



February 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

As part of our programme to support post-18 progression, your child will be attending an Apprenticeship Fair at the University of Derby (Kedleston Road site) on Wednesday 11 February 2026. The event will include a wide range of employers, training providers, and organisations, alongside seminars designed to support applications for apprenticeships and future careers. This is a valuable opportunity for students to explore options, gain insight into different industries and receive guidance on next steps beyond Sixth Form.

Students need to arrive in their tutor room by 8.50am, ready to depart at 9.00am. We will be travelling via minibus and will return by 12noon at the latest, with students returning to their Period 3 lesson, if they have one timetabled.

Students are expected to conduct themselves responsibly and engage fully with the opportunities available during the fair.

Students will be required to register themselves for the event and this information will be provided during tutor time and on their Google Classroom. Registration is required to access the event. Further details about the event, including the types of organisations attending, can be found via the University of Derby website:

<https://www.derby.ac.uk/departments/schools-colleges-liaison/schools-and-colleges-liaison-events/national-apprenticeship-week/>

If you have any questions regarding this visit, please don't hesitate to contact me via email at bgoacher@heanorgatespencer.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support in helping our students prepare for their future pathways.

Yours sincerely

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