THE COMMUNICATION COMMITMENT

Student Ambassadors

All about communication

Scientists and researchers know talking and listening are really important to help us learn

Communication

Think of 5 things we need to do to have a good conversation...

Whom do you like talking to best?

What's the most difficult thing you'll ever learn?

- How to pass exams at high school?
- How to talk?
- How to read and write?
- How to speak another language?
- How to pass GCSE Maths?
- How to get a degree from university?
- How to pass A level Physics ?
- How to drive?

Talking and understanding

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Some people struggle with talking and understanding

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Communication skills are important for lots of things

We start developing these skills as a baby and through primary school

And they continue to develop right through secondary school

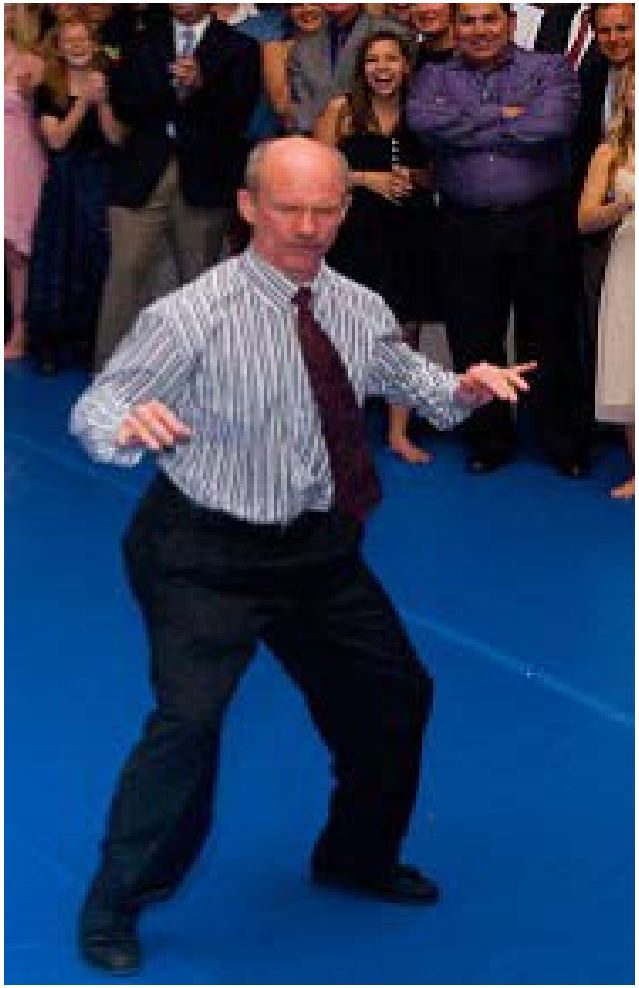
For example… At 11 we get that words can have double meanings

"What do you get when you cross a snowman with a vampire?"

Answer: "Frostbite"

…At 13 or 14 we can use sarcasm as a way to interact with mates and adults we know well

“Cool dance Dad…!”

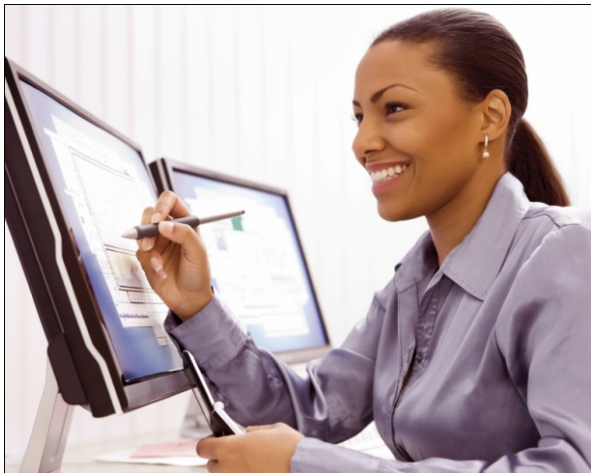


...By 18 we use language much more imaginatively for social interaction

“Whoa...that’s just so many colours of wrong”

These employers have something in common

We need you to have great communication skills!



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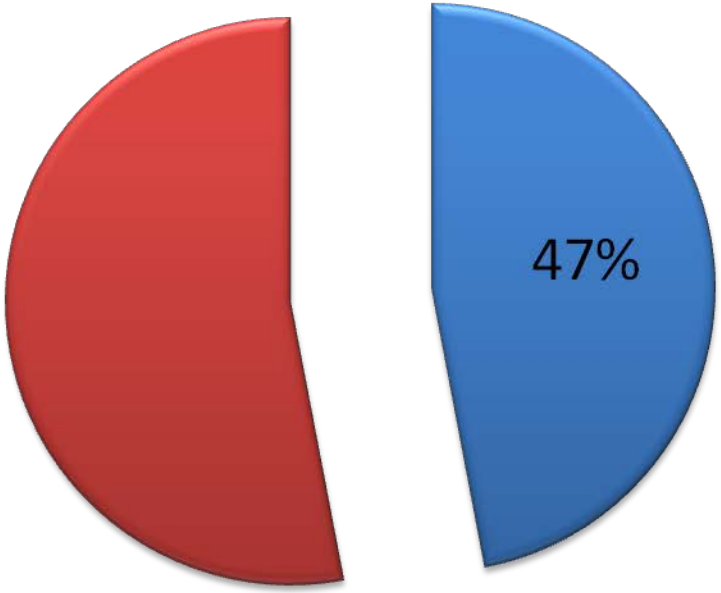

So, communication skills are important now and for the future

The more you know about communication, the better…

Quick quiz – true or false

1. Babies can recognise their mum's voice even before they are born
2. Almost half of employers say they can't find people with good enough communication skills
3. 1 in 10 of all children and young people struggle with their communication skills, through no fault of their own
4. A good vocabulary can help you do well at school and in a job
5. Babies say their first words around the time they are 1
6. More than half of what we communicate is through our body language
7. Talking and listening to young children is the most important thing in helping them learn to talk
8. Language development is complete around the age of 9
9. You should be able to have a reasonably good conversation with the average 5 year old
10. Shouting really helps to get your message across
11. Talking about things in class can really help us learn and understand
12. No one is perfect at communicating – we all have room for improvement

Communication skills are the same as many other skills…

With good practise, they improve onwards and upwards

One way to practise

Some schools have top tips for how people can talk together...

Communication Tips

- Make sure everyone has a chance to speak
- Listen well and stay involved
- Keep to the subject
- Question others about their ideas
- Give clear reasons for your own opinions
- Try to explain your ideas concisely but clearly
- Be positive and open to new ideas, and be prepared to change your mind
- Think before you speak
- Respect other people's ideas and feelings
- Share all the ideas and information you have
- Make sure the group agrees, or agrees to disagree, after talking

Thank You!!