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Where can studying Design Technology take you?

Highlighting the relevance of Design Technology to future careers and opportunities

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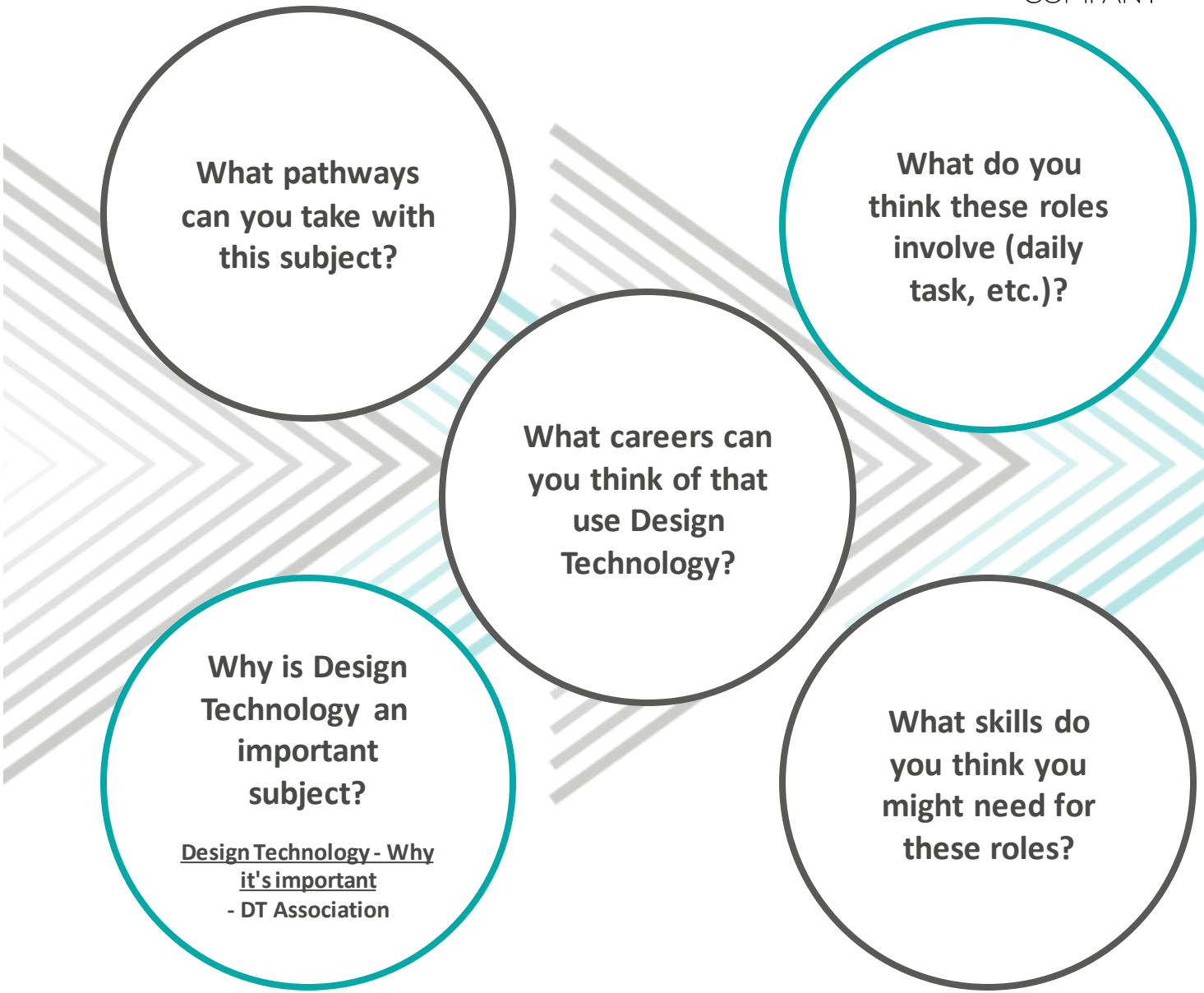
Why Design Technology matters

Have you ever considered where studying Design Technology can take you?

Today, we'll be exploring some of the career opportunities that are available to you, as well as the various pathways you can take to get there.



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Explore a career as a…

Here are some example roles and careers linked to

Design Technology

Energy Assessor

BBC Bitesize case study

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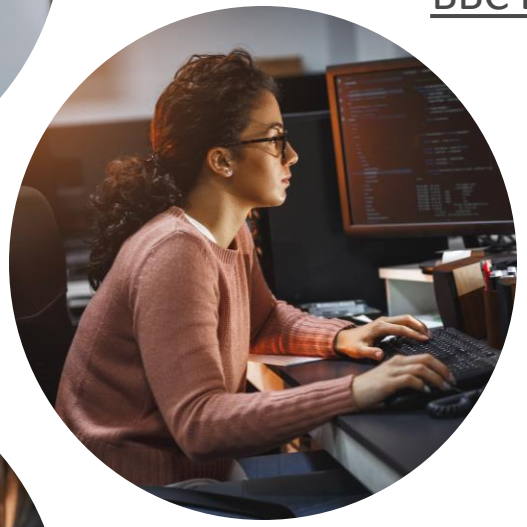
STEM Learning case study



CAD Technician

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Architect

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Civil Engineer

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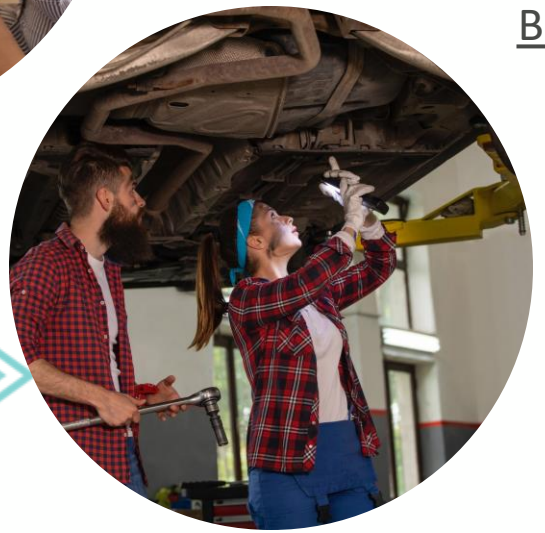

Motor Mechanic

BBC Bitesize case study

BBC Bitesize case study

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Discover more about the role

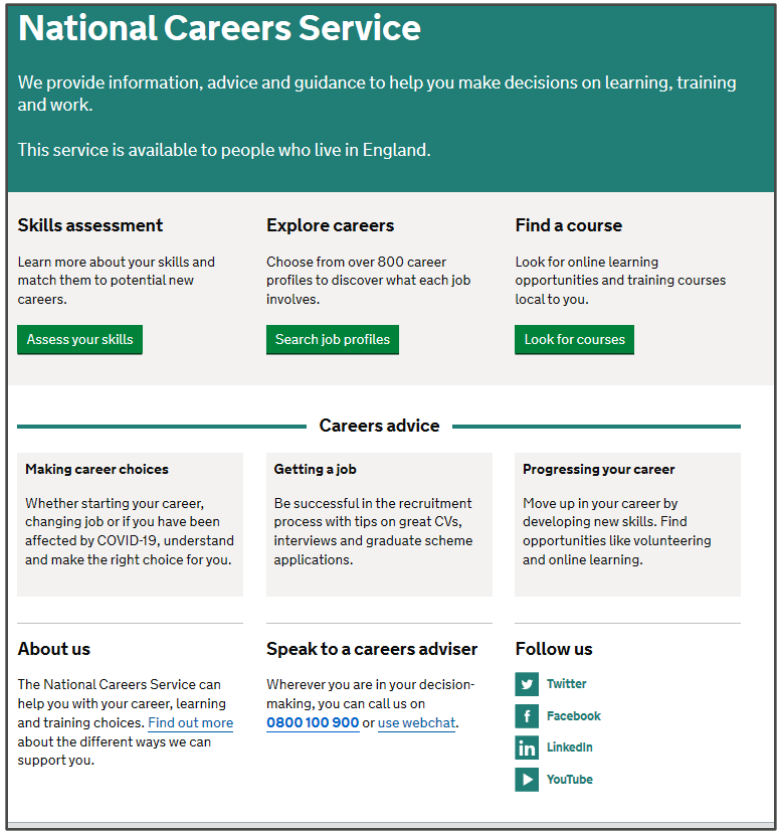
Explore careers using National Careers Service and find out about what jobs involve and how they are right for you

Includes:

- Average salary
- Typical hours
- Work patterns
- Pathways/How to become
- Essential Skills
- Daily tasks
- Career path and progression
- Current opportunities

Research Ideas:

Energy Assessor
CAD Technician
Architect
Video games Designer
Civil Engineer
Motor Mechanic



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Why not teach Design Technology?

Start in the classroom, where you go from there is up to you. Bring your passion for your subject, keep learning, and pass your knowledge onto others

- No two days are the same – and neither are the pupils
- Once qualified you can teach throughout your life
- You could teach abroad
- Progress your career into leadership and management
- Bring your outside interests into the classroom and your subject

Why is STEM important?

- It boosts essential skills such as problem solving and curiosity
- It helps you see and understand the wider world around you
- It helps young people become future entrepreneurs

Explore teaching

Vjendra's Story

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The right skills to teach?

Love to keep learning?

Love to nurture imagination?

What makes a great teacher?

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GCSE

While there are different routes you can take to be a teacher there are a few essential things that you will need:
- **A minimum GCSE Grade 4 or above in English and maths (plus science if you want to teach primary)**
- **A degree or equivalent qualification**

A level

A levels are 2 years of study

T Level

T Levels are nationally recognised, technical qualifications for 16–19-year-olds. Designed by leading employers, one T Level is equivalent in size to 3 A levels

Vocational/Technical Qualification

These include BTEC, Applied General Qualifications (AGQ) and Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQ) – all at Level 3

Apprenticeship

Apprenticeships are jobs which combine practical work and study. Intermediate is Level 2, Advanced is Level 3

Degree

Complete a degree course

It is possible to get QTS as part of an undergraduate degree, for example:
- Bachelor of Arts (BA) with QTS
- Bachelor of Education (BEd) with QTS
- Bachelor of Science (BSc) with QTS

Level 4/5 qualifications

Complete a L4/5 course and top up to a degree – L4/5 includes Certificate of HE, Diploma of HE, Higher Technical Qualification (HTQ), HNC, HND and Foundation degrees

Top up to a degree (Level 6) in a year of full-time study

Higher apprenticeships

Higher level apprenticeship (foundation degree / Level 5)

Degree apprenticeships

Degree apprenticeship (Level 6-7). There is a Level 6 Teaching apprenticeship programme

Initial Teacher Training (ITT) with qualified teacher status (QTS)

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Why not teach activity?

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- Pick a topic in Design Technology you think you would like to try and teach
- Agree your choice of topic with your teacher and the length of session (and with which group)
  (It may be the perfect opportunity to try this with a younger class lower down the school, or as a transition activity for Y6)
- Plan a short activity to cover the topic in a way you feel will be engaging and memorable for your peers as part of a lesson starter, main activity or plenary

Consider:

- What are you trying to achieve (teach)? Be clear what information you intend to impart
- How will you make it fun? How will you make it 'stick'? How long will this take?
- What type of activity will you plan for? (written/practical)
- How will you know others have learned it?
- How will you make sure everyone is stretched and challenged?
- What will the end-product be?

Once you have checked it with your teacher, try the lesson with a small group (as agreed by your teacher)
Try and get feedback during and after the session from those in the lessons and from the teacher

After, consider:

- What you enjoyed about the experience
- Whether this is something, with training, you would enjoy
- How you felt when others learned from you

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5 | Non-obvious jobs using Design Technology: Ever thought about..?

- How to become a Soldier: Naomi's story
- How to become a Waste Warrior: Grace's story
- How to become and Electrical Engineer: Ben's story

BBC Bitesize https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zhst2sg

- Careers ideas and information - Design Technology

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Everyone Can Be Creative

- Ergonomist | Explore careers | National Careers Service
- Footwear Designer | Explore careers | National Careers Service
- Technical Author | Explore careers | National Careers Service

National Careers Service https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/explore-careers

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MYPATH Job of the week (Design Technology)

- Kitchen Fitter
- UX Designer
- Quantity Surveyor

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Design and Technology careers in a changing world: How can I future-proof my career pathway?

Sustainability means meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.
(UN definition)

The world will be changing drastically in the next few years to cope with the impacts of climate change and nature loss, and the need to lower greenhouse gas emissions and unsustainable practices. How might this steer your choice of career path using your Design and Technology skills?

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Design and Technology careers in a changing world

Every career can be sustainable

1. Use your skills and passion for sustainability to help businesses adapt
2. Work for a company with sustainable values
3. Innovate for a sustainable future

- Sustainable Architect
- Civil Engineer

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A spotlight on Technicians using Design Technology

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Discover here how the technical jobs related to Design Technology keep industries moving and the real difference technicians make in our lives.

R004 Design Technician (CAD)

R005 Robotics Technician

R006 CNC Technician

R011 Architectural Technician

R019 Building Design Technician

R062 Maintenance and Operations Engineering Technician

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R064 Mechanical Fitting Technician

R099 Welding Technician

R044 Security System Technician

R022 Civil Engineering Technician

R040 Engineering Construction Pipefitter

R041 Engineering Manufacturing Technician

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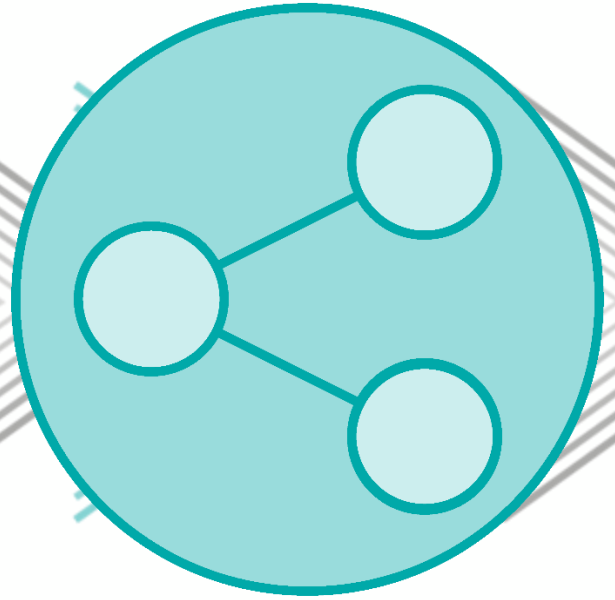
7| Modern Foreign Languages Pathways



Combine Study and Work

Study

Work

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Apprenticeships

- Network Engineer
- Software Developer
- CAD Technician
- Creative Digital Design Professional
- Materials Planner/Buyer
- Games Programmer

Find more >

T Levels

T Levels | National Careers Service
T Levels | Building Services for Construction
T Levels | Design, Surveying and Planning for Construction
T Levels | Digital Production, Design and Development
T Levels | Onsite Construction
T Levels | Design and Development for Engineering and Manufacturing
T Levels | Engineering, Manufacturing, Processing and Control
T Levels | Maintenance, Installation and repair for Engineering a Manufacturing
T Levels | Agriculture, Land Management and Production
T Levels | Craft and Design

VTQs

Vocational Technical Qualifications (VTQs) | National Careers Service

- Construction
- Engineering
- Land-based
- Design and Technology

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7 | Study Pathways

HTQs (Higher Technical Qualifications)

Higher technical qualifications (HTQs) | National Careers Service

You might find courses in:

- Interior design
- Jewellery and Silversmithing
- Cloud Computing
- Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Horticulture (Production and Design)
- Furniture Design and make
- Computer Games Design

A levels

A levels | National Careers Service

You might find courses in:

- Electronics
- Computer Science
- Design and Technology
- Engineering
- Engineering: Design Engineering
- Engineering: Mechatronic Engineering
- Engineering: Video Games

Higher education

Higher education | National Careers Service
You can explore undergraduate courses in Design Technology

You might find courses in:

- Aerospace Engineering
- Architecture, building and planning
- Civil Engineering
- Radiography and Medical Technology
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Game Design
- Software Engineering

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7 | Work Pathways

Supported internships with an education, health and care plan

Supported internships | National Careers Service

Watch Saul's story

You might read about:

- Access to Work Funding (if you have a disability or health condition)
- Preparing for Adulthood
- Talking Futures (A parents' toolkit for career conversations)

School leaver schemes

School leaver schemes | National Careers Service

You might read about:

- How to fill in an application form
- How to write a CV
- Interview help
- Progressing your career (Careers Advice from NCS)

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Complete University Guide

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7 | University League Tables

See at a glance the university ranking for Design Technology

Aeronautical and Aerospace Engineering

Building

Manufacturing and Production Engineering

Filter by:

- Overall score
- Entry standards
- Student satisfaction
- Research quality
- Research intensity
- Graduate prospects

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Once you have had a look at a few different courses and subjects now it is time to compare some side by side

3. Check out this video which shows you how to use our comparison tool https://youtu.be/dBFzCQgTp8I - Pick 5 courses and add these as a saved course and then you can compare

4. Once you have your chosen five side by side, try to answer the following questions:

a. What kinds of qualifications do students on the course have when they start the course?

b. How many have a placement year?

c. How many courses let you study abroad?

d. Which has the highest student satisfaction rating? How do you know this?

e. What kinds of job do graduates from this course go on to?

f. Which course has the highest salary after three years? (higher/lower than national average)

g. Choose your favourite course and explain why you chose this course over the others?

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Is the data I am looking at for a course or a subject?

a. What year, or years, does the data relate to?
b. How many students or graduates is this data based on?
c. Does the data represent all the students on the course or subject area?
d. Does the data include people like me?
e. What factors might impact the data?

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In 10 years time…

Job in 10 years time (related to Design Technology):

_____

What GCSEs helped you get this job:

_____ _____ _____ _____ _____ _____

What KS5 Pathways choice did you make and what did you study:

Apprenticeship T level A Level other L3 equivalent

_____

Post 18 pathways choices did you make: explain:

Study & Work Study Work

_____

Essential skills used in the job:

_____

Progression route:

_____

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My local options…

Subject chosen (related to Design Technology):

_____

Local college options:	Local apprenticeships options:	Other options:

The pros and cons of these options for me:

Pros:	**Cons:**

Consider how these will apply and explain:

Cost _____

Travel _____

Convenience _____

Aspirations _____

Personal circumstances _____

Other _____

Final choice – justify:

_____

Next steps:

_____

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3 | Prepare a 3 - 5 minute talk to share with a small group on any role that interests you related to Design Technology

- What's the role
- Where has the interest come from
- What do you need to do to become one
- Where can you go to study and what level of study
- Where do you need to go to carry out the role
- What's the chances of getting this role
- Who do you look up to in this role
- What might a typical day look like

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My career path….

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Essential Skills

Here are three key skills needed for a career that uses

Design Technology

	Video	Skills Builder Resource KS3	Skills Builder Resource KS4	Skills Builder Resource Post 16
The use of imagination and the generation of new ideas	Watch here	Short Lesson Creativity Step 6-8	Short Lesson Creativity Step 8-10	Short Lesson Creativity Step 10-12
The ability to find a solution to a situation or challenge	Watch here	Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 6-8	Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 8-10	Short Lesson Problem Solving Step 10-12
Working cooperatively with others towards achieving a shared goal	Watch here	Short Lesson Teamwork Step 6-8	Short Lesson Teamwork Step 8-10	Short Lesson Teamwork Step 10-12

	Creativity	Tick which apply
Step 6	I use creativity in the context of work	
Step 7	I use creativity in the context of my wider life	
Step 8	I develop ideas by using mind mapping	
Step 9	I develop ideas by asking myself questions	
Step 10	I develop ideas by considering different perspectives	
Step 11	I innovate effectively when working in a group	
Step 12	I innovate effectively by seeking out varied experiences and stimuli	

My Strength (s)	My area (s) of Development

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	Problem Solving	Tick which apply
Step 6	I explore complex problems by identifying when there are no simple technical solutions	
Step 7	I explore complex problems by building my understanding through research	
Step 8	I explore complex problems by analysing the causes and effects	
Step 9	I create solutions for complex problems by generating a range of options	
Step 10	I create solutions for complex problems by evaluating the positive and negative effects of a range of options	
Step 11	I analyse complex problems by logical reasoning	
Step 12	I analyse complex problems by creating and testing hypotheses	

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	Teamwork	Tick which apply
Step 6	I contribute to group decision making	
Step 7	I contribute to group decision making, whilst recognising the value of others' ideas	
Step 8	I contribute to group decision making, encouraging others to contribute	
Step 9	I improve the team by not creating unhelpful conflicts	
Step 10	I improve the team by resolving unhelpful conflicts	
Step 11	I improve the team by building relationships beyond my immediate team	
Step 12	I influence the team by reflecting on progress and suggesting improvements	

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