

Goal Setting

Getting to your dream job can feel a long way off, but everything you do from today onwards can help you to get to where you want to be.

There are three steps to making your dream job a reality:

- 1** The first step is to have a dream, an ambition or a goal. Dreams often start in our mind, where no-one else can see them or know about them. We hope that you have seen a job that you would love to do whilst you were looking through this booklet, but this is not a comprehensive list. Even if you didn't find your dream job on our list, take a moment to picture yourself doing your dream job in your mind.
- 2** The second step to making your dream come true is to share it. Some people are too scared to share their dreams in case they don't come true, but how can anyone help you to achieve your dream if they don't know what it is? That's why the first goal we ask you to set is to share your dream job with someone else.
- 3** The third step to making your dream job a reality is to set SMART goals; small targets that you can mark off when they are complete. Every time you complete a goal you will be taking a step towards making your dream come true. Medium term goals might include the qualifications you will need to get your dream job.

Make sure your goals are SMART

- **Specific**
- **Measurable**
- **Achievable**
- **Realistic**
- **Time-bound**

Short term goals (next 12 months)

Think about who you will talk to about your dream job

What will you do?

eg Talk to one person about my dream job

eg Do some internet research on my dream job

By when?

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Medium term goals (next 3-5 years)

Think about the skills and qualifications you need for your dream job

What skills and qualifications do you need?

eg Pass 8 GCSEs with grades A-C

eg Get some work experience in retail

By when?

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Long term goals (next 5-10 years)

Think about your dream job and the things that you decided will make you happy and feel successful

What would make you happy?

eg Pass my driving test

eg Become an airline pilot

By when?

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