



St. Benedict's students and staff meet employers and explore opportunities at our Careers Fair 2024

After much anticipation, St. Benedict's Catholic School welcomed 30 local, regional, and national employers into school on Thursday 15th February for our Careers Fair 2024! Students were well primed for the event...during the fortnight before the Fair, students had participated in year group apprenticeship information assemblies and activities for National Apprenticeship Week 2024 ([NAW2024](#)) and were given guidance on how to engage with employers on the day, as well as questions they might ask and opportunities they could follow up.

Huge thanks go out to the employers who gave up their time and energy to inspire our students (and staff!): Anglia Ruskin University (ARU), Apprenticeships Suffolk, Ashtons Legal, The British Army, Bury Physio, Cambridge Regional College, Care Development East, Central College of Animal Studies, Eastern Colleges Group, East of England Ambulance Service, Ipswich Town Football Academy, Jardine Motors, Knights Lowe, NHS, Norwich University of the Arts, Pick Everard, Royal Air Force, Royal Navy and Marines, RSM, Suffolk Constabulary, Suffolk New College, The Jockey Club Catering, Treatt, University of East Anglia (UEA), University of Suffolk (UoS), UoS Therapeutic Radiography & Healthcare, Wardell Armstrong (Archaeology) and West Suffolk College (WSC), including WSC Apprenticeships.

The positive engagement with all year groups made a huge impact and created a great buzz around the school. Students discovered more about careers they were already interested in and were introduced to new and exciting career paths too.

We have been delighted by the feedback received from our employers after the event, which speaks for itself:

"Everything was very well organised, and I was just hugely impressed by the day. One of the best careers fairs I've done! The students were also fantastic, right through to Year 7s at the end of the day. They asked insightful questions and were friendly, enthusiastic, and polite. A joy to talk to!"

Yet again, our students have made us very proud and we are already looking forward to next year's Fair!

Miss Hahn