



*Supporting the  
Skills Builder Award*



# Accelerator Prospectus 2023-24

Join a movement of educators building essential skills



# The **essential skills** your students need to succeed.

The Skills Builder Accelerator is our flagship change management programme for schools and colleges. You nominate a 'Skills Leader' and member of senior leadership team to work closely with us. Together, we'll develop a complete strategy for building students' essential skills, including staff training, online resources and assessment tools.



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# The Partnership

Skills Builder Partnership includes educators, employers and leading organisations. The mission is that one day, everyone will build the essential skills to succeed.



**500+**

schools, colleges  
& universities



**200+**

organisations  
& employers.

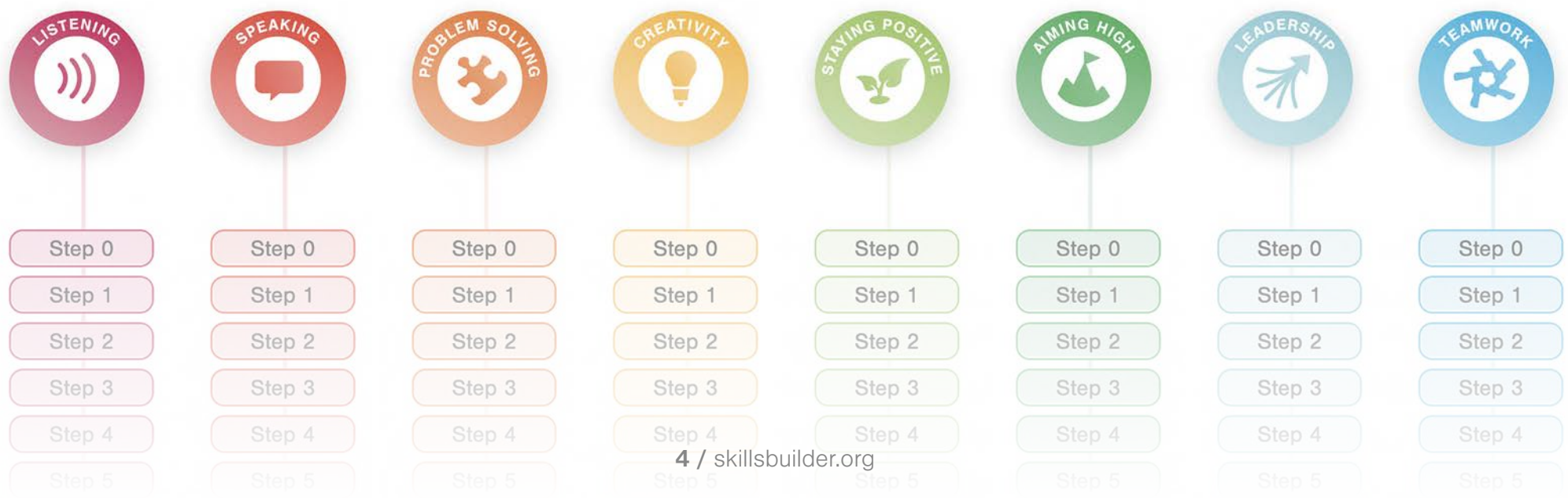




# The Universal Framework: a roadmap for progress

If we want to build students' essential skills, we need to be consistent, explicit and specific. The Universal Framework breaks down eight essential skills into 16 teachable steps. For every step of every skill there's a suite of teaching and learning resources too. This means that teachers can hone in on the specific skill step that students need to learn next, supporting progress for all ages and abilities - including those with special educational needs.

The Framework is already used by over 800 institutions, and it was developed with the Careers and Enterprise Company, Gatsby Foundation, Business in the Community, EY foundation, the CBI and CIPD. You can explore the Framework in full below.



# Skills Builder Award

Over 12 years with more than 1000 schools and colleges, we have refined a set of 6 best practice principles for building essential skills. The Skills Builder Award recognises schools and colleges delivering high quality essential skills education at a Bronze, Silver and Gold standard. You can learn more about the Award [here](https://skillsbuilder.org).



**Principle 1:** Keep it simple – use a common language and set of expectations across the staff body



**Principle 2:** Start early, and keep going – invest in students' essential skills as soon as possible



**Principle 3:** Measure it – ensure students and staff can identify learners' strengths, and areas to develop



**Principle 4:** Focus tightly – dedicate some time to explicitly teaching the next step in the learning journey



**Principle 5:** Keep practicing – maximise opportunities across the curriculum to reinforce essential skills



**Principle 6:** Bring it to life – create opportunities for students to apply essential skills outside the classroom



**Skills Builder**  
*Bronze Award*



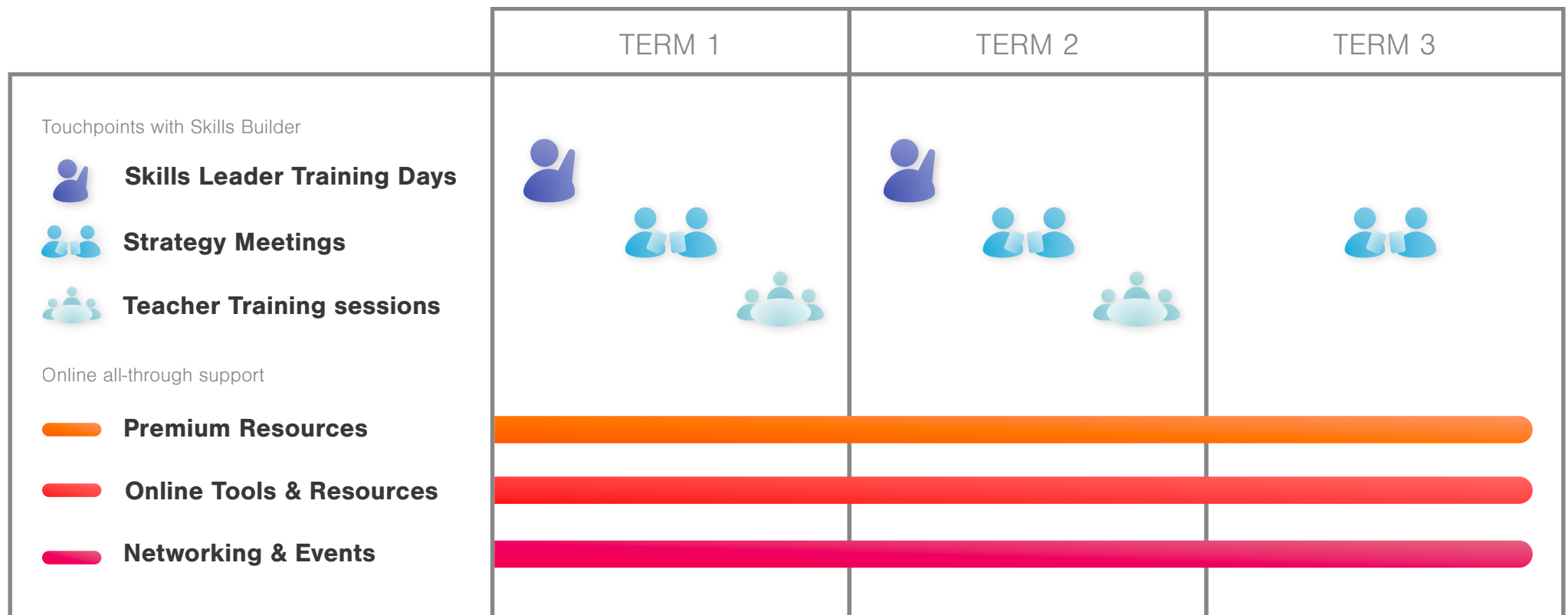
**Skills Builder**  
*Silver Award*



**Skills Builder**  
*Gold Award*

# Accelerator programme timeline

The Accelerator programme includes touchpoints with a dedicated Education Associate at Skills Builder, who is a former teacher. Plus, there are ongoing elements that run throughout



# Accelerator programme details



## Skills Leader Training Days

**Who attends?** This is just for the Skills Leader (the lead teacher at your school/college)

**What?** Network with fellow Skills Leaders, get to grips with all things Skills Builder and learn about strategies for motivation

**How?** Virtual, on Zoom, 9am-3pm, range of dates to choose from



## Premium resources

**What?** Choose to unlock up to 17 Challenge Days, 24 extended projects and 4 Virtual Work Experience Modules

**How?** Optional, with costs attached (up to £1100)



## Strategy Meetings

**Who attends?** This is for the Skills Leader (lead teacher) and a member of SLT

**What?** Develop a manageable, tailored plan tailored to your school or college with your dedicated Education Associate

**How?** Video call, 1 hour, booked by you



## Online tools & resources

**What?** Access to Skills Builder Hub (online teaching resources and formative class-level assessments), Skills Builder Homezone (online resources for families to use at home), Skills Builder Benchmark (online student self-assessment for KS3+), Skills Builder Launchpad (online student learning resources for KS3+)

**How?** Freely included in your programme



## Teacher Training Sessions

**Who attends?** This is for your teachers and staff, all or a specific group

**What?** An introduction and then follow up session with teachers, to raise awareness and boost staff confidence

**How?** Virtual, on Zoom, 1 hour, booked by you for when you want it



## Networking & events

**What?** Invites to termly, virtual events exclusive to teachers in Skills Builder Partnership. Events are recorded for those who can't make it. Topics include: curriculum, Ofsted, careers.

**How?** We'll invite you to sign up once you're on a programme





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