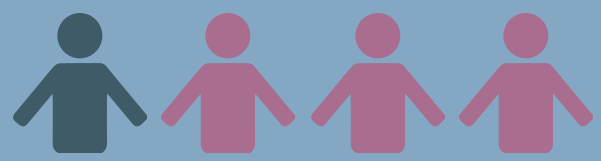


SKILLS @ WORK PROGRAMME BENEFITS



More than 35,000 senior cycle students have taken part in the programme to date, gaining insights into the world of work and the opportunity to consider the many and varied career and study options open to them when they finish school.



By matching one school with one large business, students have the opportunity to engage with your employees and learn from their experiences of life, study and work.

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SCHOOL RETENTION



RESULTS

Research has shown that if a student sees the link between education and work, then they are much more likely to complete their education to Leaving Certificate and beyond.

In 2017, 7% of students were considering leaving school but the programme encouraged them to stay and complete their Leaving Certificate

27% of students indicated that the programme helped them understand the importance of the Leaving Certificate

STUDENT FEEDBACK

"Before the Skills @ Work programme I didn't really care too much about school, but since then I have realised how important it is to get a job and how much harder my life could be without a Leaving Certificate."

PROGRAMME IMPACTS

- 92% indicated the programme improved CV and interview skills while 88% felt it provided job searching skills and 84% felt it improved communication skills.

"I developed my communication skills during the interview and learned about the rules of interviews. I enjoyed the process and I felt as though I have grown as a result."

"It is an interesting way of learning about work life which gets the students involved activities. It teaches students valuable lessons about adult life in ways that textbooks cannot."

- 95% of students would recommend the programme to another student.

"It helped me in my confidence, communication skills and my interview skills. It also made me think about life after school for me. I found this programme very helpful and I'm sure other students would too."

"I would recommend the Skills @ Work programme to another student because it will encourage them to stay in school".