

## Careers Fair Guide Oct 2026



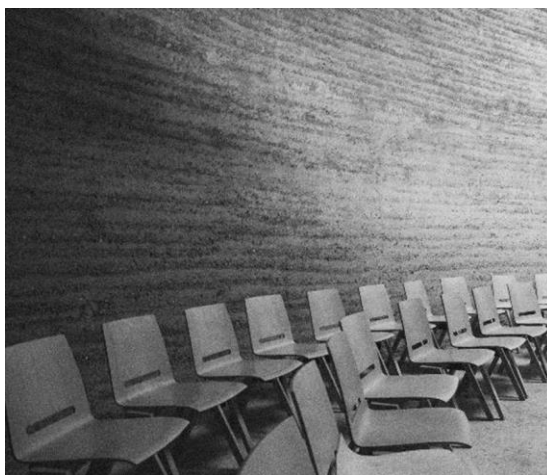
## Welcome!

King Alfred's Academy seeks to maximise the life chances of all our young people by supporting, engaging and inspiring learners to build resilience, curiosity and aspirations. The Careers Fair is your first step in speaking to employers and thinking about your next steps. **Your future starts here ...**

## PRESENTERS

Over 30 presenters will be there to meet you and answer your questions, ranging from Volunteer Organisations to Employers! Other education providers for Post-16 and Post-18 will also have tables. **This is your time to explore!**

FINISH READING ON PG. 2 - 5



## VIRTUAL FAIR

After the Careers Fair occurs, the Virtual Careers Fair page on the KA's website will be updated. If you could not attend, or just have further questions for an organisation you spoke to, check out the details online.

FINISH READING ON PG. 6



## QUESTION IDEAS

If you are not sure how to ask about a programme, what work is like, or how to find a work experience provider, we have some question ideas ready for you. **Use these questions to start a conversation.**

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### Aberystwyth University

A research-led university on the beautiful west coast of Wales, with a strong focus on high quality teaching, student experience and employability.



### Abingdon and Witney College

Abingdon & Witney College is one of Oxfordshire's leading further education colleges, providing a wide range of academic, vocational, apprenticeship and adult learning opportunities. Our mission is to help people achieve more than they believe possible by developing the skills, knowledge and confidence needed for successful careers and fulfilling lives.



### Activate Learning

Activate Learning is a group of 8 colleges who offer post 16 options to students. On offer are Vocational Courses, T Levels, V Levels, A Levels, GCSE's, Apprenticeships and Degrees.



### Army Careers

The British Army is responsible for the protection of the UK and her assets, in both times of peace and conflict. The Army also helps the UK Government when internal disasters occur.



### Better

A charitable social enterprise working to improve the physical, mental, and social wellbeing for local communities. Better are the managing business for the Wantage Leisure Centre. The Leisure Centre offers a wide range of classes and physical activity options for the local community, which involves a large team from instructors to administrators.



### Bishopland Educational Trust

Bishopsland is an internationally recognised and accredited charity dedicated to the training and education of young people in the craft of silversmithing in the United Kingdom. They also offer workshops in goldsmithing and blacksmithing skills.



### Cardiff University

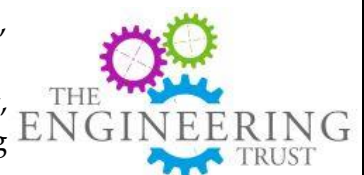
University's a big step. At Cardiff University, we take our biggest steps together. We are committed to bringing the brightest minds together to find real-life solutions to the world's most challenging problems. Join an open-minded community of thinkers and doers, and learn from leading experts whose research is shaping the future.



### The Engineering Trust

The Engineering Trust is a charity dedicated to promoting careers in engineering and manufacturing. We work closely with schools, colleges, careers advisers and students, providing information, advice and guidance on routes into engineering.

Our subsidiary, Engineering Trust Training Ltd (ETT), delivers engineering, manufacturing and maintenance apprenticeships across Oxfordshire and the surrounding counties. ETT works closely with a diverse range of employers to develop bespoke apprenticeship programmes designed to meet the needs of both apprentices and businesses, ensuring positive outcomes for everyone involved.



### **Infineum**

Infineum is a global company that develops innovative technologies for lubricants, fuels and specialty chemicals to help engines and machinery run more efficiently, reliably and sustainably. Our scientists, engineers and business professionals work together to solve real-world challenges in the automotive, transport and energy industries.



### **King Alfred's Sixth Form**

We are a large, friendly, and inclusive Sixth Form, offering a wide range of A level and BTEC courses, with excellent teaching and pastoral support. We also run a comprehensive offering of enrichment and Personal Development to ensure our Sixth Form students leave us ready for their next steps in life.



### **Letcombe Brooke Project**

Letcombe Brook Project is a conservation project that has cared for the Letcombe Brook since 2003. The rare chalk stream runs for 12km from its source in Letcombe Bassett to East Hanney, and the Project looks after its corridor as a green community resource. It offers regular conservation volunteering opportunities and publishes a quarterly newsletter.



### **Manchester Metropolitan University**

Manchester Met is home to one of the UK's largest and most diverse student communities, with over 43,000 students representing over 100 countries. Located in the heart of Manchester, we have been proudly driving progress through excellent education and impactful research for 200 years.



### **Morgan Sindall Construction**

We are a Tier 1 national construction company who cover construction sectors such as education, government, commercial, industrial, leisure and healthcare projects and more. Our purpose is to create inspiring places that enhance the communities in which we all live, learn, work, play, care and protect



### **Newbury Agricultural Society**

We are an agricultural society which aims to raise awareness of agriculture, horticulture, forestry and rural crafts and businesses. Our Education department run free workshops across the county and across all education settings to inspire and educate our young people about the environment around them and where their food comes from.



### **Nuclear Waste Services (NWS)**

NWS brings together the best of the UK's expertise in radioactive waste management. We have an expert team whose skills cover nuclear science, technology, engineering, safety, security, programme management, communications and engagement and environmental protection. We offer solutions across preparation and planning, treatment and packaging, and disposal of radioactive waste that are vital to the UK today and for future generations.



### **Oxford Brookes University**

Oxford Brookes University is one of the UK's leading modern universities and enjoys an international reputation for teaching excellence and innovation.



### **Oxford University Dramatic Society – part of the University of Oxford**

We are fortunate to host a Finalist at Wadham College who co-runs a theatre company. They will discuss the performing arts as well as the balance of pursuing opportunities in the performing arts with Higher Education.



### **Oxford Dynamics**

Oxford Dynamics develops AI and Robotics in sectors, such as, Space, Security and Defence. We are creating tools and technology that can solve some of the biggest live data processing challenges.



### **Oxford Space Systems**

Oxford Space Systems is a growth-stage medium enterprise aiming to become the global leader in deployable antennas for Space, providing effective solutions today for the space-based services of the future. We combine space sector experience with innovation from other sectors to make antennas as stowage efficient as possible for launch.



### **Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust**

Working with the NHS, Oxford University Hospitals operate a large teaching hospital, across 4 sites including the John Radcliffe, Horton, Churchill, and Nuffield. You will find out about range of career pathways in Healthcare and how you can attend future information events for healthcare careers.



### **Oxfordshire Fire and Rescue Service**

The Fire and Rescue Service's mission is to protect our communities, reduce harm and save lives. Stop by our table to learn more about future careers pathways, volunteer opportunities, and the Fire Cadets.



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### **Oxfordshire County Council**

Oxfordshire County Council is the Local Authority for residents within the County. We have a variety of Early Careers programmes available within the organisation that we want to make young people aware of. See how you can get involved in your local community.



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### **Procision Oxford Football Academy**

At Procision Oxford, we provide the opportunity for students (ages 16-23) to combine full-time football with education in partnership with Newbury College (we are based in Abingdon). Alongside the football, we provide a range of qualifications to students from Level 3 NCFE's to Degree qualifications. Our primary focus is the development and education of students both on and off the pitch.



### **Royal Air Force**

Speedy role progression, training, travel and incredible friendships all make a career in the RAF one like no other. We have a wide range of roles to match different skills and interests; **are you ready to join us?**



### **Sustainable Wantage**

Sustainable Wantage is a Community Action Group working to have a positive impact on the environment and increase our resourcefulness and resilience as a community. Powered by volunteers, we reduce waste, save energy, improve biodiversity and make connections, working together to live within the means of our planet.



### Thames Valley Police

Thames Valley Police provide a wide variety of roles from being a warranted officer to police staff. If you want to make a difference and help those people in need this is a fantastic career!



### Thames Water – Strategic Resource Options

Thames Water's Strategic Resource Options (SRO) team is responsible for developing new infrastructure solutions to help tackle the future drought scenarios which threaten London and the wider South East region. Climate change, a growing population, the need to protect the environment by reducing the amount of water we take from our rivers and chalk streams, and the need to increase our resilience to drought are the key factors which influence our future water supply.



### University of Birmingham

The University of Birmingham is a leading research-intensive university, dedicated to delivering outstanding teaching, world-changing research and a vibrant student experience. We support students to develop their talents, explore their ambitions and prepare for successful futures in study, work and beyond.



### University of Reading

The University of Reading has been at the forefront of UK higher education for a century and is home to over 27,000 students from over 160 countries. Our award-winning green campuses are at the heart of our university community, providing world-class facilities alongside a sustainably-conscious backdrop of nature. We continue to be one of the most popular higher education choices in the UK. Our programmes range from the pure and applied sciences to languages, humanities, social sciences, business and arts. New research and the latest thinking continually feed into our teaching, with our academic staff working at the forefront of their fields of expertise.



### University of Bristol

The University of Bristol is a UK top 10 university and 51st in the world (QS World University Rankings 2026). As a member of the Russell Group and a top five UK institution for research (THE analysis of REF 2021), Bristol is home to state-of-the-art facilities and leading academics. Students can choose from more than 250 undergraduate degrees in a comprehensive range of subjects.



### Wantage Town Council

Wantage Town Council is the first tier of local government serving the community of Wantage, working to support and improve the town through local services, community projects, events and engagement. At the careers fair, we will provide information from the Town, District and County levels to give students a broad overview of how local government works and the range of careers and opportunities within it.



### West Mill Sustainable Energy Trust (WeSET)

WeSET is a community charity that helps people understand and engage with renewable energy through education, events and hands-on experiences at the Westmill Wind and Solar Farm. Its focus is inspiring future generations to explore green careers and take practical action toward a more sustainable world.



**“The mind, once stretched by a new idea, never returns to its original dimensions.”**

— *Ralph Waldo Emerson*



# Tools to make the most of your visit

## Questions to start discussions

**The Careers Fair is your chance to talk to representatives** from different employers, volunteer organisations, apprenticeship providers, colleges and universities. Students will be practising your professional communication skills as well as seeing how your interests lead to Career opportunities. **Here are some questions to get you started when you are talking to presenters:**

### Education or Apprenticeship Providers:

- What kind of subjects or courses do you offer?
- What level qualification would I leave with?
- Where is your campus located, and what is student life like?
- What kind of funding (travel or tuition cost) opportunities does your school have?

### Businesses:

- Do you host Work Experience placements?
- Does your business recruit apprentices?
- Did you go to University, or did you do an Apprenticeship?
- What subjects did you choose for your GCSE options?
- What subjects did you study for A-levels / BTEC / T-Levels (Post-16)?
- What skills do you look for in employees?
- If I want to work with your organisation in the future, what experience would you look for on my CV or application?

## Virtual Careers Fair

Following the in-person Careers Fair, KA's will update the Virtual Careers Fair page on our website so that students can quickly find more information on a mix of over 45 businesses and education providers.

- Here is the link for the [Virtual Careers Webpage](#)
- This Virtual Careers Fair allows students the opportunity to explore businesses and education providers at their own pace.
- This resource is perfect for students who were unable to attend, or have further questions for an employer that they spoke to on the day.
- Additionally, this resource is available to all students from Year 7 to Year 13.

**Please note that this guide will not be printed, but instead shared electronically with students, parents, and on the KA's webpage. However, paper maps will be distributed to all students on the day of the Fair with key presenters and starter questions noted to each year group:**

**Year 9 and Year 10 Map** – will note Work Experience Opportunities

**Year 11 Map** – will note Post-16 provisions

**Year 12 Map** – will note Work Experience Providers

**Year 13 Map** – will note Post-18 provisions

