

Focus on architecture

60 minute lesson Years 7 - 13



Teacher One teacher should be available for this lesson	Subject Supports art, design and geography subjects.	Level and range Years 7 - 13.	Lesson timing Ideally, 60 minutes is recommended. Can be extended to accommodate your school lesson timings.	Any other notes Lesson can be extended by giving more time to complete the tasks.	
Previous knowledge through questioning.			Curriculum links:		
LOs: To understand what a career in architecture may involve or look like			Literacy:		
AIMS:			Using professional terminology e.g., pitch in discussions. Using persuasive language and communicating ideas clearly and concisely.		
 To understand the different jobs and day to day work of different architecture roles To identify key skills and knowledge required by architects to do their job To compare students' own skills and interests with those required for different roles within architecture 			Numeracy: Contextualising statistics Design: Responding to a specification, designing an appropriate solution, and evaluating the final design.		
Materials:	Materials:		Gatsby benchmarks:		
Focus on Archite	Focus on Architecture presentation		Benchmark 2 - Learning from career and labour market information.		
• Whiteboard		Benchmark 3 - Addressing the needs of each pupil.			
Pens and paper	Pens and paper		Benchmark 4 - Linking curriculum learning to careers		
 Colouring pencil 	Colouring pencils				
 Print out of 'careers worksheet' for each student Print out of 'design brief & mood board' for each group of four students Optional: Computers if you'd like students to do the architecture challenge on a computer. 					



Slide - Discussion/Task/Activity - Time	Key/hinge questions	Measures of achievement
SLIDES 1-2: Introduction to the session's focus on architecture		
SLIDE 3: Icebreaker task. Group discussion and identification of famous landmarks. (3 mins)	What do you think of when people say architecture?	Understand what architecture is - evidence in answers.
	What types of jobs do you think fall under architecture as a theme?	
	Are there any careers other than architects you know of who work in architecture?	
SLIDE 4: Partner task. Students brainstorm answers with partner before feeding back to the class and teacher leading the discussion. (5 mins)	What type of buildings and spaces are designed?	Understand the wide range of spaces and buildings architecture covers - evidence in answers.
	Do different buildings require different knowledge or skills?	
	What external factors might affect the type of design work done?	
	Would you enjoy designing any of these buildings?	
SLIDE 5: Slide 5: True or false quiz to be completed with by voting with hands up as a class majority. (2 mins)	What stereotypes are there around a career in architecture?	Correct answers identified
	What skills do you think are required?	
SLIDE 6: Explanation to architecture's value as an industry and future trends. (2 mins)	Is architecture a reliable source of work?	Understanding shown through questions answered.
	How is architecture relevant to people not in the industry?	



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SLIDES 7 & 8: Play ShedKM video embedded in powerpoint (3:31) and show students the questions they need to answer on slide 8. Ask for feedback and discuss answers as a class.	What skills do they use or say are important?	Correct answers provided to questions and relevant reflections about content expressed.
(4 mins).	Do any skills or facts surprise you?	
	Why is communication so important?	
	What type of job satisfaction do they get?	
	Why do you think they enjoy working in architecture?	
	What can you do to develop your skills and knowledge if interested in a career in architecture?	
SLIDE 9: Ask students to match the careers listed on slide 9 with the job descriptions on page 1 of their career packs. (5 mins)	What other jobs are available in architecture?	Correct answers provided in task
	What roles would I be good at – which play to my strengths and weaknesses?	
	How do different roles work together?	
SLIDE 10: Explain the three career pathways for an architect using the information in the	Do students prefer academia or	Students able to state preferred
notes. (3 mins) https://www.architecture.com/knowledge-and-resources/resources-landing-	practical learning?	pathway.
<u>page/support-guides-for-students-and-early-career-architects#available-resources</u> has more info	Which option may support their individual circumstances	
	How do we communicate our ideas clearly?	



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SLIDES 11 - 12: Group task. Students will be working in groups of four to come up with a design solution to the design brief provided. Add the appropriate extension task to the challenge depending upon age. (17 mins). Each group will have 2 minutes to present their pitch to the class and the teacher will select a winning design (15 mins)	What are the strengths of our team and how can we use this to complete the task?	Students share designs which meet the brief and articulate ideas clearly. Evidence of teamwork and time management through completing task.
EXTENSION TASKS		
Age 11-13		
Show slide 12. Ask students to include a floorplan which shows where each space or room will go for the ground floor of their youth centre. This should be an extra task to accompany the client brief.	What would our client expect based on the brief? What spaces work well together?	Floorplans which have been well considered and support their building design.
Age 16-18		
Show slide 13. Ask students to consider how they can make their design environmentally friendly or sustainable. This should be an extra task to accompany the client brief.	How can I adapt my design to make it environmentally friendly?	Designs which show evidence of environmentally friendly features.
Plenary		
SLIDE 13: Discussion around the questions used as prompts. (2mins)	What have I learnt about architecture and careers in this industry?	Self-reflection in answers, recalling of facts or information learnt.