Year 11 and 6th Form

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

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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.***

Research and Questions

These are some useful questions you can use when speaking to our visitors.
Employers really appreciate it when you ask your own questions.

Industries & Employers

- 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?
- 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

- When choosing A levels/L3 Qualifications is there anything you would suggest?
- 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?

Apprenticeships

The following companies attending offer apprenticeship in a WIDE variety of roles
take a look at the links below ahead of the Fair
Ask them about their recruiting and time scales for applications

- MBDA Apprenticeships OPEN NOW
- Airbus Apprenticeships OPEN NOW
- Kier Apprenticeships
- Browne Apprenticeships
- NHS Apprenticeships
- Overbury Lovall Apprenticeships register interest
- Herts Learning and Development can talk about apprenticeships they are the training provider for Apprenticeships
- Amazon Apprenticeships OPEN NOW
- GSK Apprenticeships
- Hertfordshire Police Apprenticeships
- RAF Apprenticeships
- Computacenter Apprenticeships register interest

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
Overbury 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
Careers in Health
Speech and language Therapy
Masih Devitt & Associates
Dentons
Harrods Aviation

Creative Subjects

Creative UK
Careers in Health
Occupational Therapy
Overbury 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

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