Year 9 and 10 Booklet

Thursday November 19th 2026
Hitchin Girls' School
Futures Fair

What to expect…

- You will be allocated a time slot to attend the Futures Fair. You will come down with your form and will be in small groups to move around the exhibitors.
- How you use the time is **crucial!** It will go very fast so the more prepared you are ahead of the event the more useful the time will be.

You will also need the use accompanying PowerPoint which shows the Organisations and people attending the event

Name:	Form:

Think about

- There may not be organisations attending you think you would really want to work with for in the future - **don't let this put you off talking to these exhibitors**.
- There is such an array of different job roles and opportunities in **all** companies - **for example every company has a finance, social media, marketing and sales team even the colleges and universities will have a vast array of job roles alongside its main function of delivering courses.**

Aims of your visit to the Futures Fair

- To speak to 6 **different exhibitors** - you will be directed to your first one.
- Spend about **5 mins with each exhibitor**, finding out about the persons career journey and the organisation they work for.
  The questions detailed below will help you get started.
- **Identify any job roles or opportunities that you may want to research further after the Futures Fair.**

Just remember…..our guests are professionals and not teachers.

you are representing Hitchin Girls' School:

- **Smile and be friendly.**
- Listen carefully and **look at the person who is talking to you**.
- **Think about what questions you could ask** – the employers love to be asked different questions
- Make notes in this booklet.
- Move quickly, quietly around the exhibition, if there are already people talking to the exhibitor you want to speak to, look to see if there is a visitor without someone talking with them and head their way first!
- **At the end of your session, take the time to thank the person who has been talking to you. *This will be appreciated.***

Questions

These are some useful questions you can use when speaking to our visitors.

Employers really appreciate it when you ask your own questions, can you think of 2 different things you could ask? Add them in the boxes below

Industries & Employers

- What was the route into your current job?
- What does a typical day look like for you?
- Do you have to work in shift patterns or unsocial hours or weekends?
- Is there any useful work experience you think would be helpful to get into your sector?
- What impact do you think AI will have on your industry?
- What is the biggest challenge you have ever faced in your work?
- Why did you enter this line of work?
- Looking back -What do you wish you'd known at my age?
- What would you like to do next career wise?
- What changes has your organisation made to be more sustainable?
- How does your company reduce its environmental impact?

FE Colleges and Universities

- What grades do I need for my chosen course?
- If I was choosing A levels is there anything you would suggest?
- How is the work generally assessed?
- How many students are there on the course I have chosen?
- How many contact (taught) hours are there each week?
- What careers provision do you have?
- What are the progression routes and options after the course?
- What is your job role at the university/college?
- What is a typical day like for you?
- What do you think you will do next for a career move?

Linking careers and subjects

If you are unsure what career you might be looking for, a **great way to explore jobs and careers further is linking it to subjects you enjoy.**

See the lists below of some of employers you may be interested to talk to.

Maths

- Kier Construction
- Browne
- Airbus
- MBDA
- DLRC
- Harrods Aviation
- Overy Morgan Lovell
- Amazon
- Computacenter
- Doctors and Radiographer
- GSK
- Hallam Consulting

English & Humanities

- Creative UK
- Language Gap
- Teaching – Lordship and Weston Way Apprenticeships in Early Years
- British School Museum
- Careers in Health Speech and language Therapy
- Masih Devitt & Associates
- Dentons
- Harrods Aviation

Creative Subjects

- Creative UK
- Careers in Health
- Occupational Therapy
- Overy Morgan Lovell
- Speech and Language Therapy

Social Sciences

- Teaching – Lordship and Weston Way Apprenticeships in Early Years
- Occupational Therapy
- Allied Health Professions
- Herts Police
- Herts Fire Service
- Talking Hat
- All the Careers in Health - Therapies and Psychologist
- Psychiatrist

Sciences

Careers in Health –
Occupational Therapy
Physio, Nursing
Midwifery, Doctor
Psychology
Psychiatrist
Radiography
Kier Construction
Browne

Airbus
MBDA
DLRC
GSK
Computacenter
Overbury Morgan Lovell
Amazon
Harrods Aviation

PE

Herts Fire and Rescue
RAF
Hertfordshire Police
Physiotherapy

Apprenticeships in early Years Teaching – Lordship and Weston Way

IT and Computing

Computacenter
GSK
All of companies will have Tech roles

Overbury Morgan Lovell
Amazon
Kier

MFL

The language Gap

Business

ALL the companies here will have roles in all areas of Business such as Finance, Marketing and Operations

Find out more about the companies…

View the additional slides in your Google Classroom.

Universities – take a look at their websites

Talk with the Universities about the Subjects you enjoy and what courses they offer that are directly or indirectly linked

FE Colleges and Universities:
(some of those attending)



























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Lunchtime talks

We have the following talks taking place over the lunchbreak, they are open to all students who wish to attend

- **Why go to university? With University of Leicester**
  12.40 - 1.05pm in C77
- **How to choose your course with University of Birmingham**
  1.05 - 1.30pm in C77
- **Apprenticeships at MBDA**
  12.40 - 1.10pm in C76
- **Gap Year ideas with Emily from The language Gap**
  1.05 - 1.30 in C76

Complete the following Google form so we can plan for the numbers

https://tinyurl.com/HGSFuturesTalks