



Norwich
Opportunity Area

- **School/College/Business:** Multiple Norfolk Schools
- **Topic:** Post 16 Opportunities Fair
- **Gatsby Benchmark(s):** 5 and 7

In October an enhanced Year 11 progression fair to ensure more accessible information and support for young people about the full range of post 16 options, to complement the existing offer in and around Norwich was trialled. As part of the NOA Careers Facilitator Network, Form The Future were commissioned to deliver a collaborative careers event to support NOA schools achieve the Gatsby benchmarks. After discussion with Norfolk County Council, the event was extended to invite Norfolk-wide students and exhibitors. Students and parents attending came from across 30 different schools in Norfolk and the event was supported by 38 exhibitors. On the day there was a total of 785 visitors to the event. Exhibitors included FE & HE colleges, employers, apprenticeship providers and training providers. The event also included a quiet hour for students with SEND to ensure access to the event for all students. Of the event a visiting school said “As a school we would never be able to do something like this ourselves or give our students this much information about options. We met providers we didn’t even know provided post 16 education.” A parent visitor said, “it was great having the opportunity to go with my daughter to see a wide range of providers with good information.”

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