

# Open up your options



**Intended Audience:** Year 8 & 9

**Intended Session Length:** 50 mins – 1 hour

This session starts to introduce students to terms and decision-making processes they will experience throughout their educational pathway. It aims to open up new possibilities and opportunities they perhaps hadn't thought about and provide them with the best knowledge to make informed decisions about their future.

The game is loosely based around the 'Crystal Maze' incorporating physical, mental, skill and mystery games with healthy competitive spirit. They will gain knowledge of specific terms which will be used throughout their educational journey, whilst gaining valuable team work skills and life skills along the way. They will apply this practically to gain a much deeper understanding and retain this knowledge.

This workshop aims to prepare students to become much more self-sufficient and make choices to suit them and want they want to achieve.

**Session outcome:** Students will have a clearer idea of their future educational options and have a better understanding of HE and other options open to them

## Framework Themes:

- Choices/ decision making
- Aspirations/ careers
- Introduction to HE
- Attainment

## Session Objectives:

- To link options with future plans
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- To explore post-GCSE options, including HE
- Loosely identify potential barriers to HE and encourage them to challenge those