

Careers Convention 2023

On Tuesday 14th November, we hosted our Careers Convention as part of our Review Day provision, alongside Main School Reviews and interventions involving students in Years 11, 12 and 13.

The Careers Convention has now formed part of our annual careers provision and offers an excellent opportunity for students to discuss future career options with external providers including universities, colleges, training and apprenticeship providers, as well as a range of organisations from the public and private sectors. This year, we welcomed a record number of visitors with over 2,500 people involved and over 40 stands on offer.

The event would not be possible without the support of all the exhibitors, many of whom included Gosforth Academy Alumni. It was great to see some familiar faces and a massive thank you goes to all the delegates for their efforts in a very busy and impactful day, with some travelling early in the morning to attend. A full list of organisations involved is included below.

Army Reserves	Crime Reduction Unit
British Engines	Crosby's
Durham University	Edge Hill University
GA Sixth Form	Get into Teaching
Glasgow University	HMRC
Laing Art Gallery	Lloyds Bank
National Audit Office	NCS
NEF Academy	Newcastle Careers and Guidance Service
Newcastle College	NHS
North East Futures UTC	North East Raising Aspirations Partnership
Northumberland College	Northumbria University
Optimum Skills	RAF
RICS Building Surveying	SAGE
Sheffield University	Sir Robert McAlpine
St Oswald's Hospice	Sunderland University
TDR	Teesside University
Trinity Solutions	University of Strathclyde

The real value of these events comes from the experience of the students involved and the information they can take away and act upon. In many cases, this is clarification or confirmation of routes into careers at particular organisations or professions, but it was great to see some of the incidental discussions that open up new progression ideas for students.

Feedback collected on the day has been excellent, with 96% of Students and 97% of Parents finding the Careers Convention useful in informing progression options for those at the school. We are already looking at our future plans for subsequent career events and welcome comments on how we could improve our offer. Should anyone have any further feedback, or would like to get involved in some capacity next year, please do make contact with our Careers Lead, Ms Carter using the following address; li-am.carter@ga.newcastle.sch.uk.

