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WELCOME TO ESHER



**“A PLACE
DEDICATED TO
NURTURING
BOTH
ACADEMIC
EXCELLENCE
& PERSONAL
GROWTH”**

Esher Sixth Form College is a place where we are dedicated to nurturing both academic excellence and personal growth. As Principal, I am proud to introduce you to an environment that fosters a vibrant and inclusive community, ensuring that every student can achieve their full potential.

At Esher, we pride ourselves on our commitment to providing outstanding post-16 education. Our community of over 2,000 students from more than 120 different schools' benefit from individualised study programmes tailored to their specific needs and aspirations. Our expert teaching staff are specialists in A Level and BTEC qualifications, focusing solely on post-16 education, which allows them to provide unparalleled support and guidance.

Our college offers a broad range of courses, with over 40 A Level and vocational subjects, and a flexible approach to study programme design, which combined with our excellent facilities, ensures that our students have the resources and environment they need to succeed.

We have a comprehensive extension studies programme that goes beyond the curriculum, to help students develop the wider skills required to embrace the opportunities, and face the challenges, that lie ahead.

Our proven track record highlights our steadfast commitment to supporting students to become empowered young people as they navigate their path – whether towards university, apprenticeships, or into the workplace.

We warmly welcome you to Esher.

Dan Hards – Principal



**SEE
WHAT
IT'S ALL
ABOUT**

**WHY
CHOOSE
ESHER**

10k

*Social media
followers*



*Inspiring young
minds from*

120+

different schools

1036

*Students enjoying a
dedicated week of
enrichment activities*



40+

Subjects



2022

*the year we were
graded Outstanding in
all areas by Ofsted*



250

*Inspirational
Speakers hosted
since 2020*



848+

*UCAS Applications
in 2023*



121

*Specialist Teachers
in their subjects*

780

Desktop computers

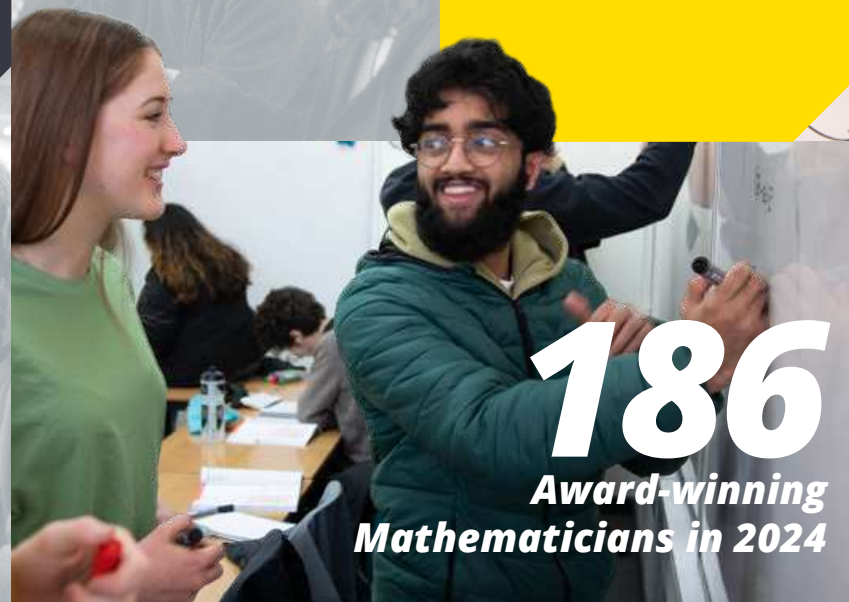
294

Laptops



186

*Award-winning
Mathematicians in 2024*



5000
Active Alumni





WHAT WILL I STUDY?

We have over 40 A Levels and Vocational Courses to choose from and virtually any combination of course is possible for your study programme.

How do I decide?

Don't choose a subject because you think it is what employers will want or because it is a subject to fall back on.

Instead, ask yourself these FIVE questions:

- 1.** *What subjects do you enjoy?*
- 2.** *What subjects are you good at?*
- 3.** *Is there a new subject that your school doesn't offer?*
- 4.** *What type of learning do you enjoy?
Exams or Coursework?*
- 5.** *Do you have a specific degree, job, or industry in mind?
Find out what their requirements are.*

What's the difference between **A Levels** and a **Vocational Course**?

A Levels are two-year exam-based courses and the traditional route to university and beyond. A Levels are graded A* to E. If you're not sure what career you want to do, studying a selection of A Levels is a great way of keeping your options open.

Vocational Courses, such as BTECs or AAQs, are more practical, skills-based courses where you learn through coursework or themed units. These are excellent preparation for specialist degree courses. They are also nationally recognised qualifications and a credible alternative to A Levels.

OUR COURSES

Find your perfect course. You can do three A Levels or a mix with Vocational Courses.

A Levels

3D Design
Art (Fine Art)
Biology
Business
Chemistry
Classical Civilisation
Computer Science
Dance
Drama and Theatre Studies
Economics
English Language
English Literature
English Language and Literature
Fashion and Textiles
Film Studies
French
Further Mathematics
Geography

German
Graphic Communication
History: Communist States in the Twentieth Century
History: Searching for Rights and Freedoms in the Twentieth Century
History: Religion and State in Early Modern Europe
Mathematics
Media Studies
Music
Philosophy
Photography
Physical Education
Physics
Politics
Psychology
Sociology
Spanish

Single Vocational Courses

(equivalent to one A Level)

Art and Design BTEC Certificate
Business BTEC Certificate
Digital Film and Video Production BTEC Certificate
Health and Social Care*
Information Technology*
Music Production Foundation Diploma (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)
Performing Arts Practice Foundation Diploma (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)
Science*
Sport Coaching and Development BTEC Certificate

Double Vocational Courses

(equivalent to two A Levels)

Art and Design BTEC Diploma
Film and Television Production BTEC Diploma
Sports Coaching and Development BTEC Diploma

**Final course specification awaiting government confirmation. Please check the course information page on our website for more details.*

NEW FRIENDS

JOIN A COMMUNITY

WHAT WILL MY DAY BE LIKE?

When you enrol at Esher your weekly timetable will include:

- + Four timetabled lessons for each of your three core subjects
- + Your Extension Study option
- + A timetabled Tutor period for your Personal Development Programme (PDP)
- + A Supervised Academic Study (SAS) lesson

Other timetabled lessons might include:

STUDY SKILLS LESSONS Delivered by our Learning Mentors, these lessons are to help you adapt your study habits to succeed on our higher-level courses.

EXCELLENCE@ESHER PROGRAMMES Bespoke academic pathways for High Achievers including a dedicated Oxbridge programme, the Roll Of Sporting Excellence (ROSE) programme and our Medics, Vets and Dentists programme.

MEET NYAH "I'M SO GLAD I MADE THE JUMP"

FROM The Holy Cross School
A Levels: Drama, English
Literature and Geography

**FIND
OUT
MORE**



CHOOSING MY EXTENSION STUDY



Model United Nations



Book Club



Scuba Diving



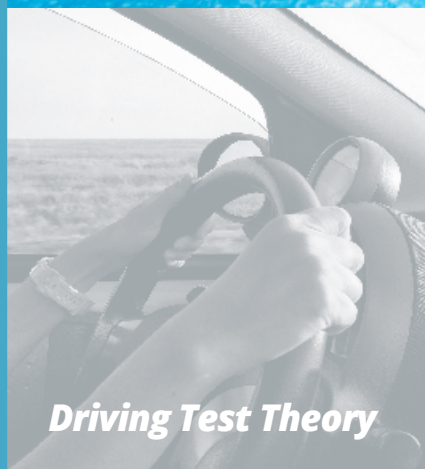
Mixed Hockey



Football



Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award



Driving Test Theory



College Production

We have **40+ extension courses** to choose from



**SEE
FULL
LIST**

What is an extension study?

At Esher, you get to choose an extra activity to your timetable that allows you to extend your learning beyond the classroom. These activities are not examined. The majority include one period per week on your timetable. There is a variety of creative, scientific, social sciences or life skill courses to choose from, as well as the option to join one of our competitive sports' teams.

Why do I need to do one?

Universities and employers are increasingly interested in the wider skills and abilities you will learn in these activities, such as teamwork, problem solving, thinking critically (or creatively), and the ability to carry out independent research.

How do I choose?

In August 2025 when you enrol, you will be able to select one **Complementary Study** on your timetable alongside your chosen academic subjects. There are more than 40 options on offer. You can check out what's available on the Extension Studies page of our website.

In your second year, you will choose a **Progression Pathway**, which is designed to complement core A Level and/or Vocational Courses. There are a range of pathways available that may include qualifications (e.g. Further Maths AS Level), specialised career or performance development courses (e.g. L2 Award Introduction to Counselling), or to complete an Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

SPORT AT ESHER

Sport is an extremely important aspect of student life at Esher Sixth Form College. We offer five competitive team sports including football, basketball, rugby, netball, and hockey.



WOMEN'S FOOTBALL "IT'S BEEN A GREAT EXPERIENCE"

"I played football at school, and thought joining a team would be a great way to meet new people. The trials for the women's teams were one of the first things I had at the College (before lessons even started). We play a match a week plus training, which gives me a nice break from studying. It's been a great experience and this year we really improved as a team, coming second in the AoC league."

ZOE Women's Football Team Captain



MEN'S BASKETBALL "PATIENCE & RESPECT"

"Playing sport at Esher has helped me meet new people outside of my classes, and also improved my skills in teamwork and leadership as well as basketball." Miles.

"It also helps me build patience and respect for the coach and other players." Jude.

MILES & JUDE Men's Basketball Team Vice-captains



WOMEN'S NETBALL "A CONNECTED AND COMMITTED TEAM"

"Playing netball at Esher has been a fantastic experience with notable wins and many great memories made.

"We grew into a connected and committed team quickly with lots of new friendships made and I had loads of fun along the way. Winning was just a bonus!"

LILY Netball 1st Team Captain



**WATCH OUR
BASKETBALL
ALUMNI IN
ACTION**



MEET YOUR STUDENT UNION



Who are we?

We are a group of six students, elected by you, to represent students' opinions and raise any issues or feedback to the senior management team of the College.

We each hold a special role:
 President
 Vice-President and Treasurer
 Eco and Sustainability Executive
 Marketing and Communications Executive
 Events and Charities Executive
 Equality and Welfare Executive

How do I join the SU?

Elections are held in March when election fever takes over the College.

Meet your SU for 2024/25

Hi, I'm Alex,

I was thrilled to get elected as SU President this year, and we are really excited about the events we are planning for when you start in September. The social life at Esher is an important part of the student experience. We organise a range of activities from open mic events in the café, to pizza and ping pong lunches, charity bake sales, clothes swaps and also a Winter and Summer Fair.

We have lots of clubs and societies that we support too, including the Christian Union, and the Gender Sexuality Alliance (GSA).



"IF YOU SEE US, COME UP AND SAY HELLO"

You can find out more by following us on Instagram **@EsherStudentUnion**

ALEX SU President

What we do?

The SU at Esher is central to creating a welcoming and harmonious environment within the College for all students. We are responsible for giving student feedback, supporting other societies within the College, as well as fundraising and holding events.

The SU President and Vice-President are also student trustees and attend meetings alongside other trustees.

SUPPORT FOR ALL

We offer support for all kinds of learners. Check out our programme of academic extension courses available to help you aim high.

Stepping up to Sixth Form

Many students find it's a big step up from GCSEs to A Levels and Vocational Courses, which is why we work with you from the start to develop the skills you need to make the transition successful.

During your first few weeks at College, your subject teachers will run course induction sessions, highlighting our **Learning to Learn** programme, to help you develop the study skills you need to succeed on higher-level courses.

Aiming High

If you are predicted mostly 7s, 8s and 9s in your GCSEs, you can build your own extension studies programme to suit your desired academic pathway. High Achieving students can take an extra extension study and choose two courses tailored to their interests each term. This is in addition to joining a specialist academic pathway programme such as our **Oxbridge Programme or Medics, Vets and Dentists Programme**.

Sparking your Curiosity

All departments provide **Subject-based Support**, which is designed to deepen your thinking and broaden your knowledge. High-achieving students have the opportunity to work on more demanding issues and problems.

If you are studying STEM subjects, you will be able to enrich your learning through participation in national Olympiads and the UK Mathematics Trust Challenge.

If you are more of a Humanities kind of thinker, we bring in visiting speakers, MPs, and authors to challenge your thinking.

Our Creative Arts department offers comprehensive extension study options including College Band, Choir and College Production and there is support for students preparing for auditions to prestigious institutions and courses such as Bird College and Rambert.

Supervised Academic Study

All students will have one timetabled period a week for Supervised Academic Study (SAS). These SAS periods teach you how to use your study time more effectively. You can learn strategies and access resources such as short courses in note-taking, essay writing or revision strategies to help you become an independent learner.

Private Study Periods

One of the biggest differences at sixth form will be the amount of private study periods you have. Learning to study independently is a key skill for life and how you use this time is up to you. Many students find our Learning Resource Centres and our Study Centre are the perfect environments for quiet study and research. Other students prefer studying in the café, outside in the quad or even at home.

LEARNING SUPPORT

Our Learning Support team works across the College to ensure that the individual learning needs of all students are identified and met.



How do I tell the College about my learning needs?

When applying to the College, we strongly encourage you to disclose all information about your learning needs on your online application form. You will have the opportunity to discuss your needs at your course interview (between November and April) and again at enrolment (August), where you may be asked to do an initial assessment to establish current levels of need.

How will you help me with my transition to College?

All students who have disclosed an Access Arrangement will have a timetabled supervised study lesson in our purpose-built Study Centre. In the first half-term, you will also have a session with a Learning Mentor about your needs, and your student profile will be updated about how teachers can support you.

Transition to a college environment for students with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) may require additional

support. This is carefully managed over time with Local Authority liaison, to encourage independence, rather than dependence on support. Some students may be invited to attend acclimatisation days to aid the transition process, meeting key staff, who will become familiar faces.

What support will I get?

We have a team of Learning Mentors based in the Study Centre, which offers a quiet environment where targeted support and advice around any learning related issues can be accessed. Students who access regular support from the Study Centre can also use it as a quiet space to complete work.

Some students may also have weekly timetabled, one-to-one sessions with their allocated Learning Mentor.

The Learning Support Department also receives referrals from teaching staff where there are concerns that a student may have barriers to learning. In these cases, an onward referral can be made for one-to-one support, and/or a screening assessment to ascertain whether there is sufficient evidence to provide an exam Access Arrangement.

Student Services

HEALTH AND WELLBEING SERVICES

Student health and wellbeing forms the foundation of a student's ability to access learning. The College has a dedicated Student Welfare Team, who have established links to external mental health services and other organisations. The College also has a team of on-site counsellors who offer a six-week course of one-to-one sessions.

STUDENT FINANCE

The Bursary Fund provides financial support for students from low-income families. The fund is assessed against eligibility criteria and is paid weekly (subject to attendance) into the student's bank account. For full details of the current Bursary Fund arrangements visit the Student Services section on our website.

EXTENSION STUDIES

**LEARNING BEYOND
THE CLASSROOM**



OUR FACILITIES

Another great thing about studying at Esher is our on-site facilities.

Around campus There are many green spaces for quiet study or to relax with friends. We also have two Costa Coffee concessions, a snack shack, and our vibrant café area, which provides a variety of tasty meals.

Sport facilities In addition to our Sports Hall and student gym, we have a 3G AstroTurf pitch, a rugby pitch, a grass 9v9 football pitch and newly refurbished netball and tennis courts.

In the classroom We have specialist, state-of-the-art facilities for every subject.

Specialist software including Adobe Creative Cloud suite, SOLIDWORKS 3D CAD, Logic Pro X, Sibelius, and Microsoft Visual Studio.

IT Services All students have access to high-speed WIFI throughout the College and Microsoft 365 with access to Microsoft Teams, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook, OneDrive and so much more.

Private Study

We have two Learning Resource Centres and a purpose-built Study Centre, which provide the perfect environments to support independent study and research.

LRC1 has an extensive library of 25,000+ books, as well as journals, textbooks, magazines, photocopiers, stationery shop and 116 PCs available for quiet and silent individual study. LRC2 is a supervised area for large group study and has 42 PCs. Both areas are supported by a team of friendly library assistants to help you with research, to borrow equipment or to access our comprehensive e-resources and subscription databases such as Massolit.

Our **LapSafe Locker** scheme offers a hassle-free solution for students who may have forgotten their laptops. We have 192 laptops housed in lockers for you to use exclusively on campus.

Need a computer?

We have 780 desktop computers, 294 laptops (including 192 in the LapSafe Lockers scheme) and a suite of 32 Macs.



Specialist Music building with two recording studios, six practice rooms and a suite of Macs



Learning Resource Centre



Observatory



Purpose built Study Centre



Dance Studio

CAREERS & PROGRESSION

From choosing the right subjects at Enrolment, through to those big decisions about university, apprenticeships, gap years or employment – our award-winning* Careers and Progression Guidance Team are here to help.

Our Careers & Progression initiatives

Higher Education Day: More than 90+ universities visit our campus, with specialist seminars from university speakers.

Career Advice: Every student has the opportunity to attend a one-to-one appointment with a qualified career advisor.

Degree Apprenticeship Fair: 40 providers exhibit to students in this ever growing market.

Higher Education Talks: Specialist seminars for students and parents/carers on all things HE, including gap years, student finance, studying abroad, personal statements etc.

Employment Seekers and Apprenticeships Information Evening: Hear from employers and our Alumni Apprentices.

The Internship: A virtual and award-winning, bespoke three-day work experience opportunity to learn from leading industry speakers.

After Esher Day: A timetabled day devoted to helping students plan their progression after Esher.

University Subject Taster Sessions.

Extension Study programmes to support your career development.

*Esher Sixth Form College Careers and Progression Team were awarded the SFCA Enrichment and Employment Award for exceptional practice in sixth form education.



Esher graduates **achieved more 1st Class degrees** than state and independent providers (HESA).

Thinking about university?

In 2023, 82% of Esher students were accepted onto their first choice of university destinations.

Here's our top university destinations of 2023:

- + University of Leeds
- + Bournemouth University
- + University of Exeter
- + Bristol, University of the West of England
- + University of Manchester
- + University of Birmingham
- + University of Nottingham
- + Nottingham Trent University
- + University of Southampton
- + Cardiff University

Thinking about Apprenticeships?

An increasing number of Esher students also go onto Apprenticeships with companies including, Procter & Gamble, Samsung, BP, National Physical Laboratory, Vodafone and Mondelēz International.

ESHER ALUMNI

After Esher, your relationship with us continues long after the classroom. Former students from all walks of life are invited to return to the College to share their experiences.

We have a very active and talented Esher Alumni who keep in touch, share their experiences and expand their own networks through our LinkedIn Alumni pages

[in esher-sixth-form-college](#)

**READ
MORE**



JOSH BLACK 2017-2019

First Officer
Ascend Airways

- ^ Pilot School, Canada
- ^ Gap Year
- ^ Esher Sixth Form College
- ^ Hall School Wimbledon

STUDIED Business, Photography and Media Studies

"Studying at Esher was the first time I had proper independence when it came to my studies. This combined with the varied timetable allowed me to balance my time and study in a way that best suited me and meant I had extra time to spend with friends and work part-time, alongside my studies."



FREDDIE BROWN 2016-2018

Production Manager
Channel 4

- ^ Apprenticeship with MediaCom
- ^ Esher Sixth Form College
- ^ St Paul's Catholic College

STUDIED Performing Arts BTEC and Creative Media Production BTEC

"My tutor, Jayne, and Media teacher, Lucy, showed me that it was better to be at the bottom of one ladder you want to climb, rather than halfway up one you don't. That stays with me. It helped me decide early on that an apprenticeship, rather than university, was right for me."



ANEELA MAHMOOD 2005-2007

Press and Media Officer
House of Lords

- ^ Goldsmiths University
- ^ Esher Sixth Form College
- ^ Three Rivers Academy

STUDIED Philosophy, Politics and Psychology

"I know my 16-year-old self would be proud of where I am today, and I would say just keep striving and be fearless in the pursuit of your dreams. Nothing is out of reach."



WHAT'S NEXT?

Your admissions journey for entry in September 2025

- + **TUESDAY 2 JULY 2024** – Admissions open online
- + **MONDAY 30 SEPTEMBER 2024** – Admissions close at midday
- + **WEDNESDAY 2 OCTOBER 2024** – Allocation of place
We will email you to confirm if you have been successful in getting a place at Esher Sixth Form College.
- + **5 & 7 NOVEMBER 2024** – Welcome to Esher Evening
Successful applicants and their parents/carers are invited to the College to hear from the Principal, the senior leadership team, and a panel of current students.
- + **NOVEMBER 2024 – APRIL 2025** – Course interview
Held on Microsoft Teams, this is an important part of your admissions journey where you can discuss and talk through your proposed study programme with a member of staff.
- + **24 JUNE 2025** – Introduction Evening for parents/carers
All prospective parents/carers are invited to the College for talks by the senior leadership team about what happens at Enrolment and Your Start at Esher.
- + **26 & 27 JUNE 2025** – Taster Days
Experience a full day at Esher with taster sessions in all your chosen subjects, plus a free choice lesson if you are still undecided about anything.
- + **LATE AUGUST 2025** – Enrolment
We will email you with the day and time of your enrolment interview, which is usually in the last week of August.
- + **SEPTEMBER 2025** – Your Start at Esher



HOW DO I APPLY?

All applications are made online via our Online Applicant Portal at esher.ac.uk

Will I get a place?

If you are a Guaranteed Applicant, you will automatically receive a place once you have submitted your application.

If you are an Open Applicant, you will be allocated a place using a ballot system held on Wednesday 2 October 2024 and emailed after 3pm. Once available places have been filled, a number of Open Applicants will be placed on a reserve list and any remaining applications may be unsuccessful.

Entry requirements

The minimum entry requirement is five GCSEs at Grade 4-9, but some courses may require you to get higher grades. It is important to get at least a Grade 4 in English Language and Maths. The absence of a GCSE Grade 4 in English Language will significantly restrict your study programme options. Please see individual course information on our website.

For further enquiries please email admissions@esher.ac.uk

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THE
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