

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are pleased to announce that we will be hosting a full-day Careers Fair in the QH on Thursday 16th April. This event is a key milestone in our school calendar designed to inspire students from Year 9 through to Year 13 as they begin to navigate their future career paths.

We have curated a diverse range of exhibitors to ensure there is something for everyone. Students will have the opportunity to engage with representatives from global corporate firms and engineering companies as well as representatives from local businesses, healthcare providers, leading universities and apprenticeship providers.

I would also like to take this opportunity to give a special mention and a huge thank you to our Careers Prefects in Year 12 and Year 13. They have been working incredibly hard behind the scenes organising this event and their dedication has been invaluable. Very ably led by Senior Careers Prefect Ishbir Singh, the team have created a [Careers Fair Booklet](#), which students will receive a printed version of, in advance.

How the Day Will Work The fair is structured so that each year group has dedicated time to explore the stalls during the school day. Students will be escorted to the QH by their subject teachers during the following periods:

***Year 12:** Periods 1 & 2 ***Year 11:** Periods 3 & 4 ***Year 10:** Periods 5 & 6 ***Year 9:** Periods 7 & 8

***Year 13:** Flexible access throughout the day to suit their study periods. ***Lunch break (13:25):** All students welcome

Though they have had assemblies and form time talks about the Careers Fair, you may want to help your child get the most out of the day, by spending a few minutes discussing the event beforehand. You might go through the booklet with them and suggest they think about the sectors they are curious about. Alternatively, encourage them to consider what they value most in a future job, such as travel opportunities, practical work or further study.

After the event, we encourage you to speak with your child about which organisation surprised them the most or if they discovered a career path they had not previously considered. You might also ask what skills and qualifications the larger firms value most in young recruits and if they feel more motivated to focus on specific subjects following the event. By discussing these encounters, you can help alleviate the pressure of choosing a career and turn it into an exploration of possibilities.

I would like to share my appreciation with you, parents of the school, and our wider school community (of volunteers and alumni) for your continued support in making such events a success by supporting your children in their journeys.

Kind regards,

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