



A message from your Student Union President

It's been a weird start to the year as most of us have been studying from home and joining our classes on MS Teams. It's been a big change from what we are used to but we have adapted well and this shows how **amazing** all you students are!

There can be a lot of distractions when studying from home but try to keep a routine so you can stay focused. Let's all try to support one another by keeping in touch online or on the phone. Don't forget to step away from your PC when on break and try to get some exercise whether that be a home workout or a short walk outside.

The College has support available for us so if you feel you need to talk, let someone know. Our tutors are very approachable so please reach out to them if you need to.

You can also visit the College's new **Wellbeing Hub** which has loads of info on College support and helpful organisations that are available:

www.esc.ac.uk/wellbeing-hub

That's all from me for now but stay safe and remember,
WE GOT THIS!



Leo Fox
Student Union
President
(Student Governor)

COVID-19 TESTING AT EAST SURREY COLLEGE

A lot has been happening in the last few weeks at East Surrey College. We have introduced a COVID-19 test centre in the Winter Garden for students and staff who are required to be onsite. Testing is optional however we are encouraging students to take the tests to help you protect your classmates, staff, family and community whilst supporting the national effort. The tests are self-administered lateral flow tests which is a fast and simple way to test people who do not have symptoms of COVID-19, but who may still be spreading the virus. All tests are booked in advance and require consent. Along with social distancing, guidance will be provided on how to take the test. Once more people are allowed to return to College then details of the online booking system will be circulated (please do not visit the College unless you are already scheduled to attend and have permission to do so). We'll keep you updated on any changes but feel free to ask your tutor if you have any questions.



COVID-19 Test Centre
in the Winter Garden

Cards for Prisoners

Our Art, Design & Media Level 1 students and Photography Level 3 students were given a festive brief. They created postcard designs for prisoners at Pentonville Prison to give to their loved ones for Christmas. Chelsea (Art, Design & Media Level 1) commented, "I joined in with this task because I feel that everyone deserves to send their families a Christmas card to show that they really miss them". A big thank you to all involved for helping with such a brilliant cause!



REMINDER: COVID-19 SAFETY



HANDS



FACE



SPACE

Remember to wear a face covering in all communal areas around College as well as when travelling on public transport. If you are exempt due to health reasons, please remember to wear your purple lanyard.

Face coverings reduce the spread of coronavirus droplets from coughs, sneezes and speaking, alongside regular hand washing and social distancing.

Have you arranged your work experience placement?

Work experience gently introduces you to the world of work and gives you an idea of the relevant skills you may need to thrive in the workplace. It is an important part of your course as it gives you the chance to get a taste for your chosen industry, is valuable when progressing on to University as well as a great way to impress future employers!

It is going to be rather challenging entering the world of work, especially in the current circumstances, and employers will expect to see experience of work on your CV and will discuss this with you at interviews.

Stay ahead of your competitors and build your work portfolio whilst at College. In some cases, work experience placements can be virtual, so no need to wait – take the opportunity now!

You may have a contact through your family or friends, or need help to find somewhere that suits you. Chat to your tutor or the **ESC Work Placement & Career Coordinator Marilyn Munns (MMunns@esc.ac.uk)** who can help you with all the arrangements.

>>Student Story<< Virtual Work Experience at Airbus

“In December I undertook a week long virtual work experience for **Airbus**. During the week we covered various aspects of the company from their commercial operations such as the Airbus family (A319, A320 and A321) to their ambitions in spaceflight by working alongside other organisations to set up a moon base. The work experience also helped with my job application skills eg how to write a great cover letter and say why I wanted the role at Airbus. Overall, it was a fun experience learning more about Airbus and how it operates and functions plus I thoroughly enjoyed it!”



Aviation Level 3 Student, Alfie

Home Facial Kits!

Beauty Therapy student Chloe overcame the challenge of having to close her at-home salon by packaging up and selling DIY home facial kits. Chloe commented: “I thought maybe I would sell about 6 and was happy with that but now I’m at 38 orders and can’t believe it! It’s great as I am able to provide aftercare following facials and a recommended home beauty routine. This allows me to continue to apply the knowledge I learnt from College at home.” **Amazing work Chloe!**



Apprenticeships National Apprenticeship Week 8 to 14 February 2021

The annual week-long celebration of Apprenticeships will shine a light on the amazing work being done by employers and Apprentices across the country. The week will also recognise how employers of all sizes have stepped up to the challenge during this unprecedented time.

At ESC, we’ll be hosting virtual sessions with employers including **Gatwick Airport, Allianz Insurance, Schlumberger Oil Fields plus many more!** Check in with your tutors for updates and make sure you get involved!



Don't forget to follow us on social media to keep up to date with all **#NAW2021** activity!

Virtual Factory Tour!

Our **Art & Design** Level 3 students are taking part in the **Starpack Packaging Design Awards**, and have enlisted the support of local company **Curtis Packaging**. Students were treated to a Virtual Tour of their offices and factory, where they were able to see areas such as the Print Room and Design Studio, and discover how different machines worked, including the Foiling Machines, Printing Presses and Laminators! Thank you to Curtis Packaging and good luck to all those taking part in the Starpack Awards!



Thinking about University?

Stay local and study a University Level Course at **East Surrey College!**



You will benefit from:

- ▶ Low tuition fees
- ▶ Industry experienced tutors
- ▶ Flexible entry requirements
- ▶ Smaller class sizes

For more info or to apply visit www.esc.ac.uk

East Surrey College has been commended in the ‘**Copyright Licensing Agency Award for Excellence in Supporting Creativity**’ category at the **Association of Colleges Beacon Awards 2020/21!** The awards celebrate the best and most innovative practice among UK colleges each year. Last year students and staff at Reigate School of Art, found innovative ways to showcase their work. This included our first-ever online virtual exhibition, hosted on the Neutral Ground Productions website. The website is managed by students across all course areas in Reigate School of Art and serves as a platform to promote and celebrate their creative skills and talent. Congratulations to all that took part in this innovative project!

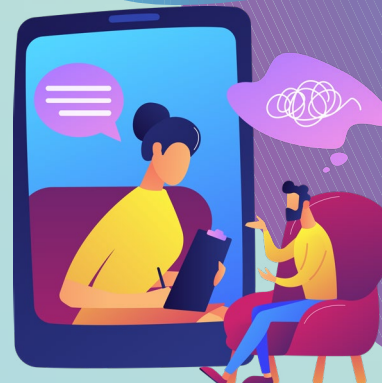


Counselling with Georgina

Georgina is the Counsellor at East Surrey College. During lockdown and until the College opens again for all students, Georgina is offering online video sessions on a weekly or bi-monthly basis and would love to offer some support during this challenging time. The confidential sessions are via Zoom and last 50 minutes - all you need to do is click on the link sent via email. Feel free to email

relatecounsellorsatesc@relate-mid-surrey.co.uk

or text/call on 07507 502672 and Georgina will aim to book you a slot as soon as possible. Sessions are available on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you have any questions about counselling or what to expect, feel free to get in touch!



QUARANTINE QUIZ

Take this quiz to find out what your quarantine character is and get tips and advice for looking after your mental health during this time.

www.youngminds.org.uk/quarantine-quiz

WELLBEING HUB

For helpful resources on how to manage your mental health and wellbeing, visit our new Wellbeing Hub

www.esc.ac.uk/wellbeing-hub

eBooks

Explore our wide range of eBooks available to read on the go, at home or at College



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Whether you want to talk about your course, have completed a great work placement, or want to share some competition success, we'd love to hear from you! **Email marketing@esc.ac.uk or message us on social media** to get your story featured on our social media pages.



Do you have friends or family that want to find out more about the College and the courses we offer?

We've launched a **BRAND NEW** offer of video and audio chats so that prospective students can have direct access to our experienced staff!

They will have the opportunity to talk to...

- ▶ **Client Services** about ESC generally, as well as financial and wellbeing support
- ▶ **ESC's Additional Learning Support team** to find out about the extra help we can provide to support students
- ▶ **Tutors** to talk through our wide range of courses and the careers they can lead to

For more information and to book a slot, go to <https://bit.ly/1-1BOOKING>

GROWLEARNACHIEVE

Do you know anyone who needs to improve their Maths and English skills?

Our **FREE*** part-time online and on-campus courses help **adults (19+)** to gain **essential skills** and **grow in confidence** with the support of an **expert tutor**.

**STARTING
MARCH
2021!**

**FIRST STEPS INTO MATHS
PREPARING TO TAKE GCSE MATHS
PERSUASIVE WRITING**

* FREE tuition may apply if you are aged 19+ and meet the required criteria

APPLY TODAY!

www.esc.ac.uk/grow-learn-achieve

Visit from a Prosthetics Professional

During the last term Prosthetics and Special Effects Make-Up Artist Stuart Bray came in on behalf of special supplier company **Mouldlife**, to run a workshop with our **HND Theatrical Make-Up** students! As our students source their kits from Mouldlife, they offered us a free workshop as a thank you. One of our students, Elise, commented: "From this workshop we learnt so much and it really benefitted us for our war unit that we were doing. He answered any questions we had and helped us by telling us how and where to look for inspiration and referencing. Overall, it was an amazing opportunity for us all to learn first-hand from one of the best in the business!" Thank you so much to Stuart for joining us!

VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT!

**Wednesday 24 February
17:30 – 19:30**

Do you know someone who wants to join East Surrey College?

Our next Open Event features a range of live talks, curriculum presentations, 1:1 sessions with curriculum and support teams plus 360° video tours of our College facilities.

Stay up-to-date with the latest event details by pre-registering at www.esc.ac.uk/events

