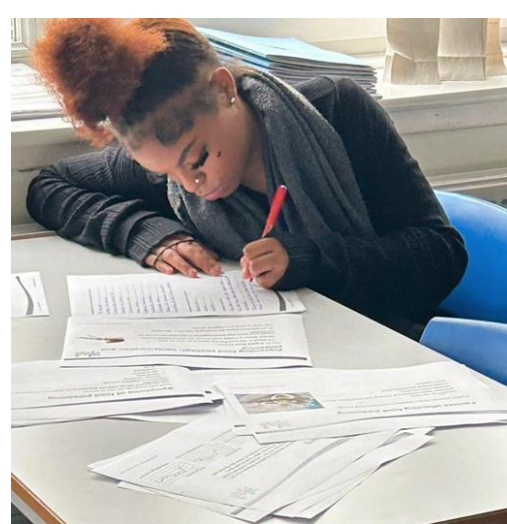


## Essential Skills Gold Status Award



The Edge Academy is delighted to announce at the start of 2023/24 that it has been awarded Skills Builder Partnership “Gold School” status for the work it does around developing students’ “Essential Skills”.

For those of you interested in finding out more about the Skills Builder framework, you can access its official website at: <https://www.skillsbuilder.org/>. The partnership supports schools nationally with their careers work, aiming to provide engaging resources for building employability skills. The Essential Skills are the skills young people need to succeed in education and beyond into later life.

Senior Assistant Principal Charlotte Poynton said: “This puts us into a very select group of schools and colleges who have demonstrated a commitment to building students’ skills. To receive this award, we also demonstrated our commitment to high-quality education. With the support of the Skills Builder team we have made fantastic progress towards deeply embedding the Skills Builder principles into school life and are now truly committed to using a common language for Essential Skills. We are also extremely proud of “Connect”, our new and vibrant short-stay Key Stage 3 programme, as this really does put Essential Skills at the heart of its curriculum”.