

# Esher Sixth Form College Careers Programme



## Information provision

Lots of up to date information is available from:

- a regularly emailed Progression Bulletin containing links, updates, opportunities and part-time jobs
- a regularly updated Progression Guidance area of the College portal in the Study Support and Careers section.
- Unifrog, which has a huge amount of information about every aspect of progression.

## Tutorial PDP sessions

Most careers support takes place in tutor Personal Development Plan sessions. Material provided by the Progression Guidance department is delivered by group tutors. This includes presentations on progression options after Esher, using Unifrog, how to find work experience, how to choose university places and seek apprenticeships; how to write good personal statements; how to use the telephone and interview etc.

## Higher Education Day & After Esher Day

These are large scale events when lessons are suspended. We expect all students to complete the activities on Higher Education day, as many decide they do want to go to uni at some point in the future. HE Day 2020 was cancelled due to Covid but virtual alternatives and recorded talks were provided. After Esher Day has a university strand where UCAS forms are started, and an apprenticeship strand where a mock assessment centre exercise is completed. Students choose which is most appropriate for their needs.

## Parents' and students' information evenings

There is a parents' information evening about Higher Education, and a parents' and students' information evening about Apprenticeships every year. These were online in 2020 and 2021.

## Seminars and talks

We hold regular lunchtime sessions with outside speakers and alumni. The talks are varied and include studying different subjects at university; aspects of applying to university like student finance; completing apprenticeships; being an entrepreneur and other aspects of careers. These have all been online since March 2020.

## Unifrog

Unifrog is a destinations platform that gives students tools to:

- assess their own interests and aptitudes;
- find out about different careers;
- find out about subjects to study at university;
- search for university courses, apprenticeships and special opportunities;
- access a bank of advice on everything from studying abroad to having a Gap year;
- record their work experience, volunteering and other activities and competencies
- draft and receive feedback on CVs, personal statements and covering letters.

## Face to face support

Students can:

- ask for a face to face interview with a qualified careers adviser;
- drop-in to chat through any issues about uni or applying for jobs;
- attend special support sessions for Art Foundation; Oxbridge: Medics, Vets and Dentists and Law applicants.
- take the Career Development Pathway in the second year as an extension study.

## Work Experience

Covid and lockdown prevented students from completing face-to-face work experience in 2020. However some virtual opportunities were available for students in 2020 and Esher College has initiated 'The Internship' programme with 8Billionideas, available to both 6.1 and 6.2 students in June 2021.

## Alumni network

All leavers are invited to join the Esher Sixth Form College Alumni network on LinkedIn and Facebook and to follow the College on Instagram and Twitter.