



Careers Convention

Information Booklet

Wednesday 30th November 2022

7pm—9pm

Thank you to our business partners

Aberdeenshire
COUNCIL



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Health & Social Care
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Dear Pupil & Parent/Carer,

Welcome to this year's Careers Convention hosted by Meldrum Academy.

We are delighted that over 60 organisations, including Further and Higher Education institutions, have agreed to attend our Careers Convention to advise our pupils and their parents/carers about future career and educational opportunities. Employment patterns in the 21st century are evolving and changing more rapidly than at any time in the past and it is essential that our young people have as much advice as possible to help them prepare for the future. Evenings such as this play a valuable role in giving such advice and perhaps stimulating ideas about careers not previously considered.

Again this year we will be providing:

- industry drop-in presentation sessions in 4 sector areas
- mock interviews

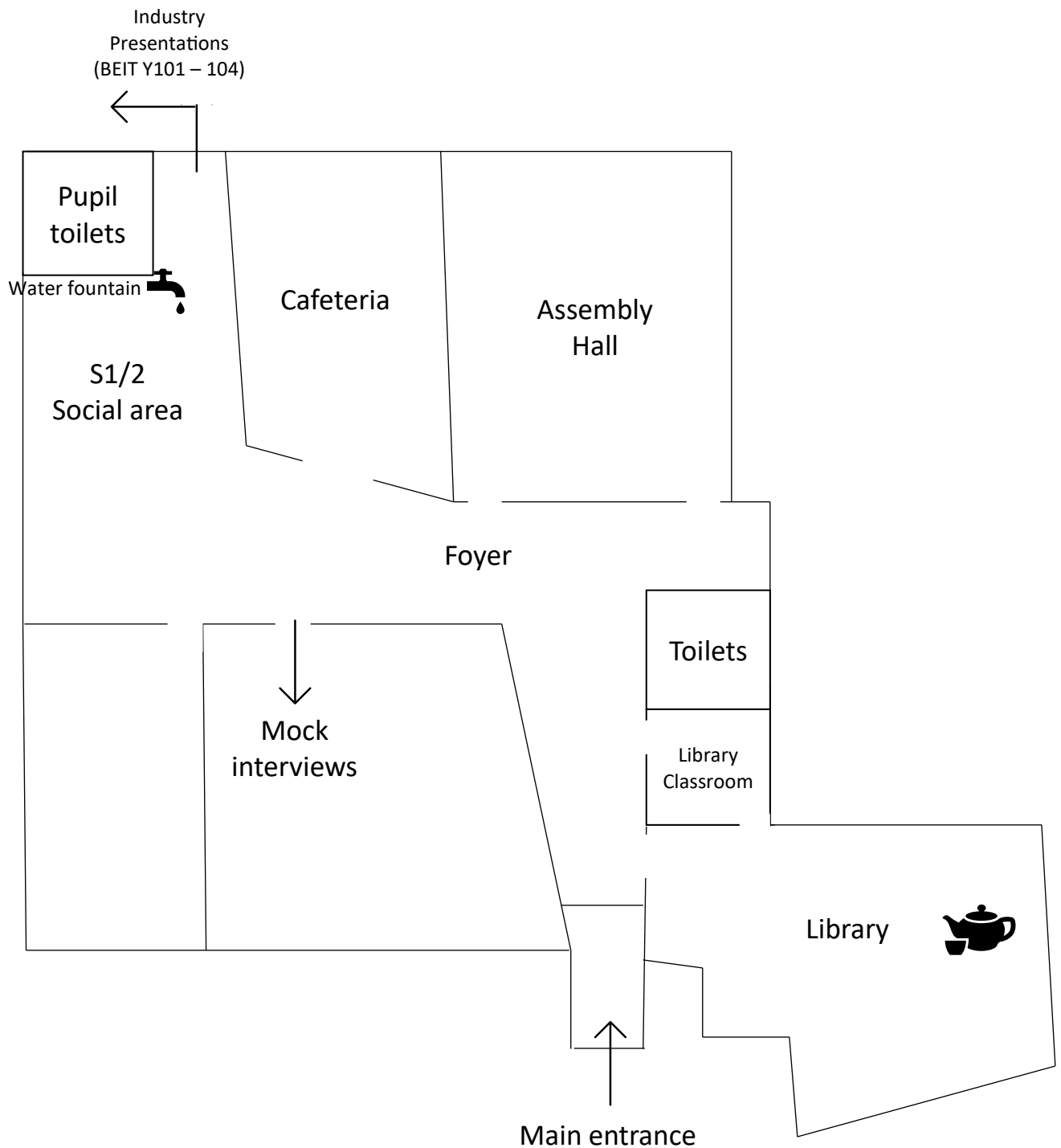
You will find more information regarding these within this booklet.

Our staff team, business partners and a selection of senior pupils have put a lot of work into the preparation of the evening, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank them all for the effort they have put in. Their enthusiasm has been infectious and has certainly contributed toward the excellent take up by companies and institutions.

I do hope that you find the Convention stimulating and valuable and I look forward to seeing you there.

Kind regards
Ian Jackson
Head Teacher

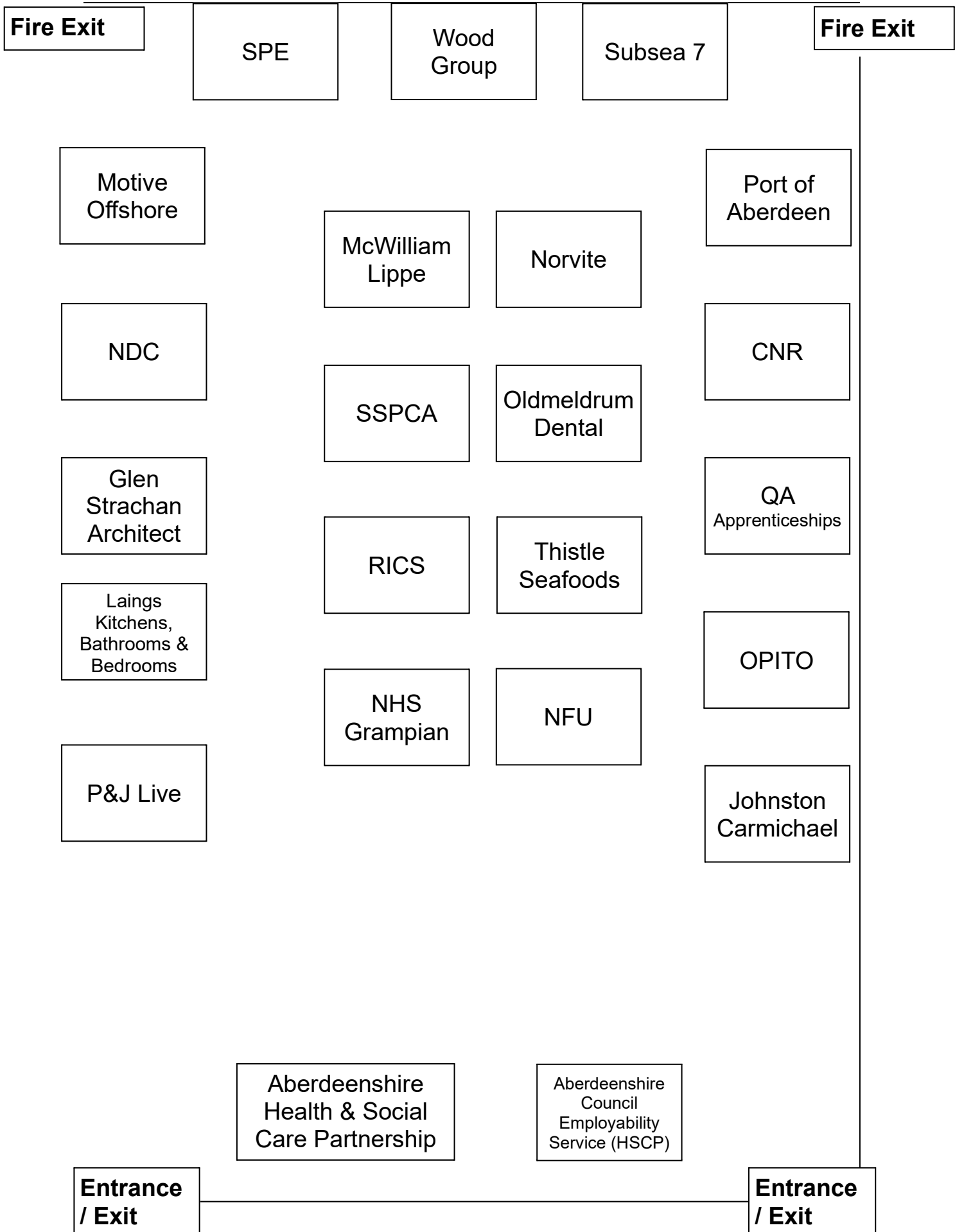
**The Careers Convention will take place on the ground floor of the school.
Please use the following pages to identify where exhibitors will be based.**



	Organisation	Room
1	Aberdeen Medic Outreach Society	Y104 (Presentation)
2	Aberdeenshire Council	Library
3	Aberdeenshire Council Employability Service (Health and Social Care Partnership)	Assembly Hall
4	Aberdeenshire Health & Social Care Partnership	Assembly Hall
5	Aberdeenshire Voluntary Action	Library
6	Army Careers	S1/2 Social area
7	Barnardos	Library
8	Barratt/David Wilson Homes	Foyer
9	Breedon	Foyer
10	Cala Homes (North)	Foyer
11	CNR International (U.K.) Ltd	Assembly Hall
12	FortyTwo Studio	Y102 (Presentation)
13	GlamCandy Makeup College	Library
14	Glasgow Caledonian University	Cafeteria
15	Glen Strachan Architect	Assembly Hall
16	GPH Builders Merchants	Foyer
17	Gray's School of Art	Cafeteria
18	Heriot-Watt University	Cafeteria
19	Hospitality Training	Foyer
20	Inspire PTL	Library
21	James Fisher Offshore	Foyer Y101 (Presentation)
22	Johnston Carmichael	Assembly Hall
23	Laings Kitchens, Bathrooms & Bedrooms	Assembly Hall
24	McWilliam Lippe Architects	Assembly Hall
25	Meldrum House Hotel	Foyer
26	Morrison Construction	Foyer
27	Motive Offshore Group	Assembly Hall
28	National Decommissioning Centre	Assembly Hall Y103 (Presentation)
29	National Farmers' Union Scotland (NFUS)	Assembly Hall
30	Natural Skincare Factory	Library
31	NHS Grampian	Assembly Hall
32	NMW Riding Academy	Library
33	North East Scotland College	Cafeteria
34	Norvite Animal Nutrition Ltd	Assembly Hall
35	NRC Environmental Services UK Ltd	Foyer

	Organisation	Room
36	Oldmeldrum Dental Practice	Assembly Hall
37	OPITO	Assembly Hall
38	P&J Live	Assembly Hall
39	Port of Aberdeen	Assembly Hall
40	QA Apprenticeships	Assembly Hall
41	Queen Margaret University	Cafeteria
42	Red Rooster Lifting	Library
43	RICS (Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors	Assembly Hall
44	Robert Gordon University	Cafeteria
45	Royal Navy	S1/2 Social area
46	Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)	Cafeteria
47	Scottish Ambulance Service	S1/2 Social area
48	Scottish Fire & Rescue Service	S1/2 Social area
49	Scottish Maritime Academy marine simulator	Library
50	Scottish Prison Service	S1/2 Social area
51	Scottish SPCA	Assembly Hall
52	Shmu	Foyer
53	Skills Development Scotland	Library
54	Skills Development Scotland - My World of Work sessions	Library Classroom
55	SPE Aberdeen & Energy Institute	Assembly Hall
56	SSEN	Foyer
57	Stork	Foyer
58	Thistle Seafoods	Assembly Hall
59	University of Aberdeen	Cafeteria
60	University of Dundee	Cafeteria
61	University of Edinburgh	Cafeteria
58	University of St Andrews	Cafeteria
59	University of Stirling	Cafeteria
60	University of Strathclyde	Cafeteria
61	University of the Highlands and Islands	Cafeteria
62	Volunteering Matters	Library
63	Wood Group	Assembly Hall

Assembly Hall



S1/2 Social Area

Army
Careers

Royal Navy

Scottish
Prison
Service

Scottish
Ambulance
Service

Scottish
Fire &
Rescue
Service

Foyer

Hospitality
Training

Meldrum
House
Hotel

James
Fisher

Stork

Shmu

NRC

SSEN

Barratt/
David
Wilson
Homes

Breedon

CALA

Morrison
Construction

GPH

Mock
Interviews

**Main
Entrance/exit**

Cafeteria: Higher & Further Education

Queen
Margaret
University

University
of
Aberdeen

Robert
Gordon
University

University
of the
Highlands
& Islands

Gray's
School of
Art

University
of Dundee

University
of
Edinburgh

University
of Stirling

SRUC

NESCOL

University
of
Strathclyde

Glasgow
Caledonian
University

Heriot-Watt
University

University
of
St.
Andrew's

Library

Tea & Coffee

NMW
Riding
Academy

Entrepreneurship hub

GlamCandy
Makeup
College

Natural
Skincare
Factory

Inspire PTL

Volunteering
matters

Aberdeenshire
Council

SDS

Red
Rooster
Lifting

Barnardos

AVA

Library classroom

My World of
Work for Parents
- SDS

Scottish Maritime
Academy
marine simulator

My World of Work with Skills Development Scotland

Elizabeth Dumbell of Skills Development Scotland will guide you through accessing My World of Work, a great online resource which will help you support your child as they move towards employment, whichever route they take. There are some great functions that Elizabeth will highlight e.g., subject choice and skills tools. Remember My World of Work isn't just for students, you may find it useful for your own career too.

To get the most out of this session it is recommended that you bring a phone or tablet with an internet browser. You can connect to free Wi-Fi, just choose the MyAberdeenshire network.

Each session will be held in the Library Classroom and will last around 20 minutes and will take place at the following times:

7.30pm

8.00pm

Industry Presentations

This year we have drop-in presentations from four sectors. Each presentation lasts 20 minutes and will be repeated 3 times throughout the evening at the following times:

7.30pm

8.00pm (not James Fisher Offshore – please visit them at their stand)

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These will take place in the BEIT corridor classrooms. The presentations will be from the following organisations:

- Room Y101 – James Fisher Offshore ***7:30pm only***
 - combining knowledge, innovation, and experience to provide engineering solutions, equipment, and full project support for offshore and subsea operations.
- Room Y102 – FortyTwo Studio
 - a Scottish design, brand and digital agency based in Aberdeen. Committed to delivering effective, results-driven design.
- Room Y103 – National Decommissioning Centre
 - Combining industry expertise with academic excellence, working in partnership with the energy sector to lead Research and Development that will support the sector to transform approaches to deliver sustainable net zero decommissioning.
- Room Y104 - Aberdeen Medic Outreach Society
 - aiming to widen access to medicine for people of ALL backgrounds.

An announcement will be made 5 minutes before the start of each presentation. You are welcome to attend any of the presentations on the night. There is no need to sign up beforehand.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our partners for the organisation and delivery of these sessions which we know will be informative and add enormous value to the evening.

Mock Interviews

You are invited to participate in a mock interview during the Careers Convention.

Employers from the area have agreed to conduct these interviews. Throughout the evening, there are **12** interview slots available. Your interview will last **ten** minutes. Following your interview, you will be provided with feedback on your performance in terms of your responses to the questions and the way you present yourself in the interview.

In preparation for your interview, you should consider the schools DYW framework which covers the following skills Teamwork, Leadership, Problem Solving and Communication as well as the school values which are Honesty, Ambition, Resilience, Respect, Responsibility. You may wish to ask someone to help you prepare in advance of your interview. You do not need to produce a Curriculum Vitae.

Remember to sign into My World of Work for tips on interview technique
<https://www.myworldofwork.co.uk/getting-a-job/interview-with-confidence>

Interview Questions:

Question	Area/Topic/Skill
Can you tell me a little bit about yourself?	Introduction/settling in
Tell us about a time you were part of a team, what role did you play and how did this make you feel?	Teamwork
Can you give an example of when you used two different methods of communication, e.g., email or Teams.	Communication
Tell me about a time where you have been given a task/piece of work to do, but the instruction was unclear. What did you do?	Problem Solving/Communication
Give an example of when you demonstrated one of the school values?	School Values

Do:

- Prepare in advance for your interview
- Dress appropriately for interview
- Arrive promptly
- Expect to be interviewed independently

If you would like to book a mock interview, please complete [THIS FORM](#).

Interviews will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our business partners for agreeing to host these mock interviews.

Careers Convention 2022 - Student Checklist

Use the checklist and prompts below to maximise your time. Be open minded. Explore all options available to you.

Have you...

Visited at least 5 different stands and spoken to the advisor(s) on each of the stands?	Identified and discussed at least TWO potential career paths?	Asked about the work experience required for your chosen career path(s)?
Asked about the qualifications that are necessary for your chosen career path(s)?	Spoken about different pathways into your potential career path? (e.g., university, college, apprenticeship, etc.)	Asked about the 'pros' and 'cons' of your potential career choice(s)?
Visited a least one industry presentation? (situated in the BCIT corridor)	Completed a mock interview? (written feedback will be made available at a later date)	Taken appropriate brochures, leaflets, etc. away to read later (if available) from the stands you visit?

5 tips to get the most out of this Careers Convention:

- Talk to as many of the exhibitors as you can
- Ask as many relevant questions as possible
- Keep an open mind as to any potential career paths
- Make sure you feel comfortable with the career choices you are making
- Take notes yourself as well as collecting appropriate leaflets/brochures

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