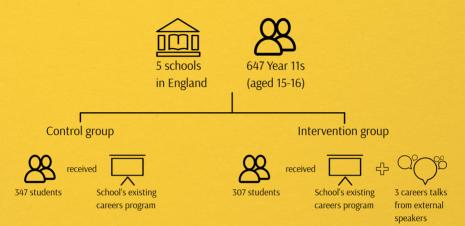


New research from the UK has explored the impact of extra careers talks by employers on secondary students' motivation to study, achievement, and their career plans and anticipated pathways. Here are some of the research findings.

## What did the study involve?

## **Small-scale Randomised Control Trial**



## Findings



There were modest, **positive effects on exam (GCSE) grades** as a result of the careers talks



Students in the intervention group reported, on average, a 9% higher increase in weekly exam revision hours than those in the control group





Lower achievers and less engaged learners responded best to the intervention program



## Student feedback on the careers talks

Of those in the intervention group...

83	0/_	said the talks helped them understand the link between school and work
74	0/2	said the talks made them feel more motivated at school
66	· U/_	said the talks helped them to believe in themselves and their capabilities
49		said the talks had impacted their plans to revise for upcoming exams
41	U/_	said the talks had resulted in them changing their career or education pathway choices
22	,0/2	said the talks had made them a lot more motivated for their exams
7%	/_	said the talks played a role in reflecting on their post-school education pathway and career choice