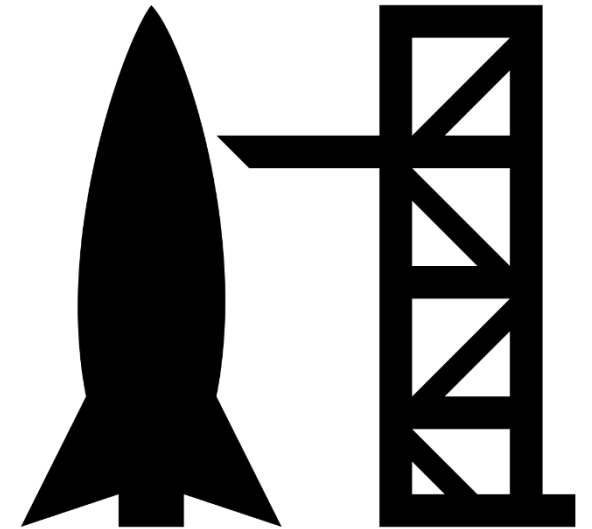
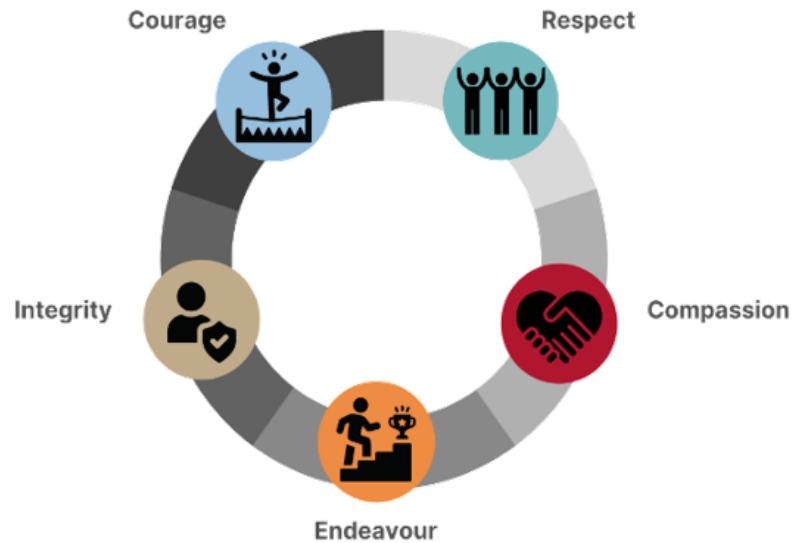


# Why are GCSEs and A-levels so important?



# GCSE grades a good predictor of life chances and wellbeing, research shows

**Study of 23-year-olds found the exams were even more important for those from disadvantaged backgrounds**

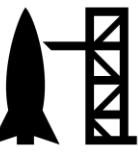


GCSE grades have an excellent track record in predicting the future lives and careers of young adults, according to researchers, who found the exams were even more crucial for those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

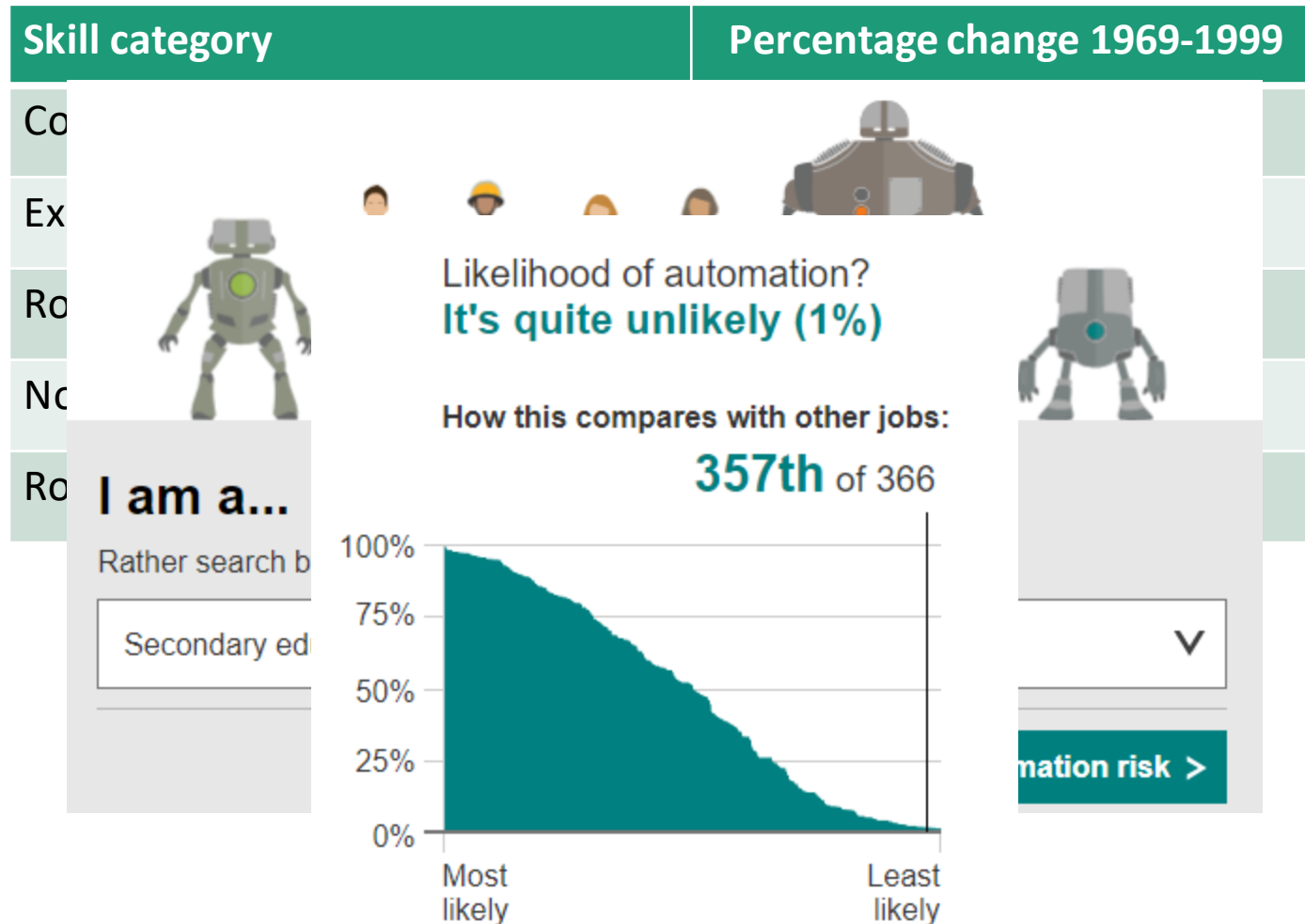
Academics from Leeds and York universities found that the predictive power of GCSE results outstripped those of gender or later qualifications, including university degrees, in charting the development of young people from the age of 16 into their early 20s.

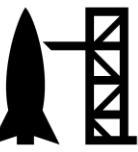
“What we can definitely say is that GCSEs have a considerable impact on how your life develops into your early 20s, and that the benefits from GCSEs are over and above the education someone obtains later,” said Alexandra Starr, a post-doctoral researcher at the [University of York](#) and one of the study’s authors.

📷 The study found the predictive power of GCSEs outstripped gender or going to university.  
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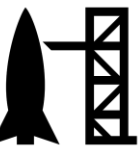
# The world of work is changing...





# What do you need to be ready for the 21<sup>st</sup> century?





# A future we do not know..

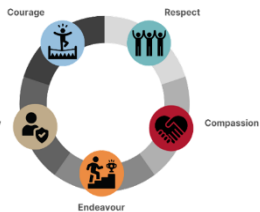
So the model that says learn while you're at school the skills that you will apply during your lifetime is no longer tenable.

The skills that you can learn when you're at school may not be applicable. They may be obsolete by the time you get into the workplace and need them, except for one skill.

The one really competitive skill is the skill of being able to learn.

It is the skill of being able not to give the right answer to questions about what you were taught in school, but to make the right response to situations that are outside the scope of what you were taught in school.

We need to produce people who know how to act when they're faced with situations for which they were not specifically prepared.

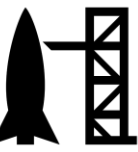


# Why is academic achievement so important?



- Personal Development
- Economic Opportunities
- Social Mobility
- Personal Empowerment
- Social and Cultural Benefits
- Advancement of Society



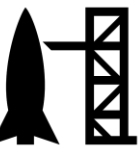


# Why is academic achievement so important?

- While educational achievement is not the sole determinant of success or happiness, it significantly influences an individual's opportunities, personal growth, and overall quality of life.
- By investing in education, societies can empower individuals, enhance economic prosperity, and foster social progress.



# What do your exam results show an employer?



Academic ability

Work ethic and discipline

Subject proficiency

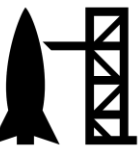
Further education potential

Transferable skills





# How do I get good results?



Understand the syllabus

Set clear goals

Create a study schedule

Organise your resources

Practice past papers

Seek help when needed

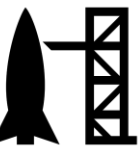
Form study groups

Utilise different study techniques

Take care of yourself

Stay positive and motivated





“Consistent effort and dedication are key to achieving good results.”



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