



COLLEGE MERGER

East Surrey College and **John Ruskin College** are delighted to confirm that their planned merger was finalised as scheduled on 1 February 2019.

The new group of Colleges, named **Orbital South Colleges**, is formed of East Surrey College, incorporating Reigate School of Art, and John Ruskin College.

We are delighted that the merger presents an exciting opportunity for you, as the College will continue to grow and expand our high quality offer. You'll continue to have access to a wide range of training across core skills and professional qualifications, and be able to enjoy the exciting learning environment and vibrant student community.



STUDENT UNION

Message from SU President, Amran Mohamed



I am very pleased that East Surrey College and John Ruskin College have merged as it gives both young people and adults more high quality skills training opportunities.

As most of you may know, the SU holds a pop-up session every week in the Winter Garden during lunch break. This is to give you the chance to chat and find out more about the SU. We currently have seven students contributing to the SU and hope to recruit more so that the student voice is well represented.

It is easy to be a member of the SU - you just have to be a part-time or full-time student! Everyone is welcome to attend SU meetings and share your views. These are held every two weeks on Mondays at 12:30. If you would like to get involved or find out about the next meeting or pop up session, please email me at studentunion@esc.ac.uk.

SKY HIGH ASPIRATIONS!

Cabin Crew, Aviation and Travel & Tourism students were treated to a great talk by Erin, Clare and Paige from **easyJet!** Students learnt about the range of careers available with the airline, including cabin crew, engineering and maintenance, finance and marketing, as well as the recruitment process and a typical day at easyJet. They also heard all about the brand new Cabin Crew Apprenticeship scheme, which is aimed at "those who are driven and want to better their technical skills – you're trained together and get a great insight 'behind the scenes!'"



"easyJet is such a family – I can completely be myself" – Clare Constable – Cabin Crew Recruiter

Thank you for coming in!

New products for Motor Vehicle students!



Andy Brown from Fuchs Lubricants UK delivered a great seminar to our Motor Vehicle and Motor Sports students and Apprentices. Andy spoke about engineering processes and the part that his products play in the industry.

Two weeks after his visit, the company very kindly sent the department a range of their products, including greases, engines and coolants, for use in the College's Motor Vehicle workshops!

Richard Drayson, Motor Vehicle Technician, shared:

"It's like Christmas Day for us! These products will be really useful for the department and for the students – it gives them a good idea of what is available in the industry."

FACING THE DRAGONS!



Ten talented local entrepreneurs pitched their ideas against a panel of Dragons, in the Entrepreneur Academy final in the Autumn term.

Ruth Winchester (centre) impressed the judges with her homemade polymer crafts business, and was the proud winner of the £5,000 investment grant!

The Academy was set up by Reigate & Banstead Borough Council in partnership with East Surrey College to support local entrepreneurs starting and developing their businesses.

ALUMNI SUCCESS

We caught up with former student **Kelly**, who completed the **Theatrical, Media and Special Effects Make-Up HND** last year.

Since leaving College, she's been working as a Brand Ambassador for Bare Minerals and as a freelance Make-Up Artist and Hair Stylist – working with celebrities including Sinitta, Talulah Eve Brown and Dr Vincent Wong! However, her favourite job of the year was working on Young Frankenstein the Musical!

She told us: "The course made me a far more confident and independent individual. I've learnt to fix problems, organise time and be critical of my work to improve and manage my projects."



Life in the fast lane!

ESOL students took a trip to Brooklands Museum in Weybridge, where they tried out the new Formula 1 simulator and Red Arrows 4D experience!

This was a great opportunity for the students to learn about British motor racing and aviation, whilst putting into practice the English that they're learning on the course!

OPEN EVENT

SATURDAY
15 JUNE 2019
10:00-13:00

Know anyone looking to study at College? Why not invite them along to our upcoming Open Event!

It's a great opportunity to speak to staff, take a tour of the College's fantastic facilities and even get an application sorted!

PRE-REGISTER AT WWW.ESC.AC.UK

TEACH TOO

As part of a collaborative Teach Too programme, Caring Services students have benefitted from co-taught sessions with members of staff from Surrey and Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust (SASH). Teach Too brings industry experts and teachers together to help ensure teaching and training is kept up-to-date with current work practices.

In recent sessions delivered by professional practitioners, students have covered topics such as frailty and palliative care and have learnt more about the rewarding careers available in the sector.

HPS Partnership

ESC's Plumbing Department are excited to announce a new working partnership with local independent merchant HPS Redhill!

They'll be supplying the department with equipment and literature for use in the workshops, as well as supporting students with visits and enhancing their learning experience!



Apprenticeships

National Apprenticeship Week
4 to 8 March 2019

As part of National Apprenticeship Week, the College invited employers from a range of organisations to speak with students from both East Surrey College and John Ruskin College.

Students heard about career pathways in a range of industries as well as hearing from Apprentices first hand. Organisations that visited included Ashcroft Care, Johnstons Sweepers, Fidelity IT, Kier, Young Epilepsy and Thales and many more.

This was a busy and informative week for the employers and students! Thank you to all the employers who took the time to visit the College.

If you want to find out more about Apprenticeships, pop into Employer Services (based in Client Services) and chat with one of the team.



CONSIDERING A TEACHING CAREER?



Students take on the roles of different theorists on a Learning Theories Speakers' Panel session!

East Surrey College offers Certificate and Diploma courses in Education and Training to equip you for a rewarding and fulfilling job in teaching!

Hear what some of the current students had to say:

"There's a great mix of people on the course – we're able to bounce ideas off each other and share our experiences!" – Justine

"The course fits my lifestyle and teaching commitments. It's a great group; everyone comes from different backgrounds." – David

Pop into Client Services to find out more about the courses offered.

LIFE SKILLS STUDENTS VISIT HILTON HOTEL

Retail and Customer Service Level 1 students took a trip to the Hilton Hotel at Gatwick Airport. They were treated to a tour around the hotel and were amazed at the size of it - 821 rooms and 21 meeting rooms!

They also had a Q&A session with members of staff, including the Hotel Manager and Departmental Manager. They had to fill in their work booklets and find out more about staff responsibilities and the running of the hotel. This was a brilliant opportunity for the students and the hotel have now offered work experience and potential employment to the students!



WHERE NEXT?

If you've been thinking about your next steps over half term, don't forget our Student Support team are on hand to help you with your progression decisions.

Drop into Client Services to find out more about:

- Higher Education options
- Apprenticeships
- Staying on at ESC
- Finding a full-time job
- Work experience opportunities
- Additional Learning Support

SPRING ACTIVITY PROGRAMME

Want to try something new or get fit for summer?

Meet new people and improve your wellbeing with our Spring Activity Programme! The Programme includes Archery, Table Tennis, Football and more. Pop into the Activity Hub (Room D115) or email enrichment@esc.ac.uk to find out more.

RAISING MONEY

for BBC Children in Need



Congratulations to **Childcare Level 3** students who **raised £92 for BBC Children in Need** at their bake sale in November!

The money will go towards supporting disadvantaged children across the UK, by funding voluntary groups and community projects.

Thank you for supporting such a great cause!

Childcare students will also be out in the Winter Garden on **Friday 15 March**, with another bake sale in aid of Comic Relief!

GCSE MATHS & ENGLISH REVISION SESSIONS

Get set for exams and drop in to a revision session in April!

Sessions take place from 10:00-12:00 and 13:00-15:00.

Maths – Room A121

Tuesday 9 April

Thursday 11 April

Tuesday 16 April

English – Room A117

Wednesday 10 April



Considering a Higher Education course?

Explore your options at ESC! Study in a familiar environment, with small class sizes and get qualified, taking one step closer to your dream career.

We offer HNCs, HNDs, Foundation Degrees and Higher/Degree Apprenticeships in a range of subject areas, with lower fees than universities. Pick up a copy of the guide from reception or browse the course listing at www.esc.ac.uk.



FUNDRAISING FOR CAMOMILE COURTYARD



Students and staff from across the Engineering department worked hard making miniature Christmas trees out of metal, sold to ESC staff and students in aid of a new dementia-friendly garden at East Surrey Hospital. The £100 that was raised from the sales was presented to the Hospital on Friday 1 March, alongside metal plant labels made by Engineering students and wooden planters, built by students in Construction! Thank you to all that were involved for giving their time to such a worthy cause!

NEED TO TALK?

Our trained staff and counsellors are here to support you throughout your time at College and can offer support and guidance on mental health issues, financial issues, safety and well-being.

If you're feeling anxious, depressed, lonely or in need of impartial advice, come and chat to the student support team in Client Services.