



## ShadowTech Teachers 2022 Guide for first mentoring session

Use this document as a guide for your first ShadowTech Teachers mentoring session.

### Setting up the session

1. Schedule the session at a time that suits everyone (this may need to be after school hours for the teachers) and include a calendar appointment. We suggest that you schedule an hour-long session.
2. Use video conferencing software to enable you to see people face-to-face. We recommend Zoom, Microsoft Teams or Google Meet.
3. Share these guidelines or an agenda in advance so everyone is aware of the format and what they need to prepare.

### Mentoring Session Structure

Welcome to your first ShadowTech Teachers mentoring session. The mentor will run the session.

1. Introductions  
Each person takes the time to introduce themselves and talk a little about their job.
2. Ice breaker  
Did they deliver pizza or babysit? Take turns guessing what you think each other's first job was.
3. ShadowTech Teachers purpose  
This is the chance to find out what each person wants to get out of their involvement in ShadowTech Teachers. Take turns talking about why you have chosen to participate in ShadowTech Teachers.
4. Mentor's career pathway  
The mentor should give an overview of their company, and their role within that company. They should talk about their career to date, and what their pathway has been from school to their current role.
5. Questions  
This is the opportunity for participants to ask any questions they may have. Some suggested questions for the mentor could be:
  - a. What skills would you expect recent graduates to have for a role similar to yours? How much on-the-job training is there?
  - b. What pathway would you recommend for someone wanting to enter the tech industry?

- c. What subjects are most important for students to study for tech careers?  
What skills and attributes are more useful?

6. Closing

Now's the time to schedule your next mentoring session in May and to discuss what you would like to cover in the second session.

If you have any questions, please get in touch with us at [info@shadowtech.nz](mailto:info@shadowtech.nz)