

THE STUDENT JOURNEY SELECT COMMITTEE

Hearing 9

Wednesday 14 September 2011

Witness Guide for Members

Below are suggested themes and questions. They have been provided in advance to the witnesses to allow them to prepare for the types of issues that Members may be interested to explore. All Members are welcome to ask these questions or pose additional ones to the witnesses via the Committee Chairman.

Themes and Questions

Representatives of GradsKent

- Please introduce yourselves (your name, what you studied/are studying at university, etc)
- What courses/lessons/opportunities were you offered throughout your education to learn about the world of work?
- How far do you think education has prepared you for employment? How ready do you feel you are for employment?
- Have you received careers guidance by a personal adviser at university? If so, how do you rate the quality of the guidance?
- Have you found information about jobs/careers from sources other than a careers adviser?
- Is there a career you are particularly interested in? If so, what are your plans in order to pursue your career interests?
- What skills do you think employers look for from the young people they want to recruit? Do you see any barriers to your employability?
- Have you ever done work experience?
- In your view, what policies and initiatives – if any – should Kent County Council, learning and skills providers (eg schools, colleges and universities), businesses and other organisations implement in order to improve the employability of young people in Kent?

- Are there any other issues, with relevance to the review, which you would like to raise with the Committee?