TOP TIPS FOR ATTENDING THE JOBS FAIR

1. **Dress in professional attire**, as you would do for an interview. You are here to meet potential employers – suits are not essential but we would recommend smart wear.

2. **Bring copies of your up-to-date CV**. Recruiters are going to meet hundreds of people on the day. To make sure they remember you, give them your resume AND make a good impression. Also, it is an opportunity for you to stand out from the crowd with a detailed CV including information relevant to them (no need to include your babysitting experience here!) that you can comment on whilst talking to them.

3. **Check the list of exhibitors** (available on the MIA website's event page) and list the ones you want to meet in priority. There might be a lot of queuing involved on the day for meeting the most popular recruiters so make sure you go to see the ones that are on the top of your list first.

4. **Research the companies** you want to meet. Exhibitors want to find employees that have a genuine interest in their business. The more you know about an organisation and the types of positions they hire for, the better you will come across to the employer. Starting a conversation by "I was really impressed by the technology used on your new 570S model" is better than "You make cars, don't you?".

5. **Show you enthusiasm.** Good eye contact, a smile on your face and a short conversation with the company representative can go a long way to show the recruiters you are really keen to work in their industry. Remember they are assessing potential recruits at the same time as advertising their company so focus on your talents, and link them to their organisation.

6. **Follow up soon after the fair**. Ask recruiters for the next steps in their recruitment campaign. Will they have new jobs vacancies coming up soon in the Powertrain department? Who would be the best person to talk to regarding placements in the Design department? Try to get their business card, and send thank you emails mentioning the conversation you had.