



19 January 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Rooks Heath School Careers Fair
Thursday 22nd January 2026

On **Thursday 22nd January**, we will be hosting our annual Careers Fair, organised in collaboration with our local MP, **Gareth Thomas**. The event will bring together a wide range of external organisations representing universities, further and higher education providers, apprenticeships, and a variety of employment sectors, offering students valuable insight into potential future pathways.

The Careers Fair will be open to **students in Years 8 – 13**, with our older students, in particular, able to engage in more focused discussions around post-16 and post-18 routes.

A key priority for us is ensuring that students are well prepared to make informed decisions about their next steps in education, training, and employment. Feedback from previous Careers Fairs, held annually since 2023, shows that exposure to a broad range of pathways has helped students to clarify their ambitions and explore realistic, aspirational options beyond school.

We would welcome your support in helping your child engage meaningfully with this opportunity. Effective career planning depends on early research, reflection, and an understanding of the full range of options available. This is especially important as students move through Key Stage 4 and Sixth Form, where choices can have a significant long-term impact.

To support this process, we have prepared a short worksheet (added below) designed to help students identify areas of interest and prepare questions in advance of the Fair. We would be grateful if you could take some time to discuss this with your child, as doing so will help them approach the event with clear purpose and confidence.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students make well-informed choices about their futures.

Yours faithfully,

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CAREERS FAIR
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The Careers Fair provides you the chance to think about what you might like to do after you leave secondary education. Whilst for some of you this will be next year, and for some of you it won't be for a while, it is never a bad time to consider this.

At our Careers Fair we have representatives from various colleges and universities, who can help you with questions about what you might go on to study. We also have representatives from various organisations who can advise you about some career options.

Take the opportunity to discuss options with parents and siblings who may advise you on how to make the most of this event. Here are some questions you can think about when considering further education choices, some of which you might like to discuss with the education providers attending the fair:

- What subjects do you enjoy studying? What subjects do you have particular strengths in?
- What options are there to study these subjects beyond secondary school?
- What careers can further study of these subjects lead to?
- If there is a subject you are thinking of studying at university in the future, what careers have students who studied these courses previously gone on to do?

Here are some questions you can think about when discussing career options with the other organisations that will be present:

- What sort of roles does the organisation offer?
- What are the entry requirements for such roles?
- What does a typical day look like within these roles?
- What is enjoyable about these roles?
- What development opportunities are there within these roles?
- What does career progression look like in these roles e.g., what more senior and/or more skilled roles can these initial roles lead to?

Below is some space for you to record any thoughts that you have and reflect about what you learn on the day.

Remember, you don't have to make any firm decisions about your future now. This Careers Fair is here to get you to think about the various options that are available to you. We hope that you enjoy the fair, and please do ask a member of staff if there is anything that you are unsure about.





Before attending the Fair, think about:

Do you think you might like to continue studying beyond secondary education (after Year 11) or Sixth Form? If so, in what areas?

Think about yourself around ten years from now. What would you like to be doing during a typical day at work?

What steps might you need to take to get the job that fits in with your ideal day at work? (e.g., What qualifications do you need to work towards first?)

After attending the Fair, think about:

What did you learn from the Fair which you didn't know before?

Is there anything that you're going to investigate further?

You will be given an opportunity to let us know your thoughts on this year's Careers Fair in the evaluation form that will be sent out after you have attended the event. All the best!

