

enabling students to succeed through enterprise



# Making entrepreneurial skills count

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#### The problem

Enabling Enterprise grew out of my experience as a business studies teacher in London in 2007-09.



The challenge is students' preparation for real life:

- Enterprise and employability skills
- Experiences and understanding of the working world



#### The idea

The idea was simple – what if we put as much energy into skill development and real world links as we did on the grades that students got.



The students set up their own businesses and used that as the tool to learn the business studies curriculum.

They also went on trips to different businesses, to make the link between the classroom and the real world.

The result was huge increases in engagement and the students' results.



## **Setting up Enabling Enterprise**



One day, all students will leave school equipped with the enterprise skills, experiences of work and the aspirations to succeed.



### Achieving the mission

We want to put every child we work with on the trajectory for future success by ensuring they develop these key skills with all the rigour of their academic learning.



















#### What this looks like

EE works with children aged 5 to 19 to bring rigorous skills development, enterprise, and links to the working world into the curriculum.

Lesson time projects

Short lesson-time projects can bring enterprise into English, maths and other areas of the timetable.



Challenge Days Exciting and engaging days run across the school or college, including introductions to politics, business or the world of work.



Trips to businesses

Designed to draw out the links between the classroom or coursework project and the "real world", hosted by a business partner.



Skills Assessment A complete skills assessment using a rigorous framework of quantitative skills measurement to show programme's effects.



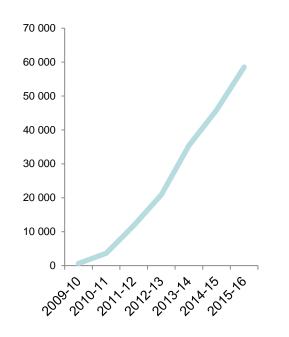
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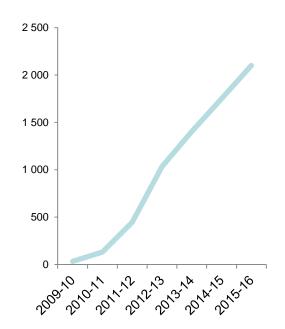


#### How it's grown

Over the last six years we've grown from a single classroom to almost 60,000 students in this year alone.











### **Building strong partnerships**

Our programmes have been enabled by a growing group of over 100 business partners and supporters.





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### What is Enterprise Education?

There are many different definitions of enterprise from different organisations.

"equipping children and young people with the knowledge, skills and understanding to help them makes sense of the complex and dynamic economic, business and financial environment in which they live."

- OFSTED, 2012

"Enterprise education consists of enterprise capability supported by better financial capability and economic and business understanding" DFE



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#### **UK Definition Spectrum**

#### Enterprise education

Holistic and broad

A lens for viewing all education, a mindset Focus on 'soft' skills, behaviours, competencies Broad work and life skills

#### **Entrepreneurship education**

Narrow and focused Education for self-employment and business Focus on 'hard' skills and knowledge Specific business and start-up skills



We focus on developing the work/life/employability **skills** needed to succeed. Communicated to students through a shared common language...





### The Enterprise Skills

8 Key Enterprise Skills run throughout all of our EE programmes. Everything we do is focussed around ensuring these skills are being developed from a young age.













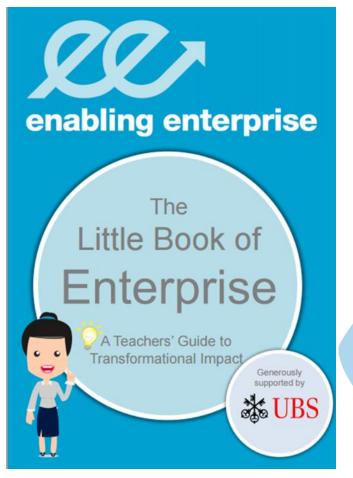


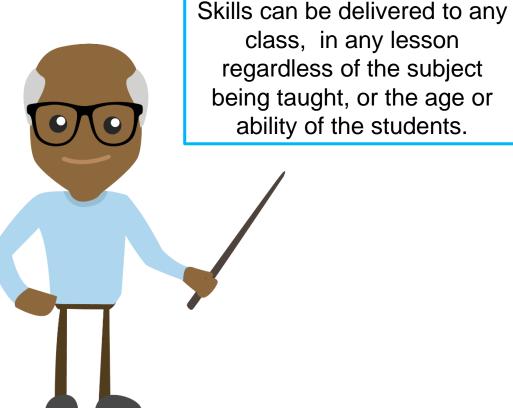




### The Principles of Enterprise Education

We have developed the 6 Principles of Enterprise Education as a guide to developing these skills in the classroom.





**Enterprise Education and** 

developing the Challenge



## **Enterprise Education: The Key Principles**



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#### The Skills we focus on

We have ensured that we have a clear focus in all our work













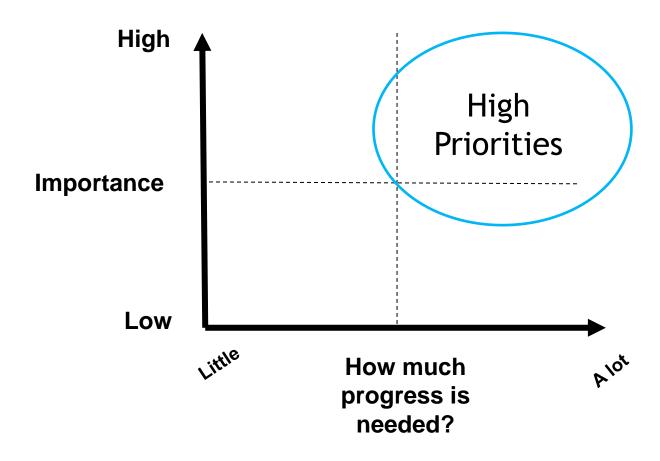






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Teachers can then start thinking about the needs and priorities for their students





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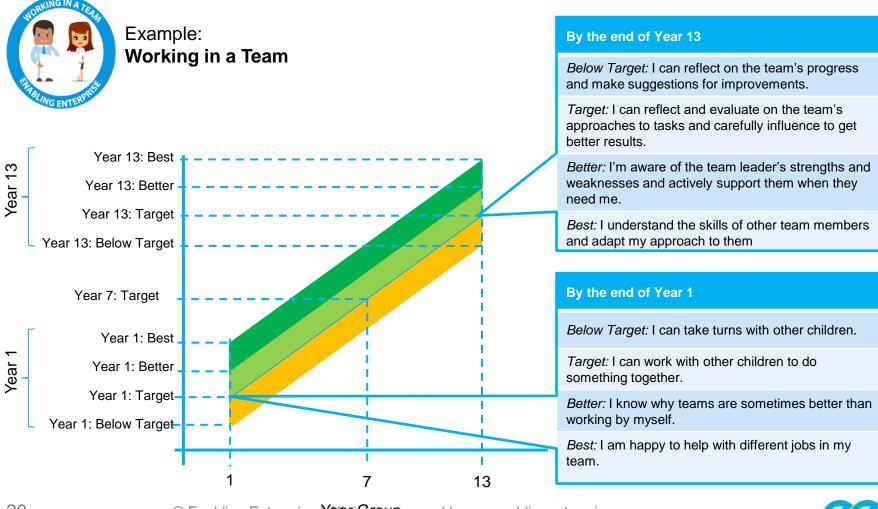
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### Measuring has big benefits for teachers and students



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## **Understanding How to Pitch it**

In order to pitch it right, you need to be know what is appropriate for your students at their age and cognitive ability.



Familiarising yourself with the frameworks will help with this – but it is important to be clear to your students what you are expecting from them.





# Pitching it Right

It is extremely important to set the success criteria and share it with students.

What does effective problem solving look like in Maths?

What are the steps to developing resilience?



How do you develop creativity in Science?

What does successful communication look like in Year 2?

You can use the Enabling Enterprise Skills Framework to build this into other lessons. We can do further training on more practical skills for the classroom.



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Keep practising:

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We provide on going support for you to be able to embed this fully across the curriculum.

Bring it to life:

Make it relevant with real world links.

Our projects have real-life links and the trips to businesses enable the students to really bring it to life.

## **Bringing it to Life**

The most effective way to bring the skills into the classroom is through Project Based Learning. All of our programmes are PBL experiences.

- Exploring Maths by creating board games for younger students.
- Building on their French language through setting up a French café
- Using literacy and IT skills to set up and run a school radio.

There are a number of ways to ensure that PBL actually works in a school environment. Successful PBL involves:

- 1. Public exhibition (tangible outcomes)
- 2. Multiple drafts (peer critique)
- Links to real world
- 4. Opportunity to develop and reflect on skills
- 5. Students working in teams and taking ownership over their learning
- Cross-curricular links





### The Journey

The pathway of successful project based learning...



#1: Sharing existing knowledge



#4: Re-drafting



#2: Information gathering



#5: Sharing



#3: Applying knowledge



#6: Celebration



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# Any questions or reflections?



