

Dear Parent/carer,

As part of a town-wide careers programme, we are delighted to announce that Blackpool Aspire Academy's Year 9 cohort have been invited to attend the **Blackpool Careers Fair at the Winter Gardens on Wednesday 28th January 2026**. This event is delivered by the Fylde Coast Responsible Business Network with support from the Lancashire Careers Hub.

While the school is managing the transport and logistics, we require your support to ensure the morning runs smoothly.

Attendance is mandatory for this trip due to our statutory obligations in delivering a robust careers curriculum. To ensure the coach leaves on time, please can the following be noted.

- **Start Time:** Students **must** be in school for registration by **8:35 AM prompt**.
- **Return Time:** Students will return to school by **11:00 AM** to continue their normal timetable.

We would also like to remind you and your child that our whole school expectations will be prevalent during this event. Your child will be expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner whilst representing the school in the local community. Full school uniform must also be worn on the day.

This fair is a fantastic opportunity for young people to gain inspiration for their future. During the visit, your child will have the chance to:

- **Explore:** Discover a broad range of careers and opportunities available locally and beyond.
- **Learn:** Understand different pathways into work, including further education, apprenticeships, and T-Levels.
- **Engage:** Gain insight into what employers look for in future employees.
- **Expand:** Be inspired to consider new or previously unfamiliar career options.

A wide range of employers from key growth sectors will be exhibiting. Many will offer interactive activities to help students understand the specific roles within their organisations and the skills required to progress.

Additionally, our school has been paired with a specific exhibitor (to be confirmed on the day). This gives our students a unique opportunity to hear directly from an employer about their organisation and how to make the most of the event.

We are sharing this information so you can discuss these career options with your child. We encourage you to speak with them about their interests before the event so they can make the most of the opportunities on the day.

To help prepare, we have provided the following videos for you to view with your child.

- **Getting the most out of the fair (Video by Blackpool Youth Advisors):**
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZHxBXi4TaFQ>
- **Highlights from the 2025 Careers Fair:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KRvlMCVcxFw>

If you have any further questions, please contact me directly at the school on 01253 353155

Kind Regards,



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