

## COLLINGWOOD STUDENTS VISIT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

*Following an invitation from our local MP, Dr Al Pinkerton, several students (including ourselves) from both the student leadership teams and the College's debating team, had the opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament.*

When we arrived, we were able to view the grand Westminster Hall before meeting our guide, Ruby. We then had the pleasure of spending the next two hours getting an in-depth, highly informative tour of the building, including both the Houses of Commons and Lords, and various lobbies. On our tour we learnt about the history of the building itself, alongside the story behind its grand architecture, meanwhile gaining an invaluable education on the history of democracy within our country. Being within Westminster allowed us to see where important events took place, like the origins of the English Civil War under Charles I and thus learn about the explanations behind certain traditions still practised to this day.

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL ...

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable break. The lighter mornings have certainly given us all a spring in our step as we return for this half term!



### INSET Day

We had a fabulous training day on Monday led by our keynote speaker, Ross McGill from Teacher Toolkit, on teaching and learning. We explored cognition, assessment and questioning. It was good to be able to develop our classroom strategies and reflect on our styles of pedagogy in light of the recent research to ensure we get the best out of our students!

### Status Racing Success!

Congratulations to Mr Thomas and the Status Racing team who participated in the opening race of the 2025 Greenpower season at the weekend and achieved some notable successes.

Our scratch-built car, **Status Quo**, finished third place in the first race and second place in the next race, meaning we have qualified for the international finals in October by beating many of the top racing teams including the 2023 world champions!



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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY - DON'T MISS OUT!

- Wednesday 26 February:** Internet Safety Talk for Years 7 and 8 Parents/Carers, 6.30pm until 7.30pm, Kingston Theatre
- Thursday 27 February:** Year 9 Parents' Evening (Virtual), 4.15pm until 8.00pm
- Wednesday 5 March:** Year 8 Reports Home
- Thursday 6 March:** World Book Day - Drop Everything and Read, 9.00am until 9.20am  
Year 8 Parents' Evening (Virtual), 4.15pm until 8.00pm

## LIBRARY NEWS ...

### World Book Day in the Library – Thursday 6 March 2025

#### DROP EVERYTHING AND READ

The whole College will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 6 March, by dropping everything and reading. From 9.00am until 9.20am all staff and students will stop what they are doing, pick up a book and read for 20 minutes. This event has been running for around 12 years at Collingwood and it has been a great success. So please remind all students to bring in a book to read on Thursday 6 March. A bell will ring at 9.00am to signal the start of the session and a second bell will ring at 9.20am to signal the end of the session.



There will also be lots of activities going on in the library for World Book Day, which will consist of colouring, wordsearches and crosswords. During break and lunch there will be a photo frame where students can dress up and have their photograph taken.

*Ms Blay - Library Manager*

## EXAM CERTIFICATES

Exam certificate postage payment is available on ParentPay. Please ensure payment is made as soon as possible to ensure your child receives their exam certificates for the Summer 2025 season. This is of particular importance for those students in Years 11 and 13 who are leaving the College.

To avoid certificates being lost in transit or left crumpled at the bottom of a school bag, we encourage payment to be made for Years 9 and 10 too.

For those that make payment for postage, exam certificates are usually despatched in December using Royal Mail's 'Signed For' service.

Certificates will be required by future employers and further education institutes. If you don't have your certificates when you need them in later life, the exam boards can provide a replacement statement of results, but it is very costly.

*Collingwood Exams Team*



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

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The team also **won the Spirit of Greenpower Award** for helping another team get back on track by donating a motor after theirs failed in the first race.

A great start to the season - well done to all the team!

### Open Mic Night

Thanks to all parents and carers who were able to support the Open Mic Night event on the last Thursday of the half term. I am sure that those that did attend would agree that this was a really enjoyable evening which highlighted the many talents of our students.



### Debating/Members of Student Leadership Teams Visit to the Houses of Parliament

What a great experience our students had, at the invitation of our local MP Dr Al Pinkerton, visiting the Houses of Parliament on Monday. The students had a fabulous day touring the building and spending some time with Dr Pinkerton discussing debating and key current issues. As always, our students were great ambassadors for Collingwood!

### Internet Safety Talk for Years 7 and 8 Parents

A reminder that we have the Internet Safety Talk for Years 7 and 8 parents tonight led by Mr Cleary in Kingston Theatre and we hope to see many Years 7 and 8 parents attend this annual event which is always very informative and useful.

### CCFA (Collingwood College Friends Association) Event

Please find a CCFA poster on the next page with details of our next event to be held on World Book Day on Thursday 6 March. We look forward to welcoming parents, carers and friends to Collingwood to celebrate this event.

*Miss Watling - Principal*

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## COLLINGWOOD STUDENTS VISIT HOUSES OF PARLIAMENT

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After concluding our tour, we met with Dr Pinkerton, who also took us to the House of Commons and told us about his personal experiences within the chamber. We were then able to ask and hear about Dr Pinkerton's role within Surrey Heath, what he was currently doing, his perspective on local issues and how he plans to tackle them. It was great to be able to hear first-hand about these things and discuss them with him.

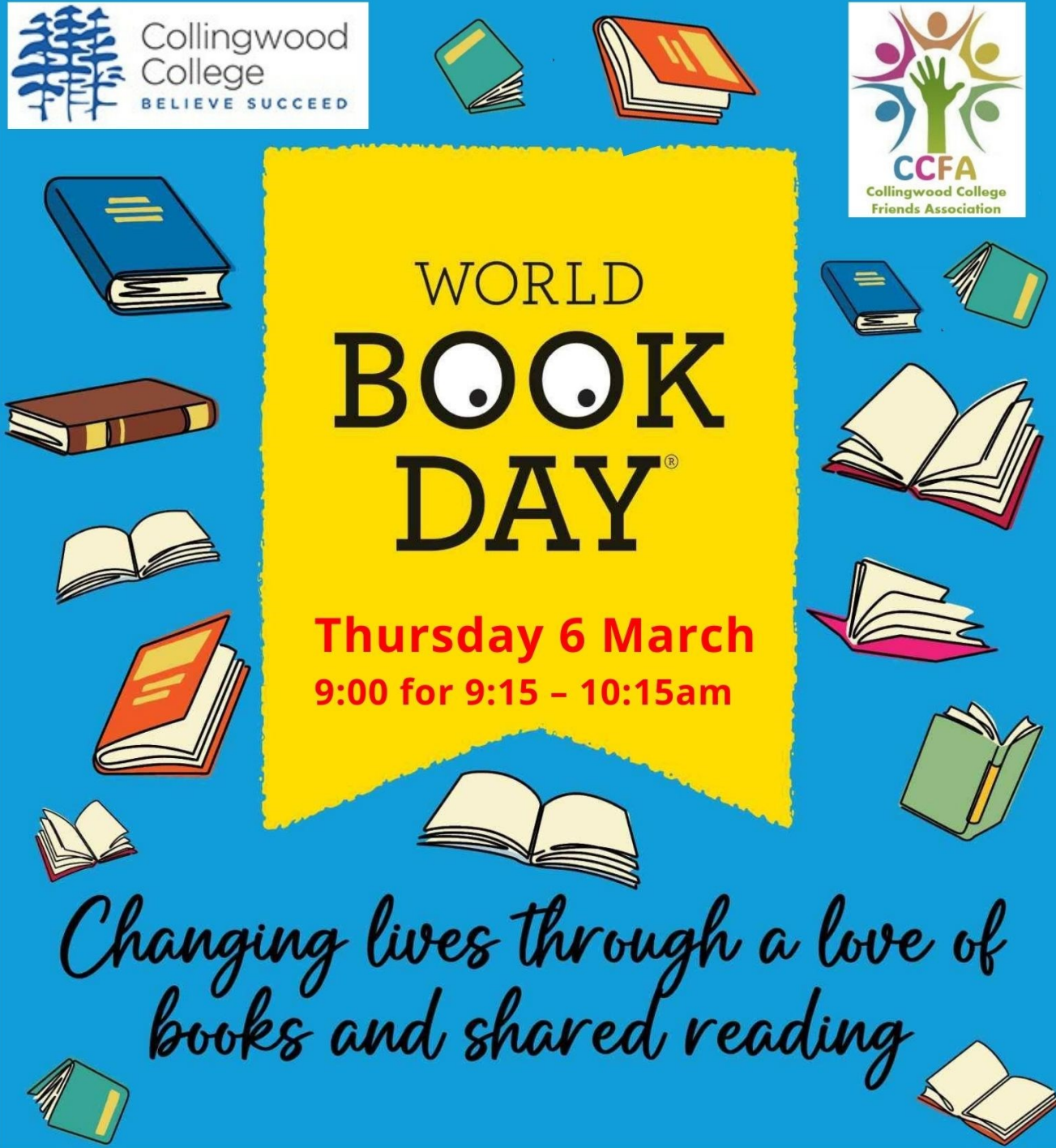
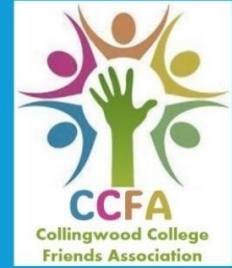
We finished our day by viewing the speaker's procession, and it was fantastic to be able to see one of the ceremonial traditions we had learnt about earlier in the day.

All students on the trip were very grateful to be able to have the experience, thoroughly enjoyed it and found it incredibly informative. We thank both the College and Dr Pinkerton for providing us with this opportunity.



*Adam Cox and Paige Black - Year 13 Students*

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# WORLD BOOK DAY<sup>®</sup>

**Thursday 6 March**  
**9:00 for 9:15 - 10:15am**

*Changing lives through a love of  
books and shared reading*

*Parents, Carers & young  
siblings are invited to join us  
for coffee and a chat with  
the SENCO, senior teachers  
and other parents & carers*



*Bring in your preloved books  
(for any age group) and dress  
up costumes to exchange*

*Meet in Kingston Reception*



*Spare books will be donated to our library,  
neighbouring schools and local charities*





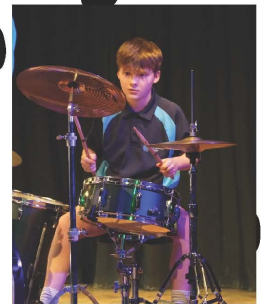
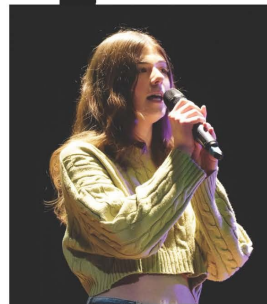
## OPEN MIC NIGHT - FEBRUARY 2025

On Thursday 13 February, musicians from across Collingwood wowed a receptive audience with their musical prowess. From soulful singers to electrifying drum solos, and two incredible bands, the range of talent impressed an eager audience. We would particularly like to commend the bravery of the many students who performed for the first time and the choir who delivered a beautiful performance of 'Unwritten'. Thank you to those who contributed to a wonderful evening of music!

While there is no Open Mic this half term due to the College production, we look forward to the ones to follow in the summer term!

### Performing Arts at Collingwood

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# OPEN MIC 13TH FEBRUARY

*Mrs Truglio and Miss Kempnaers - Performing Arts Department*

& VIEWS

# WELLINGTON COLLEGE STUDENT ALLIANCE OXBRIDGE PARENTS INFORMATION SESSION



WELLINGTON  
COLLEGE

**Student  
Alliance**

**Online Event for Parents/Carers of Students in  
Years 10, 11 and 12**

**Date: Tuesday 11 March 2025**

**Time: 4.30pm – 5.30pm**

Wellington College will be holding an online Oxbridge Parents/Carers Information Evening on Tuesday 11 March 2025, starting at 4.30pm.

This online Oxbridge presentation is for parents/carers of students in Years 10, 11 and 12. We are also happy for students in these year groups, who were unable to attend the Oxbridge Student Information Session on Tuesday 28 January, to register to attend too.

This online session will be delivered by two members of our Wellington Oxbridge Team:

- ◆ Dr Ruth Lexton, Head of Oxbridge at Wellington College, and our main presenter
- ◆ Mrs Abigail Patterson, Assistant Head of Oxbridge (STEM) and an Oxford graduate.

The main part of this online event will be a presentation about Oxford/Cambridge followed by a short discussion about the free Oxbridge programme we deliver here at Wellington College to support any Oxbridge candidates through the application process. There will be an opportunity to ask questions using the chat function both during the presentation and at the end.

Parents and students can register to attend the WCSA Oxbridge Parents/Carers Information Evening by completing the MS booking form using this link:

<https://forms.office.com/e/iAEg1YGpH1>

**The deadline for registering is 12 noon on Monday 10 March 2025.**

Once you have completed the booking form an email will be sent to you with a Microsoft Teams Link which you will need to join the online session.

For safeguarding purposes, this online event will be recorded and if any students are attending, they must join the session using their school email address.

Please be aware, that a copy of the recording will not be available after the event.

If you have any questions, please email me - [vscholefield@wellingtoncollege.org.uk](mailto:vscholefield@wellingtoncollege.org.uk)

*Vicki Scholefield - WCSA Partnership & Wheeler Programme*



## Important Reminders

### Visits to School Site by Appointment Only

*We would like to remind you that visits to the College site must be prearranged and approved through prior communication with College staff. This ensures the safety and security of all students and staff and allows us to manage our time and resources effectively. As we are sure you will understand, it is simply not possible for our staff to be immediately available as they have teaching, duty or meeting commitments.*

*Please do not come into College expecting to see a member of staff without an appointment as this will be a wasted journey for you and cause you lost time and unnecessary frustration. If you need to meet with a teacher, staff member or College leadership, please contact the College office to schedule an appointment.*

### 3-day Response to Parental Communications

*We would also like to remind you that we have a **72-hour response** period for staff to reply to parental communications. It is obviously unreasonable to expect immediate responses to emails or messages when staff have full teaching and meeting commitments. This protocol also allows us time to investigate your communication and to reply with a detailed response to you. In all cases, we would ask parents to use the **[tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:tc@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)** email address to ensure communication is directed to the correct member of staff and to ensure an appropriate reply is made within 72 hours.*

*I very much appreciate your understanding and co-operation in adhering to these procedures and thank you for your support in maintaining positive College-parent/carer relationships.*

# COMING SOON

Get set for a March packed with page-turning activities at Collingwood College!  17

World Book Day hits on Thursday 6th March – gear up for the celebration! ✨

Here's what's in store during the month of March:

 World Book Day competition

 Solve daily anagram puzzles

 Time to 'Drop Everything And Read'

 Engaging library events

Join the story at Collingwood where every day is a reading adventure!

#CollingwoodReads

#MarchIntoBooks2025

WORLD  
BOOK  
DAY



## Year 11 Maths Revision Timetable – Spring Term 2025

Monday	Topic	Foundation Grade 4+ Mrs Harbour - G30	Intermediate Grade 5+ Mrs Akbar - G23	Higher Grade 7+ Mrs Brockett - G26
<b>Spring Term</b>				
6 <sup>th</sup> January	Inequalities	Inequalities	Inequalities	Inequalities - graphical and solving
13 <sup>th</sup> January	Algebra	Solving equations incl variable on both sides; substitution	Solving equations incl variable on both sides; rearranging equations	Functions - composite / inverse / problems
20 <sup>th</sup> January	Graphs	Straight line graphs	Parallel and Perpendicular lines	Tangents and area under curves
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Mocks - Transformations	Transformations	Transformations	Transformation - including invariant points
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Mocks - Probability	Probability and Venn Diagrams	Probability and Venn Diagrams	Probability problems - incl questions involving algebra
10 <sup>th</sup> February	Mocks - General	General Revision Target 4+	General Revision Target 5+	General Revision Target 7+
<b>Spring Half Term</b>				
24 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day			
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Vectors	Vectors	Vectors - incl parallel	Vectors - incl collinear and problem solving
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Circles	Area and circumference of a circle (incl without a calculator)	Area and circumference of a circle (incl without a calculator)	Equation of tangent to a circle
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Similarity and Congruence / Proof	Similarity and Congruence	Similarity and Congruence	Geometric Proof (incl similarity / congruence / circles / trigonometry)
24 <sup>th</sup> March	TBC	General Revision	General Revision	General Revision
31 <sup>st</sup> March	TBC	General Revision	General Revision	General Revision
<b>Easter Holidays</b>				

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## Performing Arts at Collingwood

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*Footloose! Rehearsals*

**Monday  
3rd March  
2025**  
Rehearsal in  
Kingston Theatre  
3.05pm - 6pm

*Orion's Calling Rehearsals*

Taking a break  
due to Footloose  
rehearsals this  
Wednesday! Please  
learn your lines!

## Open Mic Rocks Barossa Studio!

Just before the end of half term, Open Mic took over Barossa Studio once again! See our special Open Mic post for some stellar pictures, taken by our very own Lauryn Thue-Tun! Well done to everyone who took part!

Don't forget to keep an eye out for our next events - next up: Footloose!



## Notices & Reminders

### Word of the Week LEITMOTIF

a recurrent theme throughout a musical composition, associated with a particular person, idea, or situation.

### Extra-Curricular

Choir - Tuesday break & Thursday after school - M2- Miss Truglio  
Dance Club - Thursday after school - Barossa Studio - Miss Ingram

### ROOM CHANGES

edulinkone

Check your Edulink messages for Kingston Theatre room changes!

## ASSEMBLY MUSIC

Michael Coltman was kind enough to play for us in assembly before half term! If you'd like the opportunity to perform, get in contact with the Performing Arts department for your opportunity!




# Collingwood Productions 2025

# Footloose

the musical

## 13th - 15th March 2025

**£10 Tickets\***  
**£5 Collingwood Students**

\*plus small fee per booking

[www.ticketsource.co.uk/collingwood-college](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/collingwood-college)

Stage Adaptation by **DEAN PITCHFORD** and **WALTER BOBBIE**  
Based on the Original Screenplay by **DEAN PITCHFORD**  
Music by **TOM SNOW**  
Lyrics by **DEAN PITCHFORD**  
Additional Music by **ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS** and **JIM STEINMAN**  
This amateur production of FOOTLOOSE is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. [www.concordtheatricals.co.uk](http://www.concordtheatricals.co.uk)

SCAN ME





# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter aims to support you when thinking about your future and provide you with access to resources that will help you to learn more about different industries and pathways. Please use the links included to read more information. Links are underlined.

## SOMETHING TO...

### DO

There are more than 350 different careers in the NHS. To find the careers that best suit you, all you need to do is answer some simple questions.



### LISTEN TO

In this podcast episode, journalist Charles Duhigg talks about how anyone can become a "super communicator."



### READ

Discover all kinds of weird and wonderful jobs you never knew existed in this incredible picture book brimming with wit and wow-factor



### WATCH

What does being successful really mean? This video explores what success looks like when we make it less complicated than it needs to be.



## SPOTLIGHT ON A...

### UNIVERSITY

The University of Bristol is considered a top university in the UK and the world for its academic quality, research, and teaching. It's also known for its welcoming and supportive environment.

When you tell them about a disability, you will be offered support based on your specific needs. You can read more about this here.

### EMPLOYER

At Sainsburys, being an inclusive business with a diverse range of employees at all levels of their business is important to them. "We are committed to being a truly inclusive retailer where every single one of our colleagues is treated fairly and with respect. We want our colleagues to fulfil their potential and our customers feel welcome when they shop with us".



If you see a word you don't understand, you can use this jargon buster to search and find out what it means. If you can't find the word on there, you can use the internet to research the meaning or speak to a teacher.



# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

## WORD OF THE WEEK

### Apprenticeship

An Apprenticeship is when you work for 80% of the week in a paid job and complete training for 20% of the week. Next week is National Apprenticeship Week - a great opportunity to learn more!

## A FACT ABOUT EMPLOYMENT



82% of apprentices said their apprenticeship had improved their ability to do the job.

79% of apprentices said their career prospects had improved by completing an apprenticeship.

Source

## SUCCESS STORIES

Jordan is Autistic and has Global Development Delay which means he may take a little longer to learn new tasks and develop the coordination skills needed to carry this out.

Jordan first gained his taste of the workplace when he was supported by Employability Services to undertake a Supported Internship as part of his final year at college.

Jordan's hard work was rewarded post college with the offer of paid employment, and this is where he still remains today.

All this was possible due to the very supportive nature of his managers who say "Jordan is still learning to be more socially interactive with customers and colleagues and able to do his selected tasks to a high standard as well as assess when something needs doing without prompts".

Jordan has shown a great sense of resilience since leaving college

*This story was taken from the NEL SEND website.*

## OPPORTUNITY'S CALLING...

A supported internship is an unpaid work-based study programme that can help you take the first step from education into the workplace. They can lead on to paid apprenticeships. [Click here to take part in a short, online course to learn more!](#)



If you feel ready to speak about your future and have any questions or need support to plan your next steps, please contact [clelland@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clelland@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk).

# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter is a collation of all the opportunities we have heard about from employers and universities.

Please use the links included to read more information and apply to anything you are interested in.


Links are underlined.

Remember, you can use UCAS and Career Pilot any time to research your career options, take part in quizzes and see which jobs might suit you.


## OPPORTUNITIES

### NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2025

Happy National Apprenticeship Week! We hope you enjoy any of the events that you have signed up for. It isn't too late so check out the events list here and register for anything you're interested in.



This Rapid Read bundle has been created for teachers, students, parents and carers, employers and anyone looking to expand their knowledge of apprenticeships and other vocational routes. This bundle contains a range of quick-read information on Apprenticeships, T Levels and much more!



There is also a collection of rapid reads for SEND learners that offer guidance on finding an inclusive employer, application support, functional skills and the types of on-programme support available for apprentices with additional needs.




You can use the Amazing Apprenticeship's "Meet the Employer zone" to learn more about different employers, what apprentices they look for and how their recruitment processes work.




Quiz

If you're not sure where to start with Apprenticeships, a good place to begin your journey is with these online quizzes. You can test your knowledge on apprenticeships, guess the apprenticeship being described and learn about apprenticeship standards by matching them to their descriptions.



The Apprenticeship Arcade provides a suite of games offering an interactive and fun way for you to explore and learn about apprenticeships. You can access all the games under the title "For Students to Play Independently".



LATEST NEWS

Parents and Carers can read and subscribe to this magazine to stay up to date with the latest Apprenticeship news.

## JOB OF THE WEEK



### Graphic Designer

A graphic designer uses art and technology to create images and layouts that communicate ideas. They may work on websites, printed pages, and other marketing materials.

Watch the video to learn more about how much you could earn, working hours and pathways into the industry.

## LABOUR MARKET INFORMATION FACT

There are around 25,000 apprenticeship vacancies available online at any one time.

Most apprentices start work between the ages of 19 and 24 compared to 15 and 17 in 1914.

Source

If you have any questions or need support, please email [careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)



# CAREERS NEWSLETTER

## OPPORTUNITIES



Each year, Leonardo seeks to attract enthusiastic people to join one of their [highly regarded apprenticeships programme](#). They are a large employer of engineering, business, and cyber apprentices in the UK, with over 400 graduates and apprentices in training at different facilities across the country.



[This informative blog](#) highlights some of the key trends and developments in the job market this year, including a surge in demands for tech skills and the importance of soft skills.



[This useful UCAS guide](#) explains the process once UCAS receives an application, covering aspects such as types of decision the universities can make, replying to offers and important dates.



The [January post](#) from the [FutureSmart Careers blog](#) is packed full of useful information for those interested in a career focused on space exploration. It highlights the huge range of different careers within the sector, companies that offer apprenticeships and podcasts, MOOCs and other resources to help you find out more.



The University of Derby has teamed up again with alumnus, educational expert and well-known Gogglebox star, Baasit Siddiqui, to launch this year's competition [Get Ready to Podcast 2025](#).



Volunteering abroad is a great way to combine travel and giving something back during a gap year; you can connect with a community and a new culture while contributing to projects that support people and the planet. [This article outlines some of the best countries in which to volunteer in 2025.](#)



Brixton Finishing School offer a range of [FREE online courses](#) designed to upskill you and teach you more about the creative industries. Their courses allow you to explore the many types of roles on offer and learn from industry experts and employers.

## EMPLOYER SPOTLIGHT

“Leonardo is a global industrial group that builds technological capabilities in Aerospace, Defence & Security.

The company plays a prominent role in major international strategic programmes and is a trusted technological partner of governments, defence agencies, institutions and enterprises.”

Read more about [Leonardo Careers here.](#)

## UNI SPOTLIGHT

“Leaders in politics, business, and academia require knowledge that goes beyond the limitations of our current higher education system. Help create a new university focused on empowering students with the knowledge and skills necessary to tackle social and global issues head-on.”

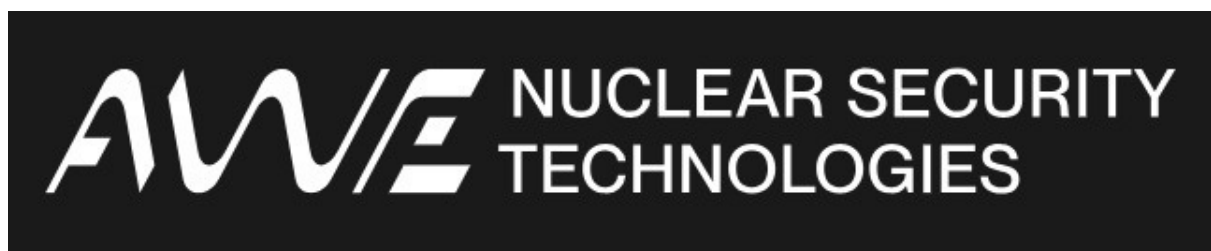
Read more about [The London Interdisciplinary School's Courses here.](#)

If you have any questions or need support, please email [careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:careers@collingwood.surrey.sch.uk)

A massive thanks to all the people that have delivered informative Apprenticeship and Careers assemblies for NAW and NCW



Animal &  
Plant Health  
Agency







# Opportunities in England

Click the job title to find out more and apply!



## Higher Apprenticeship - Smart Building Controls Engineer

Altrincham (WA14), Chepstow (NP16), Egham (TW2), Gateshead (NE11), Glasgow (G33), Birmingham (B35 7AZ)



## Higher Apprenticeship - Electrical Power Network Engineer

Slough, Reading, Portsmouth



## Arborist Tree Cutting Apprenticeship

Oxford, Salisbury, Reading, Dorchester



## Distribution Craft Apprentices - England

Oxford, Swindon, Aldershot, Basingstoke, Portsmouth, Isle of Wight, Petersfield, New Forest, Yeovil, Poole, Salisbury, Melksham, Reading, Slough, West London, Andover, Bracknell, Theale



## Thermal Technical Apprentices

Atwick/Aldbrough (East Yorkshire), Keadby (North Lincolnshire)



## Data Analyst Higher Apprenticeship - England

Reading, Portsmouth



## Trainee Engineers - England

West London, Reading, Slough, New Forest, Salisbury, Oxford, Melksham, Aldershot, Basingstoke, Petersfield, Hayes, Portsmouth, Oxford, Swindon



Closing Date: 10th March 2025



Start Date: August 2025

## HIGHER AND DEGREE LISTING - AMAZING APPRENTICESHIPS

**sky**

Virtual Careers Talk

**Thinking of an Early Career at Sky?**  
 Join us to find out more about our apprenticeship opportunities, career pathways and meet our team. Find out how to apply and top tips for applications.

Wed 5th Mar 2025 12pm - 12:30pm

QR Code

**MICROSOFT VIRTUAL EVENTS POWERED BY TEAMS**



# Yoga at Heatherside



**Mondays 8:00 - 9:15pm**

**Thursdays 6:30 - 7:45pm**

£12 per session

**Heatherside Community Centre**  
Martindale Avenue, Camberley, GU15 1BB

No drop-ins. Pre-book and pre-pay your place online.  
For more information and booking, please visit [www.yogawithedyta.com](http://www.yogawithedyta.com)  
or email [hello@yogawithedyta.com](mailto:hello@yogawithedyta.com) for inquiries.



## Sound Bath at Heatherside

slow down, unwind and immerse yourself in the  
healing power of sound & silence

**Wednesday, 8:00 - 9:00 pm**

£12 per session

**Haven House**  
at Heather Ridge Infants School  
Martindale Ave, Camberley GU15 1AY

For more information and booking,  
please visit [www.yogawithedyta.com](http://www.yogawithedyta.com)  
or email [hello@yogawithedyta.com](mailto:hello@yogawithedyta.com) for inquiries.



## **POLITE NOTICE**

**Please treat our staff with the same respect you would expect to receive.**

Verbal and physical abuse will not be tolerated, in person or on the telephone.

We reserve the right to ask anyone giving verbal abuse to members of staff to leave the premises or end a telephone call. (The conversation will be continued at a more suitable time).

Please remember that all our staff are always trying their best and are here to help you and your children.

