**Group discussion: the typical Foundation Apprentice?**

Would a Foundation Apprenticeship be a good choice for any of the following students? Why/why not?

**Luke**

Luke is in S4. He has achieved consistently at level 4 up until now and is predicted to achieve mostly National 5s within S5. He has enjoyed Engineering and you think he could achieve at level 6 in a related subject. He doesn’t have a clear idea of what he wants to do after school but is clear he doesn’t expect to go to University, ‘maybe college’. His attendance and behaviour at school has been good, but you can sense him starting to lose interest.

**Gabi**

Gabi is in S3. She enjoys school and is predicted to achieve National 5s over the next couple of years. Her friends all do well at school too and when asked about her plans for post-school has said ‘University I suppose’. She doesn’t have very clear plans but has expressed an interest in science and IT. You are concerned that she may not reach the necessary grades for a degree in these subjects.

**Kasia**

Kasia is in S4. She is expected to do well in her Higher subjects and progress to university. She is hard-working and well organised but very shy. She is focussed on doing well at school but doesn’t have a very clear progression route in mind. She wants to study at a University in the region, and is interested in creative subjects.

**Connor**

Connor is in S5. He is expected to achieve good grades in the 5 Higher subjects that he’s studying and is clear that he wants to then progress to University to study a humanities subject. He has been to higher education fairs and knows which universities he’s going to apply for. He is likely to have a number of offers. He’s not clear what he expects to do in S6. He attended a work placement in S4 but didn’t take much from it. He doesn’t have a clear career path in mind for after university and is more interested in studying.