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DRAGONS' DEN COMES TO EAST SURREY COLLEGE



Dragons' Den came to East Surrey College when we hosted the 2021 Entrepreneur Academy Awards!

Eight budding local entrepreneurs delivered inspiring pitches to a panel of local business leaders in a bid to win investment in their companies.

Following impressive presentations from all the entrants, the prize fund was split between Inner Art Tuition and Nature Reclaimed to help develop their businesses.

The competition is part of the Entrepreneur Academy, a free programme run by Reigate and Banstead Borough Council in partnership with ESC.

Jayne Dickinson, Chief Executive, Orbital South Colleges said: "Once again, the quality and range of the pitches was inspiring, and we're delighted to support our local entrepreneurs through this ongoing partnership."

STUDENTS VISIT VIRIDOR BEDDINGTON ERF

Our Engineering Level 2 students had a fun and informative talk with Paul Bunnage, Engineering and Maintenance Manager, and Sarah Ling, Visitor Centre Officer from Viridor Beddington ERF.

Students were excited to learn about Waste Management Apprenticeship schemes and recruitment opportunities at Viridor Beddington ERF.

Students were able to book a tour to visit the Viridor site. Following the trip, three students applied for the Apprenticeship, and we wish them the best of luck with their applications.



ART STUDENTS BRING COLOUR TO REIGATE STATION

Reigate School of Art students and staff were delighted to attend a community event celebrating recent projects making up the new Reigate Station Gallery. The local community collaboration consisted of a project on the Station's history, artwork from local societies, and a display of photographs from Reigate School of Art students.

Present at the event was Deputy Mayor Cllr. Rachel Turner, as well as representatives from the Southeast Communities Rail Partnership, Southern Railway and the Community Rail Network.

Our students were excited to view their work on display and experience an exhibition environment.





SUCCESS AT THE MEI FE MATHS CHALLENGE FINAL

Following Round 2 of the FE Maths Challenge, organised by the charity Mathematics, Education, Innovation (MEI), students from a range of curriculum areas took part in the national Cross-College final, hosted at the University of East London.

For the first round, students competed in pairs to complete a Kahoot quiz within their class. The second round involved students working in pairs to complete a Tarsia puzzle and a Kahoot quiz against other departments in our College final. For the national final, our students had to complete a Tarsia puzzle and a Kahoot quiz against students from other colleges in and around the London area.

At the end of the competition, the ESC Maths team walked away with certificates, trophies and very smiley students. A super well done to all students involved and thank you to the Maths tutors for arranging for them to take part in such an exciting challenge.

WIZZ AIR INSPIRES OUR STUDENTS

Tom Beale, a Pilot Recruitment Coordinator/Captain, and Krista Cace, a Cabin Crew Recruitment Assessor from Wizz Air delivered a fun, engaging, and interactive talk to our Aviation Operations Level 3 and Cabin Crew Level 2 students.

Krista gave students an interesting insight into the travel and tourism industry from the perspective of Wizz Air rather than a consumer, detailing how Wizz Air competes against other airlines such as EasyJet and Jet2. She also highlighted the benefits of working for Wizz Air and the many opportunities available within the industry.

It was then Tom's turn to present to students about a career as a pilot, drawing on his 15 years' experience in the sector.

Students were advised to attend upcoming recruitment events at Gatwick or Luton to start an application in a cabin crew or pilot trainee role.



MOTORSPORT STUDENTS TRIUMPH IN ROUND ONE OF THE STUDENT MOTORSPORT CHALLENGE

Motorsport students at East Surrey College have been working hard on the Student Motorsport Challenge which enables young people to get involved in the world of motorsport. Students converted a donor car into a fully functioning race car, fit for the track at the Citycar Cup.

Over the course of the 2022 Challenge, East Surrey College is competing against other Colleges, semi-professionals, and professionals.

Eight of our students took part on the day, working alongside our Motorsport tutors in the pit stops. Students had a great opportunity to see the mechanics behind the scenes and took turns holding up placement boards for the drivers. George thanked our professional driver, Andy Burgess, who took us to victory.

Tutor George Keith commented: "The beginning of the Student Motorsport Challenge has been really successful. Our students have worked incredibly hard and it's great to see their hard work paying off."

Our students and tutors will now focus on the next upcoming race within the challenge.

Many thanks to Boss Dog for sponsoring and wrapping our car!



CARPENTRY STUDENTS VISIT SITE OF LOCAL NEW BUILD

Carpentry Level 1 students visited the new build for Merstham Park Secondary School. Students spoke with employees from McAvoy Construction Ltd and gained an insight into the design and construction methods of a modular type build.



SPORTS STUDENTS' TOUR OF TWICKENHAM STADIUM



Sports Level 2 and 3 students had the opportunity to tour Twickenham Stadium to learn more about the history of rugby. Students were given an insight into promotions and sponsorships within rugby whilst learning about the business model.

Students ended the trip playing bubble football and enjoyed the whole day out!

PUBLIC SERVICE SECTOR TAKEOVER



Our Public Services department did a wonderful job organising the Public Services Careers Fair in the Winter Garden.

Students from all departments had the chance to speak with representatives from organisations within the Armed Forces and other public services, including the Royal Navy, NHS, Surrey Police, and many more.

Students were able to see the current technologies used within the industry and were given an insight into how to join.

CAREERS & JOBS FAIR

With access to a wide range of employers, charities, and universities, students and members of the public were able to discover a host of career, volunteering, work experience and progression opportunities including Apprenticeships, T Levels, and Higher Education.

We had more than 500 attendees speak with over 35 employers from different industries, including Business, IT & Customer Service, Construction & Engineering, Caring Services and Education, Hair & Beauty, and Hospitality. Employers showcased opportunities with the use of presentations, interactive activities, and fun games!

LEAP Course student, Drummond said: "There are so many different businesses and universities and it's been a really fun day. I especially enjoyed the off-to-work activity as I did it first try!"

Mo, Student Union Vice President commented: "Whilst talking to students from around the College, they have all really enjoyed speaking with industry experts and some of them have even applied for part-time work!"



Careers Advice and Guidance

Visit www.esc.ac.uk/careers-hub/about-careers-hub, pop into Client Services to book a 1:1 chat or contact the team at careershub@osc.ac.uk or on 01737 788444



wellbeing HUB

JHALAK'S TOP TIPS
National Stress Awareness Month

1. Go for a walk
2. Listen to music
3. Speak to someone!

For Stress Awareness Month, Student Union President Jhalak had some useful suggestions on how to reduce stress.

The College also recognised Mental Health Awareness Week – the theme of which was 'Loneliness'.

To read more on either of these stories, visit our social media pages.

If you need a bit of support or want to find out more, visit our Wellbeing Hub. This is a one-stop-shop, packed with resources for taking care of your mental health, including contact details for the Safeguarding Team.

VISIT
www.esc.ac.uk/wellbeing-hub

SCAN ME

enrichment

Get involved this term with our exciting activities programme! Taking part is a great way of meeting new people, learning some new skills and having fun! You'll find a wide variety of activities that you can participate in outside of your academic timetable.

Go to www.esc.ac.uk/enrichment to download the full programme. Book your place by popping into the Activity Hub (Room D115) or emailing Harvey Kellard at enrichment@esc.ac.uk



Run for students by students, the SU is here to represent your voice in the College. The SU also supports the local community through voluntary work for a range of causes. Join our fortnightly meetings in the Activity Hub. su@student.esc.ac.uk | www.esc.ac.uk/student-union

SCAN ME



CHARITY NETBALL TOURNAMENT RAISES FUNDS FOR SPORT IN MIND

Students from across the College recently came together to take part in a fun, charity netball tournament!

Five teams took part, playing a round-robin style tournament with games against each other, and trying to score as many points as possible.

The tournament was organised by our Student Union team who did a brilliant job of driving sign-ups, umpiring and managing logistics. As part of our enrichment programme, the event raised over £70 for Sport in Mind!



COLLECTION FOR UKRAINE

Students and staff at East Surrey College have been incredibly generous with their donations in support of Ukraine. The SU received a tremendous amount of food and clothing that will go towards helping those in need.



OPEN EVENT

Following the launch of the Student Union on the College website, representatives were present at the College's Open Event in March, for the first time.

Student Union President Jhalak, and Student Union Vice-President Mo, spoke to potential students as they arrived. Jhalak then spoke at the welcome talks, alongside

Principal Lindsay Pamphilon.

They explained the role of the College's Student Union and gave our guests a great insight into what it's like to be a student at ESC!



T LEVELS | APPRENTICESHIPS

T Level Courses at ESC

- Design & Development for Engineering & Manufacturing
- Design, Surveying & Planning for Construction
- Digital Business Services
- Digital Production, Design & Development
- Education and Childcare

NEW
Teaching
spaces
coming
soon!

T-LEVELS
THE NEXT LEVEL QUALIFICATION

T Levels are a brand new qualification designed to give you a head start towards your future career.

They follow GCSEs and are equivalent to 3 A Levels.

The two year qualification brings classroom and an industry placement together, on a course designed in collaboration with the best employers.

You'll spend 80% of your time in College and 20% on an industry placement for a minimum of 315 hours (approximately 45 days) to equip you with the knowledge and skills companies are looking for.

Your T Level will help you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or a degree.

For more information, visit www.esc.ac.uk/tlevels

APPRENTICE OF THE YEAR AWARD



Many congratulations to Engineering (HNC) Student George, who has won 'Apprentice of the Year' at the Gatwick Diamond Business Awards!

The Award celebrates George's outstanding progress, commitment to his personal development, and progression at Gatwick Airport.

Well done, George!

"APPRENTICESHIP GAVE ME A THIRST FOR LEARNING"



Having taken the decision to change career, Tony chose a two-year apprenticeship in property maintenance with the Whiteley Home Trust, a company providing specialist housing for older people. The varied range of trades taught on the accompanying course at ESC was exactly what the employer wanted – these included decorating, tiling, plumbing, plastering, electrics, brickwork and carpentry, among others.

Tony learned skills in the College environment, and put them into practice in the workplace straight away, which he recognises really helped

his learning. He found that the tutors offered a fantastic level of support to all students and he was able to build up his portfolio.

The Apprenticeship gave Tony the opportunity to learn a trade from scratch, which would enable him to work his way up. He feels that the course opened his eyes to the bigger picture – how the elements of property maintenance fit together

Tony is enthusiastic about learning more over the next few years. He identified a new 'thirst for learning' which began at East Surrey College!

Apprenticeships are designed for students of all ages. You'll earn a wage while you learn, build your skills and gain a nationally recognised qualification.

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Apprenticeships!
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788316 or email
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WHY CHOOSE HIGHER EDUCATION AT EAST SURREY COLLEGE?

Alam started her career journey as a mature student at East Surrey College, studying for a Foundation Degree in Business. Alam felt this gave her the best of both worlds — the opportunity to further her career, but also to continue working part-time and manage childcare for her two children.

She recommends the Higher Education courses at East Surrey College as the fees are much lower than at university, and she felt supported by her lecturers, learning in small classes.

Alam went on to gain a degree at the University of Surrey, and now lectures here at the College!

Higher Education is an investment in your future. With industry-experienced tutors, excellent facilities and flexible entry requirements, East Surrey College can help you stand out from the crowd.

For more information and to apply visit:
www.esc.ac.uk/higher-education or call 01737 788444



PART-TIME COURSES FOR ADULTS

Art, Crafts & Floristry
Business & Finance
Career Introductions
Computing & IT
Construction, Engineering & DIY
Cooking
Counselling
English & Maths
ESOL & EFL
Hair, Beauty & Spa
Health & Social Care
Languages
Lifeskills & Wellbeing
Teaching & Education

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2022**



PROGRESS YOUR CAREER > RETURN TO WORK > DEVELOP A NEW SKILL

MEET JAKE – STUDYING ACCOUNTING PART-TIME

After gaining BTEC qualifications at a local college, Jake began a Customer Services Apprenticeship with Reigate & Banstead Borough Council, with East Surrey College as his training provider. Jake wanted to gain more qualifications during his Apprenticeship, and chose a Part-Time Level 2 AAT Accounting course as it fitted in with his Apprenticeship and college work.



"It can be challenging to find an environment where you're comfortable to ask questions, but the teachers have been really welcoming and supportive. The College is just fantastic and has a great atmosphere. We come into College to use the computers – the facilities are excellent."

Find out more at www.esc.ac.uk/part-time-courses

Open Event
Saturday 11 June
10:00-12:30



Our Open Event is for all members of the community who are considering their options within education. Increase your career options, upskill or enjoy a leisure course, there is something for everyone!

Pre-register today at www.esc.ac.uk/events

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Reigate School of Art
 ORBITAL SOUTH COLLEGES

END OF YEAR EXHIBITION 2022

PRIVATE VIEW
Thursday 16 June 2022 // 18:00-21:00

Open to the public
 Friday 17 June – Friday 24 June 2022 // 10:00 – 14:00
 Open every day (except Sunday)

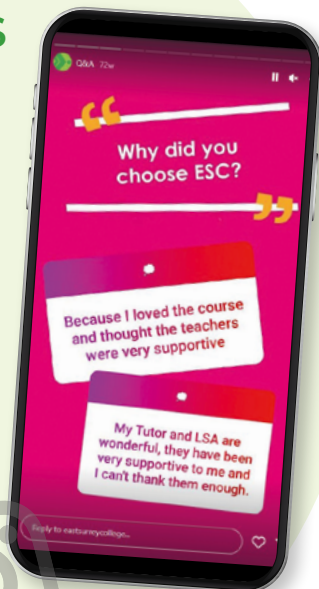
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