

Whinfell becomes a Skills Builder Accelerator School



Whinfell School are excited to have been accepted on the SkillsBuilder Accelerator Programme for 2024-2025!

Essential Skills



Essential skills unlock learning in the classroom, boosting academic outcomes, perseverance and self belief. They halve the likelihood of being out of work, and increase earnings across a lifetime. They even boost wellbeing and life satisfaction.

The Skills Builder Accelerator is the flagship programme for secondary schools. Our 'Skills Leader' Michelle and careers teacher Neil will work closely with Skillsbuilder to develop a complete strategy for achieving excellence in building students' essential skills. Through the programme, Whinfell will be working with sector experts to develop a sustainable, long-term plan, a team of confident teachers, demonstrable student progress and a Skills Builder Award. Students at schools on the Accelerator make, on average, twice as much progress as comparable peers.

Alongside this fantastic opportunity, Neil will also be undertaking a post-graduate qualification in Careers Leadership with Nottingham Trent University. This will further develop our expertise on site, in addition to our L7 qualified careers leader on site full time, and independent careers advisor Jane. Another exciting year of development of our careers programme, ensuring all our young people are able to take their best next step!