

AVA CAREERS FAIR



Making the most of your Careers Fair

Learning objectives:

- Explore what sectors interest you the most
- Be brave and network with different companies
- Reflect on your Careers fair and make a plan for the future

A wide range of companies and organisations have gathered today just for YOU

- 1** Fill this booklet in before, during and after your visit.
- 2** Visit exhibitor stands, take part in activities.
- 3** Please complete a feedback form on Unifrog afterwards.

Planning

Take a quick quiz to give you some ideas and find out what might suit you!

- Careerpilot – Plan your future work & study: careerpilot.org.uk
- National Careers Service – Discover your skills and careers: nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/discover-your-skills-and-careers
- UCAS – Careers quiz, discover your future: ucas.com/careers-quiz

- **What type of industry/ business sector are you most interested in?**
- **Which of these businesses will you research online before your visit?**
- **Which industry/business sector do you know least about?**
- **Which industry/business sector would you like to learn more about that you haven't considered before?**
- **The first two companies I'm going to visit are:**
 - **1** which is in the sector.
 - **2** which is in the sector.

Questions to ask (and use the rest as future inspiration!):

- What's your top tip for getting into your profession?
- What do you enjoy about your job?
- What qualifications do you need?
- Looking back over your career, what would you do differently?
- What's it like working for your company?
- What can I do to start preparing to be you?
- Do you offer work experience / take on apprentices?
- Tell me why working for your company would be a good decision for me?

During the Fair

If you're interested in a particular company, ask them for their contact details. You can then get in touch to: ask additional questions, send them your CV (remind them in the cover letter where you met) and follow up work experience requests.

Be confident, ask questions, take part: exhibitors are looking forward to meeting you

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Company:

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Reflecting

My top career would be:

This career would suit me because:

The pathway for this career for me would be: (for example A Levels/College/ Apprenticeship/University)

What I need to do now to make this happen (tick as many as you need):

- Get work experience
- Find out about apprenticeship, degree or vocational courses
- Create a CV that shows why I'm unique
- Get in touch with a contact I've made today
- Other:

Skills I need to develop include (tick as many as you need):

- Planning and organisation (eg plan an event at school)
- Team working (eg playing a sport or working on a group project)
- Customer service (eg volunteer for your local charity shop)
- Problem solving (eg get elected on your School Council)
- Communication (eg write an article about today for your school newsletter)
- I'm going to develop these skills by: