

Secondary School

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Dear BISI Parent

I am pleased to announce that BISI's third **Careers Fair** will take place on Friday 19 February.

The Careers Fair is a biennial event organized by a parent-teacher committee for the benefit of our students from Years 10-13. This year, Year 9 will be joining for the morning.

For those of you unfamiliar with the Careers Fair, it is a day-long event held at school, which seeks to redress the fact that most of our students will not have held any kind of job by the time they leave school, and are generally more removed from the world of work than their peers in Europe and America.

The Careers Fair is a way of exposing them to real-life work situations through interacting with our invited speakers and working in teams to produce a marketable product to budget and in competition.

The day comprises various events taking place in the Theatre, Blue Gym, and classrooms in the Secondary Building.

This year, the colourful and famous **Wilco van Herpen** has kindly agreed to host the event (see: http://www.todayszaman.com/expat-zone_a-traveler-for-modern-times-wilco-van-herpen_230304.html).

One of the most useful and interesting aspects of the day is that around 20 eminent speakers are invited to give a presentation about their chosen professions to the students. The students will have the chance to attend three talks each. This is followed by an interactive team-building session where groups compete to design and present a project to a panel of judges. The company **Futurewise** will also give a presentation on career paths in the afternoon, and we will hear from several **BISI alumni** on what life is really like after school. At 3:30, students, staff and parents are welcome to stay on for a **CV-building and interview techniques workshop** with an HR specialist visiting us from YapiKredi Bank.

Parents are most welcome to join us at the Careers Fair in the Theatre **from 1 pm onwards** to hear the presentations by the students of their projects, Futurewise's talk on career paths, and to hear stories and advice from BISI alumni who are currently at university or are working.

It is going to be a fantastic day, and I hope to see you there!

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