

16 April 2026

Invitation: Careers Fair and Information Evening [Year 10, 11, 12 and 13]

Dear Parent/Carer,

The importance of good careers advice and guidance provides students with the information they need to make informed decisions about what steps to take at the end of KS4 and KS5. Early career advice provides insight into the different career options and allows students to make the best decisions for their future. We are committed to providing our students with 'good career guidance' and employer interaction. To support parents/carers and students with career discussions, we are holding a careers fair and information evening in May.

Location: Careers Fair – Outwood Grange Academy

Date: Thursday 30th April

Time: 3:40pm – 6:30pm

The **same presentation will be delivered twice** during the event at the following times:

- 4:15pm
- 5:15pm

This allows flexibility for parents, carers, and students to attend at a time that suits them best.

The presentation will outline key information and resources to support you and your child in making informed career decisions, including insights into the local labour market. Before and after the presentation, students and parents are encouraged to explore the Careers Fair and speak with a wide range of Universities, Colleges, Employers, and Apprenticeship providers. Exhibitors will be available to answer questions and provide valuable insight into their sectors—not just promote current vacancies.

This event is a great opportunity to gain guidance, ask questions, and explore a wide variety of post-16 and post-18 options. KS4 students should also speak to universities to explore higher education opportunities, gain valuable insights into degree programs, and receive guidance on the application process to help plan their future academic and career paths.

Student Career Opportunities

As part of our ongoing commitment to support students, we are making direct links with employers. We launched our partnership with the NHS in 2022. A range of teams from the NHS will also be available at the event. Through this partnership, we are able to bring students exciting opportunities that have never before been available. This includes:

- **Guaranteed interviews for apprentice and trainee healthcare assistant roles**

This is an excellent opportunity for you and your child to explore the opportunities available related to the areas listed below and speak to the recruitment teams that will be present at the event.

Various providers will be present including representatives from the following areas:

- Apprenticeships
- Recruitment
- Medical Staffing
- Allied Health Professionals, including Radiology and Therapies

- Estates and Facilities
- Healthcare Support Worker
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Theatres
- Police
- Engineering
- Construction
- Accountancy
- Property Consultants & Surveyors
- Manufacturing
- Food
- Housing
- Armed Forces

80.75% of school/college students say that their parents/carers help them make key career decisions, as a result, we would encourage parents/carers to attend with their child(ren). [AllAboutSchoolLeavers research]

Career Guidance Advisers, University & Post 16 Provider Presence

The purpose of the event is also to support your child to think about the options available to them. It is okay for your child not to know what career pathway they would like to take at this point. With so many options available the next step can seem overwhelming therefore advice and guidance is crucial to make those informed decisions.

Also present at this event will be a range of providers, some of which are listed below, to provide advice, guidance and answer any questions. Our school Progress Career advisers will also be present to support you and your child with career conversations.

- OGA Post 16 Provider
- Progress Career Advisers
- The University of Huddersfield
- The University of Sheffield
- Barnsley FC
- Leeds Beckett University
- Leeds City College
- Wakefield College

A booking form will be sent to you via text message to confirm your place at this event. We are expecting a large volume of students and parents at this event therefore the booking form must be completed to reserve your places.

On arrival, you will be directed to the Art Centre car park or other car parks reserved specifically for parents. Tickets for the presentation will be provided upon arrival at the registration desk in the Art Centre.

Please complete this form by Friday 24th April. This will enable us to make the arrangements for the evening.

We look forward to welcoming you in April.

Yours faithfully

Julekha Motara

Assistant Principal