**

### 3 I'm working late



*You can choose to leave one employer and move to another.*

**Employed**



*You have freedom to choose which projects to work on and who you work for or with based on your interests.*

**Self-employed**



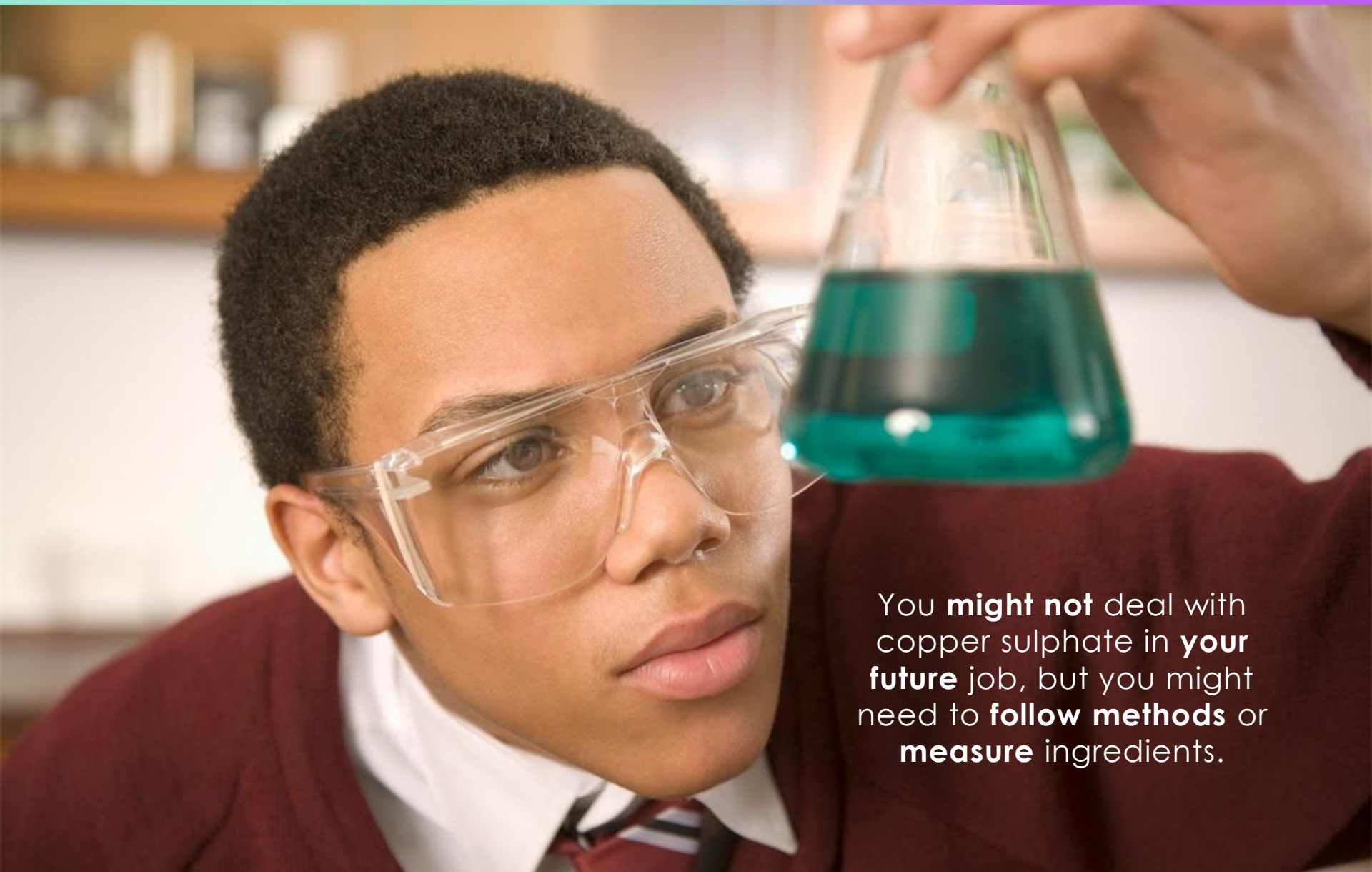
## 4 Dream job



You probably had quite a few ideas about this! Giving you some **skills for the future** and helping you become **well-rounded** might have come up. An important part of school is **preparing you for a future job**.

**Pair discussion (1-2 mins)**  
What's the point of school?





You **might not** deal with copper sulphate in **your future** job, but you might need to **follow methods** or **measure** ingredients.



**Young people** often have **bigger dreams** for their **future careers** than **working-age adults!**

Dreaming of a **career**  
So that all the stars are closer? Thinking about working late 'cause you're a singer? You might not know about **all the jobs out there** yet, but you know about some **exciting ones.**







**Class discussion (4-6 mins)**  
Is it a problem that our dreams about careers become smaller as we get older?



## 4 Dream job



### Class activity (1 min)

Let's take a quick poll, who thinks it is important to enjoy your future job?





### Individual activity (8-12 mins)

As it's **National Careers Week**, let's have a think about what we could be doing to **prepare** for our **future careers**. Take a read of each **idea** linked to this topic. How **useful** is this thought for you? Show a **number of fingers** to **represent** how **useful** it might be **for you**. You may place your hands under the table when answering to keep your thoughts private.

Look out for some extra discussion questions during this activity.



## 5 Career mapping



You often find being your own boss means your business takes over your life. You're always worrying and planning for the future. With more regular jobs, you can leave those concerns at the door.



*Not very*

**How useful is this thought for you?**

*Incredibly*

# 5 Career mapping



I had a passion for a certain subject, so learning as much as I could about it was key for me. It helped me get my job.



**Challenge (1-2 mins)**  
Are these people looking to own their own business?

Not very

How useful is this thought for you?

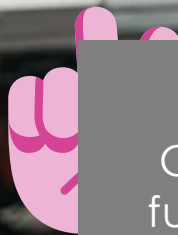
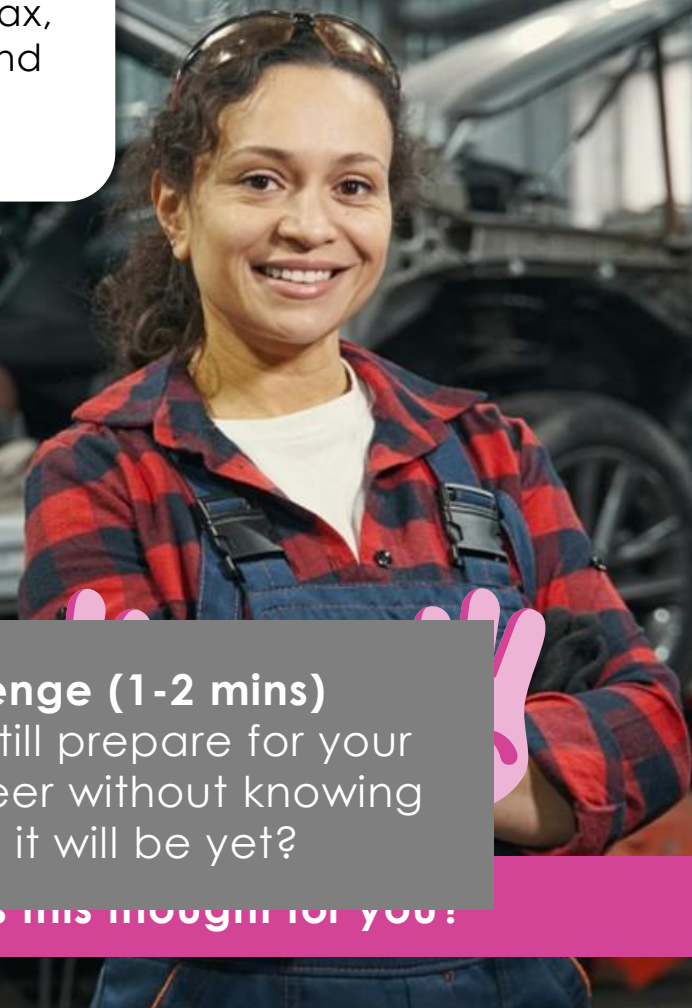
Incredibly



# 5 Career mapping



You don't know all the different jobs that are available in your future. Relax, and become well-rounded, you'll find the right career if you look hard enough.



### Challenge (1-2 mins)

Can you still prepare for your future career without knowing what it will be yet?



Not very

How useful is this challenge for you:

Incredibly

## 5 Career mapping



I used to worry about the day-to-day admin of being my own boss; wages, taxes, profit margins etc. It's best you have a grasp of these things, but there is a lot of software that can help and automate these processes.

**Automation:**  
The use of machine and computers that can operate without needing human control.



*Not very*

**How useful is this thought for you?**

*Incredibly*



Not everyone finds their dream job. You have to balance your ambitions and interests with what brings money in the door.

**Challenge (1-2 mins)**  
Is school preparing you for a job you may not like?



*Not very*      **How useful is this thought for you?**      *Incredibly*



## 5 Career mapping



You should think about how you enjoy working. Being a boss might be great, but there's something rewarding about being part of a team of equals.



*Not very*

**How useful is this thought for you?**

*Incredibly*

# Now's your chance to vote on: "Would you like to start your own business?"

**Yes**

**I have a vision for what I want to spend my time creating. I'll be able to do this best as a business owner.**

**I feel I would enjoy life more if it's only me telling me what to do.  
Freedom!**

**I'm ambitious and want to be in control of my destiny and able to work hard to earn as much as possible.**

**Many businesses fail. It's a hard life trying to make money and taking on the risks involved.**

**I think my life focuses will be my personal interests and family. Work will be something to fund these.**

**You will not have sick leave or paid holidays. You're on your own to pay the bills!**

**No**

**We will be sharing your thoughts on this topic with B Corp, Young Enterprise, The Careers and Enterprise Company, Business in the Community and The Skills Builder Partnership. Log in to your VotesforSchools account to submit your vote and leave a comment.**