



Wednesday November 27th 2024 Hitchin Girls' School Futures Fair

What to expect...

- You will be allocated a 40 minute time slot to attend the Futures Fair. You will come down with your form and will be in groups of 3 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.
- If you need more time, Year 11, 12 and 13 can drop by between 1 – 1.30pm.

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.

Our guests are professionals and not teachers.

Remember you are representing Hitchin Girls' School:

- Smile and be friendly.
- Listen carefully and look at the person who is talking to you.
- Use questions from the suggested list, but do not be afraid to ask questions of your own.
- Make notes in this booklet – you will be using it again after the event.
- 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.

Industries & Employers

- What was the route into your current job?
- What is the best part of your job? What is the worst part of your job?
- What does a typical day look like for you?
- How has that changed as you have become more senior in the organisation?
- Do you have to work in shift patterns or unsocial hours or weekends?
- How many hours a week do you work?
- Is there any useful work experience you think would be helpful to get into your sector?
- What are the different areas you could specialise in within your work?
- Do you see this as a job for life?
- 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?

FE Colleges and Universities:

(some of those attending)



NOTTINGHAM
TRENT UNIVERSITY



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?

Green and sustainability questions?

What changes has your organisation made to be more sustainable?

How does your company reduce its environmental impact?

- What changes has your organisation made to be more sustainable?
- Are there any innovative areas your company is working on at the moment?
- How does your company reduce its environmental impact?
- Are there any sustainable, innovative areas your company is working on at the moment?

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Questions to ask

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Extra notes/important things to remember

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Back up exhibitors to talk to

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