



Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Parental Engagement - St Bernard's Finding Futures Careers Fair (Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026)**

We are delighted that Year 7 – 13 will attend our St Bernard's High School ***Finding Futures Fair*** on **Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2026** (9.00-1.30pm).

Please see flyer: [Finding Futures Fair Schedule 2026](#)

We are writing to engage with our parent and carer community as we very much appreciate your involvement with our careers programme. We are interested in parents/carers who are employers, employees of companies who engage with community events, or who can help by reaching out to your contacts to join us and host a stall on the day to support our students.

### ***What is the curriculum intent of our careers fair?***

Careers fairs support the careers curriculum by linking students with employers and education providers. They link to **Gatsby Benchmark 5** and **Benchmark 7** by offering encounters with employers. Further and higher education, and to **Benchmark 2** by highlighting career opportunities.

### ***What is the benefit of hosting a careers fair?***

Careers fairs provide students with the opportunity to explore a range of career options and learn about opportunities offered by local businesses. In an informal setting, students can speak directly with employers, ask questions, and gain insight into different roles and future-ready skills.

### ***How is the career fair organised?***

Companies and providers host a stall where each year group will be able to meet and speak with employers and employees. Students will be prepared to ask meaningful questions, and representatives from companies are encouraged to use displays, interactive activities and demonstrations to engage students.

### ***How can my company host a stall at St Bernard's High School Careers Fair?***

We are happy to discuss arrangements. We would also welcome support for part of the event if that is preferable. On-site parking, tables, boards and refreshments and a light lunch will be provided.

If you, your company (or someone you know) would like to host a stall, I would be grateful if you could contact me via email at [lph@stbernards.southend.sch.uk](mailto:lph@stbernards.southend.sch.uk) by **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March**.

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support. Your involvement will play a vital role in inspiring and encouraging the future pathway opportunities of students at St Bernard's High School.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs L Phillips  
Careers Co-ordinator