

Futures Day Back Bigger and Better

On 21st October we held our annual Futures Event to inspire students to consider career and education pathways they might not have considered before. The event was specifically aimed at 14-18-year-old students who are making important decisions about their post-16 and post-18 choices:

- For students in Year 10 the event was an ideal opportunity for them to be inspired by new careers and training and employment opportunities from studying at the University Technical College in Norwich to exploring careers at big name employers such as Mars, Aviva and the Army
- Students in Year 11 were being encouraged to make decisions about their post-16 options including applications to sixth form or FE colleges and/or apprenticeships
- Students in Sixth Form considered HE or higher-level apprenticeships post-18

Almost 1,000 students visited the Careers Fair which was divided into the Employment Zone and the Education Zone. We were delighted to welcome back a wide range of employers from the local area including The Borough Council of King's Lynn and West Norfolk, QEH, Lovell, BAE Systems, Mapus-Smith and Lemmon and Hayes and Storr. Uniformed Services are also well represented with Norfolk Police and the Army in attendance.



Students completed Scavenger Hunt activities which encouraged them to engage with exhibitors and ask them questions about the courses or career paths available to them.

Heads of Year for different age groups also put together an itinerary of tailored careers activities before students attend the Careers Fair. These involve employers and education providers (including FE colleges and universities) delivering workshops to help students to make informed decisions about their next steps.

Year 10s heard from the College of West Anglia, Springwood Sixth Form and the Apprenticeship Service about the choices they have after GCSEs.

Year 11s completed the Help

You Choose application process for post-16 choices and developed their employability skills by focusing on building confidence and resilience.

Year 12s found out about the benefits of securing work experience and how to develop employability skills.

Year 13s had mock interviews with Dodman Ltd and Cranswick Foods and heard about applying for an apprenticeship from Springwood Alumni Ruby Goodchild who is completing her apprenticeship with Maxey Grounds.



Nicky Thompson, Careers Lead, said:

“Springwood High School is committed to providing high quality Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) for all students – encouraging them to aim higher and explore engaging and rewarding careers. The School's Careers Plan ensures that every student has opportunities to learn from employers about work, employment and the skills that are valued in the workplace. The Futures Event brought together students and multiple employers to do just that.”

It was also great to see so many of our exhibitors uploading stories to social media about their experiences. Surveys suggest that everyone taking part is happy to come back next year which is a really good sign that employers and educators see the value of engaging with us.





Nicola Biggs ✓ • 3rd+

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💬 "You only get the sticker when you speak to us"our response to the quietly confident bunch of year 10s at [Springwood Sixth Form](#) and high school today!!!

★ SO many young people unsure of their next move, and thats ok..but it's always good to talk and find out some more so they can make an informed decision.

[Kerry](#) highlighted the quantity surveyor role for those who like a business or maths approach, especially the degree apprenticeship pathway. 🧑‍🔧

🤝 Lovely to be next to our sister company [Lovell Partnerships Ltd](#) and [Sasha Bainbridge](#). Bumped into the lovely [Chloe Geary](#) and an old school friend that I haven't seen for 20 odd years!

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We had a fantastic day at the [Springwood Sixth Form Careers Day](#) yesterday - our second year attending!

Over the past two years, 14 students have joined us for work experience, and one has now returned for an internship with us. We love offering young people an opportunity explore what it's like to work in software development at an [#IoT](#) and [#AWS](#) software consultancy.

We're passionate about sharing what we do and the impact our solutions make for clients. If you'd like to join us, or know someone that would, for a work experience week, get in touch at jobs@green-custard.com





Chris Scamell  • 2nd
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Fantastic to be back at my old school yesterday for the **Springwood Sixth Form** Careers Fair, representing **Dorplan Contracts Ltd** with **Darren Smith!**

It was great speaking with local students about career opportunities and what makes Dorplan special.

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Carrieanne Davies ✓ • 1st

Learning and Development Facilitator @ QEH 💙

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Absolutely fantastic day with this beautiful team at **Springwood Sixth Form** Careers Fair! Thank you for organising such a wonderful day **Nicola Thompson** 💙

We spoke to over 400 students, from Year 10-13, who were amazingly engaged, enthusiastic and interested in careers within healthcare! 🤗

An truly inspiring day, and lovely to catch up with our colleagues at **Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)**, Sam and Inesa and as always, a massive thank you to the lovely colleagues I am privileged to work alongside, **Paul**, Molly, Nic, **Cheryl**, Anita and **Stephanie**.
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