



Careers Update November 2022

Careers Fair 2022

We are delighted to be hosting a large Careers Fair on Wednesday 30 November 5 pm – 7.30 pm in North Hall. We hope that it will be very beneficial to all our students and their parents or carers. We aim to ensure that our students are well prepared for a successful future. We feel that an excellent careers education is required to ensure that all our students reach their full potential. Students should know about all the many varied choices and how these choices link to future employability.

Who is Attending?

Opportunities are changing rapidly and we feel it is vitally important that our students and their parents or carers know about all the different educational and career pathways. We have 49 exhibitors, these include representatives from higher and further education, apprenticeship and training providers, local, regional and national businesses, the Armed Forces, the Police, the Fire Service, the NHS and successful entrepreneurs. Many of the businesses are actively looking to recruit more employees and many offer apprenticeships at all levels. The businesses include JSR, YARA, Swift Group Ltd, KCOM, Specsavers, Tesco's, Smith and Nephew, Beal Homes, Hobson and Porter, Pinkney and Grunwells, Reds10, Smailes Goldie and many more.

Students interested in a career in football can find out about opportunities on the Football Sports Scholarship at Scarborough Football Club, the Tigers Trust apprenticeships and the Sports Academy at Bishop Burton College and East Riding College and the Cambridge Technicals Level 3 Sport course offered at Driffield Sixth Form.

Students in Year 11 can find out about the fantastic National Citizen Service which is a two-week summer social action programme. It includes an outdoor pursuits residential week. The Tigers Trust runs the National Citizen Service and students in Year 11 can sign up for this. It helps enhance their curriculum vitae and allows them to have fun whilst developing valuable employability skills. Students wanting to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) award can discuss this with our DofE lead Mr Osburn. Students wanting to complete voluntary work experience can discuss opportunities with Driffield Town Council, Driffield Youth Action, Great Driffield Radio and the Ambassador Scheme with the NHS. There are opportunities for Key Stage 5 students to complete paid work experience with Reds10 and with YipiYap.

The new T levels will be highlighted by the colleges, this includes a 45-day industry placement for work experience. T-levels are a government-backed, career focused qualification for 16 to 19 year olds. They are the equivalent to three A-levels.

How to Get the Best out of the Careers Fair

We want the careers fair to be as interactive, beneficial and informative as possible. Students and their parents or carers can use the below example questions to help get useful information from each representative.

Example Questions:

Employer

- Where do you work?
- What is your job title?
- How did you get into your profession?
- What does a typical day look like?
- What hours do you work?
- What tasks do you have to do each day? What do you like best about your job?
- What qualifications in which subjects do you need for this job?
- What are the progression routes in your job?

College or Sixth Form

- Which grades do I need for my course?
- Do my chosen subjects go well together?
- What is the course workload like?
- How will the course be assessed?
- How big are the classes?
- How long is the college/sixth form day?
- Will there be any trips or outings as part of the course?
- Which extra-curricular activities do you offer?
- Will I have the opportunity to do any work experience?

Apprenticeships or training providers

- What types of apprenticeships do you offer?
- Which grades and subjects do I need?
- Is there help available with finding an employer?
- What does the application process look like?
- When is the best time to apply for an apprenticeship?
- What is the average pay?
- What personal skills and qualities will I need?

For students wishing to study at university this is a perfect opportunity to quiz the exhibitors about the different courses on offer and the future employability levels. We recommend that students going to study at university use the basic questions below as a starting block:

- Discuss the modules covered in each course and identify which ones are most interesting, or relevant to your career aspiration.
- Discuss how many lectures there are, and how much group work will be done in lectures.
- Discuss the type of assessment at the end of each module, is it exams or coursework, or presentations, or a combination of all three.
- Discuss the employability level and type of employment after completion of the degree and the average starting salary.

Students at Key Stage 5 may wish to investigate the degree apprenticeship opportunities that many companies now offer. This is an opportunity to earn and learn whilst still studying for a degree which is fully funded.