

6th January 2023

Dear Parent/Carer

### **Outwood Academy Foxhills Careers Fair 2023**

We are delighted to inform you of the annual Careers Fair taking place at Outwood Academy Foxhills on **Tuesday 17th January 2023**.

This is a truly fantastic opportunity for students to explore the wide range of education, employment and training opportunities available to them when they leave school. We have invited all of our local colleges, many local employers and apprenticeship providers, as well as post-16 providers from areas such as Doncaster, York, Sheffield, Hull, Nottingham and Lincoln.

All students will visit the Careers Fair in their year groups at different times during the Academy day. Parents are then invited to attend after school from 3:30pm until 5:30pm.

Parents of students in year 9 will also be able to attend a Guided Pathways talk at either 3:30pm or 5:30pm in the main hall. These talks will consist of a full explanation of the option choices available for your child and will help provide assistance with the completion of the Google form. You will also be able to discuss any queries you may have regarding the options process with Academy staff.

Parents of students in all year groups can attend the Careers Fair from 3:30pm. This is a fantastic opportunity to explore potential careers which may inform year 9, 10 and 11 students' post 16 choices. The event is equally as important for students in lower year groups, as the earlier these interactions with colleges and employers take place, the easier it is for younger students to make informed decisions regarding subject choices in year 9.

The purpose of the day is to help our students develop an insight into the knowledge and skills required for moving from school into post-16 provision, in whichever form that might be. Since 2014, it has been compulsory for students leaving year 11 to remain in education or training until the age of 18. Hopefully, this event will provide your child with an appreciation of the options available when they complete their GCSEs.

To maximise the impact of the day, we would encourage you to have a conversation with your child both before and after the event to motivate them to begin the process of thinking about their future. Collaboration between parents/carers and the Academy will allow robust and effective careers education and guidance to meet the needs of all of our students' aspirations.

If you would like any further information then please contact the Academy by calling 01724 708080 or by contacting the following email address: [j.parkinson@foxhills.outwood.com](mailto:j.parkinson@foxhills.outwood.com).

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Parkinson', written in a cursive style.

Mr J Parkinson  
**Assistant Principal**