

ENGAGING WITH SCHOOLS: INFORMATION AND IDEAS

1. Getting started

Working with young people and teachers can challenge you to share your work in an engaging way. Enabling students to be researchers can be really empowering for them and may offer your work new insights.

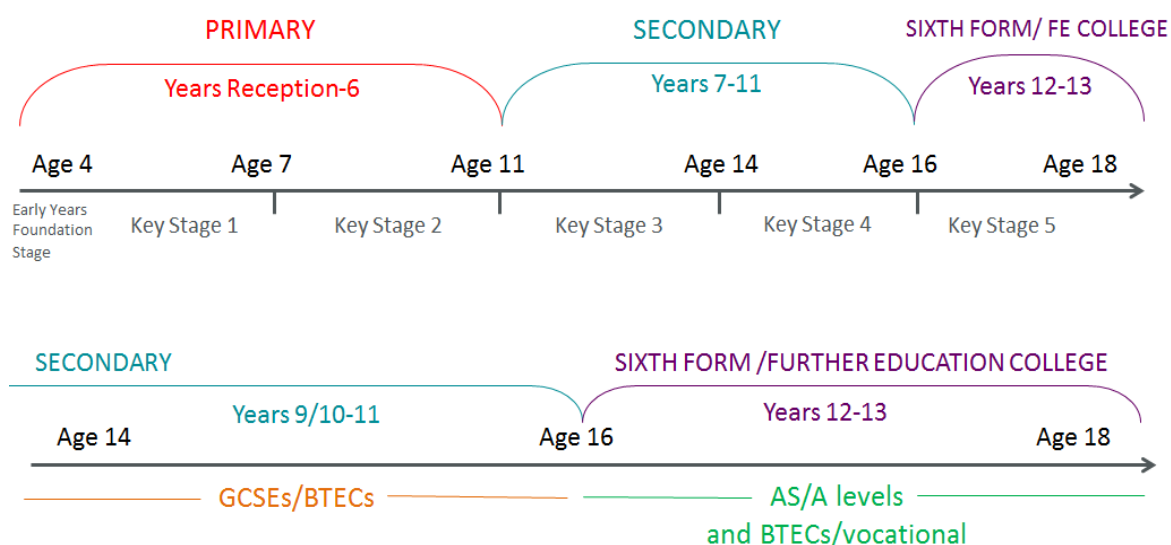
2. Inspiration - Follow the weblinks to explore previous Birkbeck projects:

[META](#) - collaborative theatre piece which schools students helped develop

[Fertility Fest](#) – collaboration to run workshops for students

[Science club](#) - involving students in research

3. English Education System



4. What might you do?

Remember to consider the subject(s) your research relates to and the ages/year groups you'll work with.

Workshop(s) in lesson time – connecting your research to a subject, to enhance the curriculum

Citizen science/crowd-sourcing knowledge

– [students as researchers](#)

Afterschool club – debate club, [code club](#), [STEM club](#), creative writing club, sports, music

Mentoring a project – such as the [Extended Project Qualification](#) or [CREST](#)

Working with teachers – Professional development opportunities

Online classroom Q&A – [I'm a Scientist, Get Me Out of Here](#)

Topical times - [Black History Month](#), [British Science Week](#), [National Storytelling Week](#) etc

5. Safeguarding: protecting student health and wellbeing

- The College [Safeguarding Team](#) offer training and advice

- Avoid physical contact with students or being 1-1; don't exchange contact details

- In most cases the teacher should remain in the classroom and you will not be required to have a [DBS check](#)

- Data protection - usual ethics apply if collecting data but outreach activities are exempt

- Check photo permissions with teacher, including any social media

Contact public-engagement@bbk.ac.uk for advice, opportunities and funding.