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FURZE PLATT SENIOR SCHOOL

Welcome to the Careers and Higher Education Fair

This event offers students in Years 9-13 and their parents/carers information about opportunities in Further Education, Higher Education, and the workforce. Appreciation is extended to the volunteers for their time and shared knowledge, which makes the event possible.

Feedback Survey

Universities Attending

- ACM (Academy of Contemporary Music
- Bath Spa University
- University of Birmingham
- University of Brighton
- University of Bristol
- Buckinghamshire New University
- Cardiff University
- Cardiff Metropolitan University
- University of Exeter
- University of Greenwich
- University of Hertfordshire
- Lancaster University
- University of Oxford
- Oxford Brookes University
- University of Portsmouth
- University of Reading
- Royal Holloway University
- University of Sheffield
- Solent University
- University of Southampton
- University of Surrey
- University of Sussex
- University College London (UCL)
- University of Winchester

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Local Colleges Attending

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BCA (Windsor Forest Colleges Group)

BCA offers a variety of vocational courses, from foundation to T level, across the Land-based, Creative, Technical, and Active sectors and a variety of Land based Apprenticeships.

Slough & Langley College (Windsor Forest Colleges Group)

Slough & Langley College offers a variety of technical courses from entry level right up to higher education and including apprenticeships, all designed to help you gain skills directly linked to the industry of your choosing and qualify you for the working world.

Windsor College (Windsor Forest Colleges Group)

Windsor Sixth Form College is a vibrant college offering a mixture of A Level and BTEC options. Whether your ambition is to go to university or into employment, we will successfully prepare you for your next steps.

Henley College

The Henley College offers a wide range of A Levels. T-Levels, and Vocational courses, to students aged 16-19. Subjects range from Engineering to Ancient History, Travel and Tourism to Performing Arts, and Public Services to Animation.

Reading College (Activate Learning)

Activate Learning is a group of learning organisations (including Reading College and Bracknell and Wokingham College) that offers further and higher education options including A levels, T levels, Vocational Course and Apprenticeships.

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Employers/ Companies Attending

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Career	Company Details
Architecture	**Area, Inderpal Bhogal:** Indy Bhogal and Helena Howard, Senior Labs Architects at Area Laboratories with RIBA Examiner experience, can tell you about about their career journeys and the wide range of career opportunities within architecture, design and construction.
Careers Support	**DWP, Yvonne Blake:** Yvonne works with schools, including Furze Platt, delivering sessions which include support with preparation for work, creating CVs etc, along with suggestions of opportunities into work, college, apprenticeships, internships.
Construction	**Skanska, Nick Ingram:** Skanska is one of the world's largest construction companies. Nick has previously been Head of Recruitment, and Head of Emerging Talent/Early Careers at Skanska and can tell you about the range of careers within the construction industry.
Construction - Electrical Contractors	**Burnham Electrical Services Ltd, Alan Weaver:** Burnham Electrical Services Ltd is an electrical contractors based in Burnham, Buckinghamshire, working across projects in London, Liverpool, Nottingham, Birmingham and other parts of the UK. Alan can answer your questions about careers in this industry.
Counselling	**Independent counsellor, Lisa Miller:** Lisa can tell you about her career as a counsellor and answer your questions about careers in counselling.
Cybersecurity	**Ultra Cyber Ltd, Simon Smith:** Ultra Cyber Ltd is a UK cyber security company. Their core capabilities in cryptography and data security protect sensitive information from unauthorised access and breaches, maintaining Ultra's position as a UK and world-leading provider of advanced cyber capabilities. Simon can tell you about careers in this field.
Engineering	**JLR (Jaguar Land Rover), Rushil Kumar:** Rushil is an engineering degree apprentice working at JLR in current engines release and also some work in hardware electronics. His degree is an electronics degree at the University of Warwick.
	British Airways Engineering, Jonathan Andersson: Jonathan is an aircraft engineer with BA. He can give you an insight into aircraft engineering, the aviation industry and the different career pathways available.
	AVK, Tianna Hawkins and Jemma Dean: AVK powers tomorrow's data, supplying innovative power solutions for data centres and the financial sector across the UK and Europe. AVK specialise in the complete process of design, planning, implementation, control, and ongoing maintenance. Tianna and Jenna can tell you about careers in this industry.
Environmental/ Green Issues	**ECO Action** is a community initiative and charity bringing together local people, volunteers, and partners to take practical action on climate change and nature. We focus on simple, everyday actions that make a real difference – helping people reduce carbon, support biodiversity, and improve wellbeing across Windsor and Maidenhead. Find out how you can get involved.
Finance	**Crowe UK, Richard Beagley:** Crowe is a national accounting firm They are proud to be part of a Top 10 global network of accountancy firms and are ranked among the Top 100 Apprenticeship Employers. Richard can tell you about careers in accountancy.
Geology and Earth Sciences	**Helen Craggs:** Helen studied the Earth's climate and geology from millions of years ago for her PhD. Her stall has a display of different rock types and minerals with information on university courses and potential career opportunities in geology, earth sciences, climate science, oceanography.

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Health Care	**Thames Hospice, Louise Jones:** Thames Hospice is the hospice for South Buckinghamshire and East Berkshire caring for those with life limiting illnesses at our hospice in Bray and in the community. Heidi Johnson and Louise Jones will be able to tell you about careers at the Hospice in clinical or fundraising and administration roles.
	GP, Anna Browning: Anna is a GP in Maidenhead and can answer your questions about careers in medicine.
Horticulture & Garden Design	**Franzi Cheeseman Garden Design, Franzi and Ian Cheeseman:** Ian and Franzi Cheeseman manage their own Garden Design and Care company. They are keen to talk about careers in horticulture; a hugely varied industry that incorporates everything from gardening and grounds maintenance to design and technology.
Hospitality	**Cliveden House, Kelly Branch and Joana Pinyol:** Cliveden is one of the world's finest luxury 5 Red Star hotels and is surrounded by 376 acres of stunning gardens and parkland with incredible views over the River Thames. Kelly and Joana can tell you about careers in the hospitality industry.
Hospitality & Catering	**Accent Catering:** Accent Catering was founded in 2001. They specialise in business & industry staff restaurants, independent schools, state primary schools, secondary schools and academies. They can answer your questions about careers in catering.
IT/Computing	**Softcat:** Softcat is a leading technology solutions and services company providing everything from everyday IT equipment to solutions in cyber security, cloud, networking, data and AI. Softcat offer apprenticeships across a variety of teams and offices, combining hands on experience with recognised qualifications and plenty of support to help apprentices build their skills, confidence and a long term career at Softcat.
Law	**Gardner Leader, Molly Jones and Rufus Kremer:** Gardner Leader is a leading regional law firm with offices across the Thames Valley and beyond, including in Maidenhead. Come and meet the team to discover what life in a law firm is really like, the different jobs available and the many routes into a legal career
	The Law Training Centre, Rozia Ahmed: Rozia is a registrar at SBP Law, based in the City of London. She also represnts the Law Training Centre and can tell you about careers in the law and different career pathways.
Marketing	**Sanj Badhan:** Sanj has spent over 20 years in Marketing, working across numerous business, including EE, O2, Three, TalkTalk, British Gas, Landsec, McArthurGlen, TransferGo, Barclays, Informa, Guide Dogs, and many others. Speak to Sanj about what a career in Marketing looks like.
Pharmaceuticals	**Narinder Chopra:** Narinder can tell you about careers in the pharmaceutical industry, including research and develoment and how clinical trials are run.

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Photograhy	**Stone Photos, Loren Stone:** Loren is a self employed professional photographer and has been photographing weddings, portraits, events & some commercial photography for 25 years. She has a studio in Maidenhead and also works on location, for example she has recently taken photos around the school for the prospectus and website.
Physiotherapy	**PhysioFitness, John Manders:** John has been working in physiotherapy for over twenty years and has his own private practice. He will be able to tell you about a career as a physiotherapist
Police	**Thames valley Police, Lorraine Holmes:** Lorraine can answer your questions about careers in the police.
Prmary Education	**St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary School, Kate Kenny and Rachael Jenkins:** Kate and Rachael are teachers at St Edmund Campion Catholic Primary School. They can tell you all you need to know about primary school teaching – the best job in the world!
Reseach & Devlopment, Manufacturing	**AkzoNobel, Adam Clarke:** AkzoNobel is a research, development and manufacturing business that creates coatings, including paint. It offers roles and career paths for everybody, be it Chemistry, Engineering, Interior Design, Marketing, Sales, Painting or even teaching in our Dulux Academy.
Sensory Needs	**Indigo Access, Josie Fray:** Indigo Access is a small company providing a range of services to people who have a sight, hearing or combined sight and hearing loss. There are many jobs within the Sensory Needs field and Indigo Access can tell you about a range of careers, including BSL-English Interpreting, Social Work, Specialist Assessing and Rehabilitation.
Software Engineering	**Bank of America, Kishor Kukadia:** Kishor is a senior software engineer with more than 25 years of industry experience. Most of his experience has been within the financial sector and he now works for Bank Of America, major retail bank in the US and also here in the UK.
STEM	**Syngenta, Sean Ng:** Syngenta is a leading multinational agriculture company with over 28,000 people in 90 countries working together to improve global food security. The site at Jealotts Hill near Bracknell employs over 700 people and covers a range of scientific disciplines including chemistry, biology, biochemistry, formulation, product safety & environmental science.
Surveying	**JLL, Harry Tanner:** Harry is a Furze Platt alumnus, he left here in 2015 and is now a chartered surveyor at JLL with 7 years' experience in the commercial property industry. He can answer your questions about careers in this industry.
Veterinary Practice	**Pines Veterinary Clinic, Callum Patterson:** Callum is a vet at the Pines Veterinary Clinic, a well-established small animal veterinary practice in Maidenhead. They see all sizes of dogs, cats and rabbits as well as other furred, feathered, scaly or spiky pets on the odd occasion. Pines Vet is also a Veterinary Nurse training practice. Callum can tell you all about careers in veterinary practice

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