



**In May 2022, The US Charitable Trust facilitated a successful careers fair at The Crest Academy for over 700 students aged 14-18, proving a huge success for attendees and employers alike. Students from Year 8 to Sixth Form had a chance to speak to employers, charities, apprenticeship providers, teams from top universities and so much more.**

The aim was to excite young people about their future and provide them with practical support to achieve their goals. On the day, the students could not only understand more about a huge range of careers but take tangible steps to progress towards that industry. Many of the employers offered access to sign up for fully subsidised places on training and work experience opportunities or camps and courses happening over the summer holidays.

There was a great atmosphere in the room as young people were able to try a simulation of flying a plane, chat to Police about being a young cadet, become a volunteer at a local library, engage in the arts with Metroland Cultures or learn about top STEM apprenticeships with Multiverse. US staff were always on hand to help students and partners on the day.

Looking to the future, The US Charitable Trust is facilitating follow-up sessions with a variety of the employers to carry out more in-depth sessions with specific groups of interested students to ensure support and opportunities continues beyond the fair itself.

***"The careers fair was a triumph. The students were so excited and felt so valued...This is going to have such an effect on the students. The short-term win is that the students know we care about them and secondly, when students know that the goal of being in school is to get a career they will enjoy, they work so much harder."***

**- Oliver Elliott**

**KS5 Leader, The Crest Academy**

"In an overall statement, the careers fair was a success. It really showed the raw talent and the requirements for each job. I thoroughly enjoyed working with the US Charitable Trust. I personally enjoyed discussing with a dentist the day-to-day procedures and challenges in the field of dentistry and other medical fields. The enthusiasm, participation, and interests of the students from the younger years were amazing as they learned each job sector within the space of a few hours."

- Student A

"The careers fair helped me and the students of the sixth form to open new doors we didn't think about for what we might apply in the next few months for our university applications. For example, we had people from the Army, technology (and healthcare. One girl told me that she's considering studying music after a long conversation with one of the employers. Our school does not provide music teachers anymore, so this is very exciting."

- Student B

"At Multiverse, we look to build connections with young people and present them with alternative further education routes. Through our partnerships with The US Charitable Trust, we've been able to connect enterprise organisations such as Microsoft to students, creating impactful career education opportunities. In true capacity building, US Charitable Trust has also opened their impactful network of partners to our work, and we've been able to connect with other organisations such as Unifrog. Tiff and Janet are an absolute joy to work with and we can't wait to see how our partnership will evolve to impact even more students"

- Akeem Wangeh, Outreach and Partnerships Executive at Multiverse

### Organisations in attendance included:

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