

AT HOME CAREERS SUPPORT - KS3 CAREER DISCOVERY DAY

We are pleased to inform you that your child will soon be participating in a Career Discovery Day Activity at school during the school day. This activity is being hosted jointly by Elevate Education Business Partnership and your school. This inspiring session gives them the chance to meet people from different jobs, colleges, universities, and training organisations and start thinking about what kinds of careers might interest them in the future.

WHAT WILL HAPPEN

Before the Fair: Students will start with a brief class discussion to talk about the Careers Discovery event and think of questions that will help them gather useful information.

During the Fair: Students will explore the hall, speaking with representatives from local businesses, colleges, universities, and apprenticeship or training providers. They can ask questions, collect information, and discover the wide range of jobs and courses available. The focus is on exploring possibilities, not making big decisions.

After the Fair: Teachers will guide students in reflecting on their experience, helping them notice which jobs, industries, or courses sparked their interest and think about their next steps with curiosity and confidence.



Preparation is key, so here are some top tips on what to focus on when helping your child prepare:

Your encouragement can boost their confidence and motivation as they practice speaking to adults in a more formal setting.

Talk to your child before the session about interests and subjects they enjoy and what jobs might link to them. You can also help them prepare thoughtful questions to ask the employers they meet:

Here are some example questions they might ask:

- What do you do in your job?
- What subjects are useful in this career?
- What do you like most about your work?

Encourage curiosity: Let them know it's fine not to know what they want to do — this is about exploring and learning.



ON THE DAY

Encourage them to smile, ask questions and listen carefully.

Suggest they collect leaflets or note down things that take their interest.

Ask questions! Take the opportunity to find out more.

WHAT YOUR CHILD WILL LEARN

- **Confidence and Maturity** - helping them feel more comfortable speaking to adults in different situations.
- **Develop skills** - build communication techniques - asking questions, making eye contact, present themselves positively.
- **Preparation for the future** - taking a glimpse into potential career paths
- **Self-awareness** - beginning to think about their own interests and strengths.



REFLECT AND EXPLORE

After the event, talk to your child about their experience and what they learned.

- *Did they come across any careers or courses they hadn't considered before?*
- *Was anything surprising or different from what they expected?*
- *Which jobs or courses sounded most interesting or exciting to them?*
- *Link to school learning: Talk about how different subjects and skills could connect to those careers.*

Keep it light and positive! At this stage it is all about building curiosity, confidence and awareness - not making decisions.

If you work for a business that would like to get involved in inspiring the next generation of young people, please contact Tina Baker on:

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Your child will practice these skills during this activity

