

# Secondary 15 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 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



### Individual reflection (4-6 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.





*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.

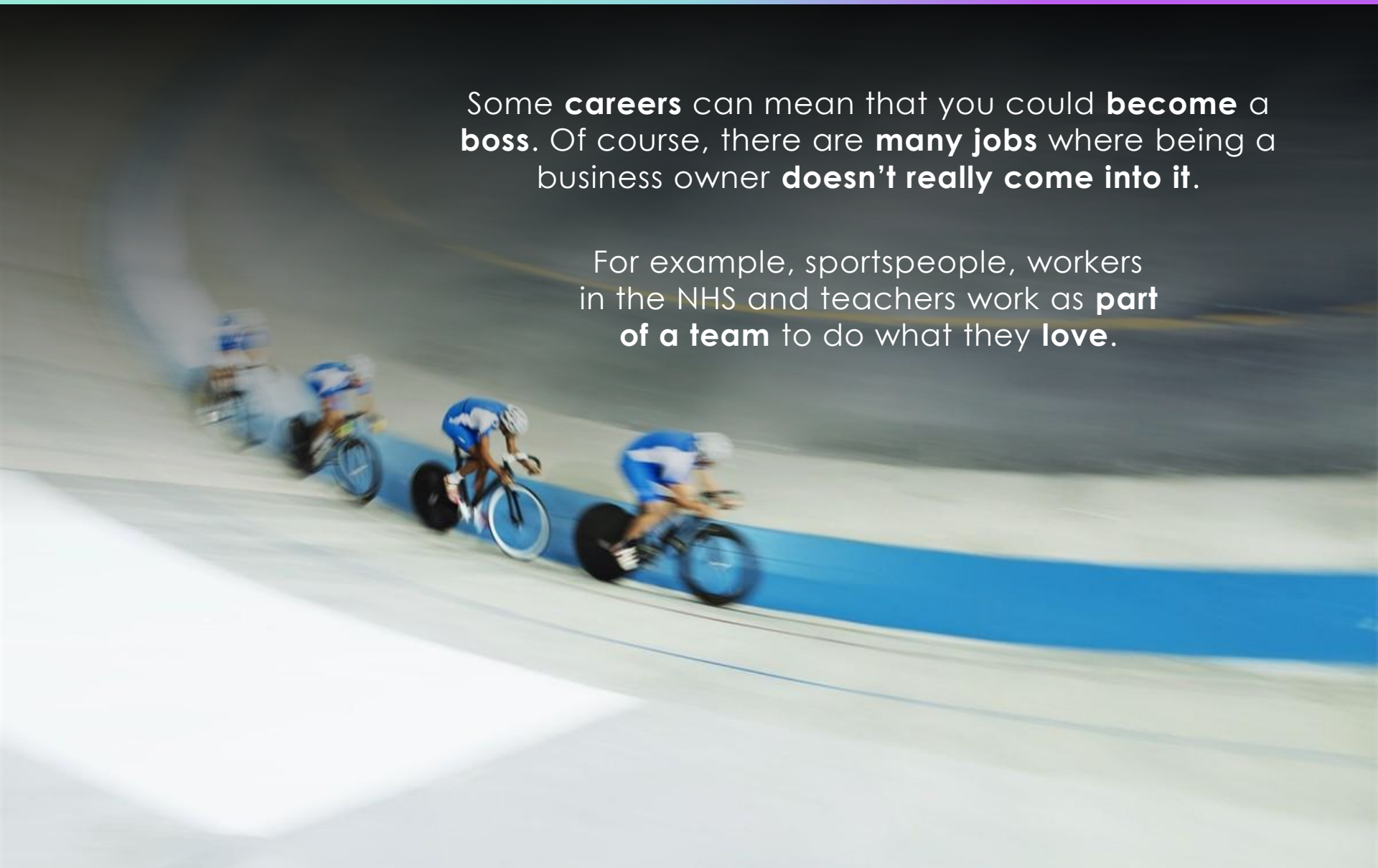


### 3 I'm working late



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**.



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**Class activity (4-6 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.



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*Have a regular, guaranteed income.*

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

**Employed**

**Self-employed**



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*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**

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*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**



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*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**



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Were you leaning more towards **employment** or **self-employment**? You'll soon be voting **Yes** or **No** to: “**Would you like to start your own business?**”

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### Individual reflection (1 min)

Will you be able to **follow your dream** by being **self-employed**?

Will you be able to **follow your dream** while being **employed**  
by a company?



# 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.**