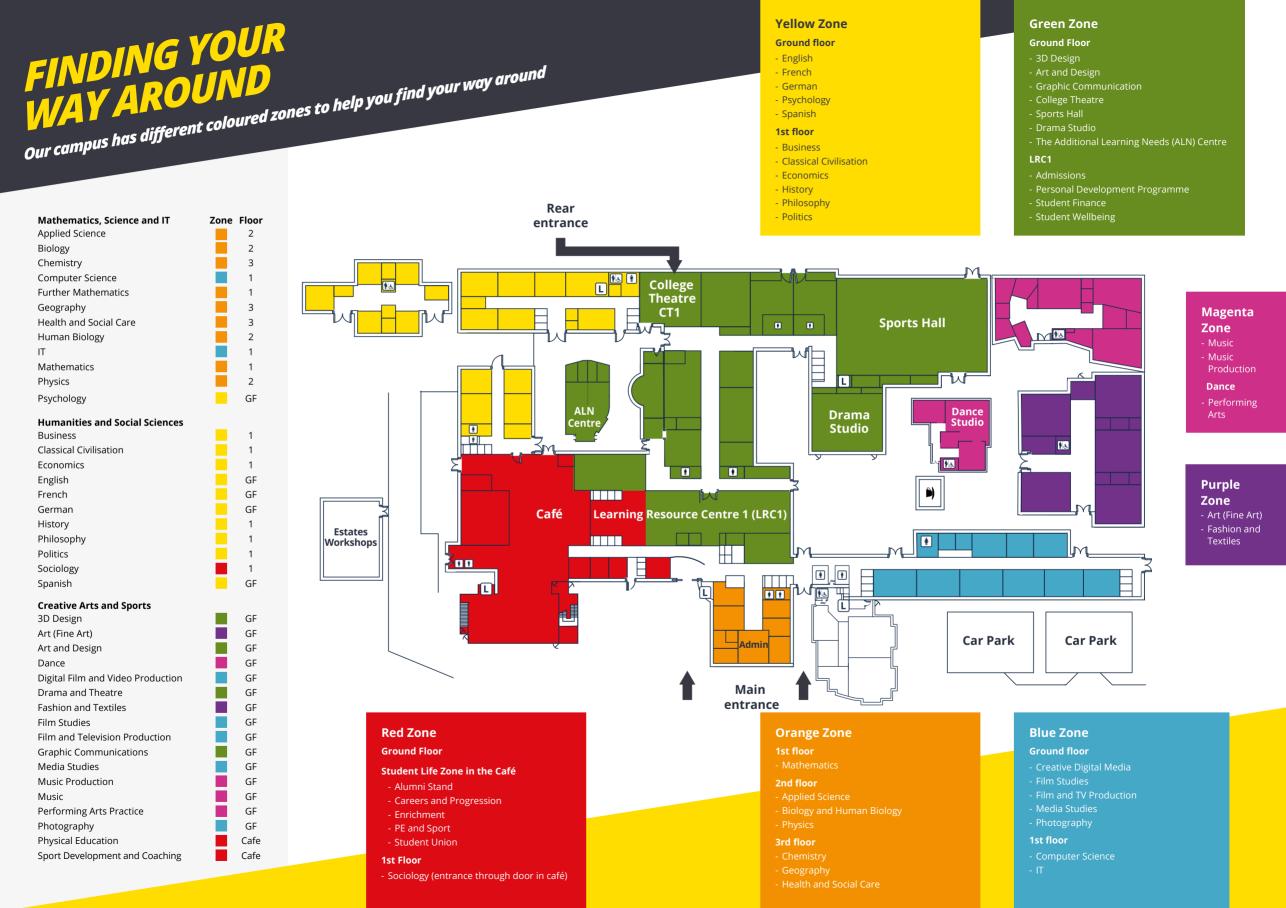


# Prospectus 2026





# YOUR

# **ADMISSIONS JOURNEY**

### Key dates and events for Entry 2026

Online applications open	Tuesday 1 July 2025
Online applications close	Tuesday 30 Sept 2025 (Midday)
Allocation of places	Thursday 2 Oct 2025
Welcome to Esher evening	Tuesday 4 and Thursday 6 Nov 2025
Course interviews	Nov 2025 – April 2026
Parents information evening	Tuesday 30 June 2026
Taster days for applicants	Friday 3 and Monday 6 July 2026
Enrolment	Late August 2026 (tba)
Induction	Early September 2026 (tba)
Lessons start	September 2026



# WELCOME TO ESHER

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' benefits from individualised study programmes tailored to their specific needs and aspirations. Our expert teaching staff are specialists in A Level and vocational 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 enrichment 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

# WHY CHOOSE ESHER

of students went to their first choice of university

social media followers

2022 the year we were rated outstanding in all areas by Ofsted

one-to-one careers appointments

active Alumni

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Inspiring young minds from 120

Esher Sixth Form College

**#YourEsher** 

different schools

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8.3% pass rate **100** enrichment courses to extend your learning



Study where you want

desktop computers

highly successful, competitive sports teams

subjects

# 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.

### 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,** 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.



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Choose something you are passionate about. The environment here is highly supportive and the staff genuinely care. My classes were filled with laughter, intellectual debate, encompassing support and a very genuine bond.

SUBJECTS Classical Civilisation, Film Studies, History

ENRICHMENT College Production and EPQ

# 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:

What subjects do I enjoy?

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- What subjects am I good at?
- Is there a new subject that my school doesn't offer?

What type of learning do I enjoy? Exams or Coursework?

Do I have a specific degree, job, or industry in mind? Find out what their requirements are.

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# OUR COURSES

Almost any course combination is possible; you can do three A Levels or a mix of A Levels with one or two 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
- Business
- Digital Film and Video
   Production
- Information Technology
- Health and Social Care
- Human Biology
- Music Production (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)
- Performing Arts Practice (equivalent to 1.5 A Levels)
- Sports Coaching and Development

# Double Vocational Courses

### (equivalent to two A Levels)

- Applied Science
- Art and Design
- Film and Television Production
- Sports Coaching and Development

# WHAT WILL **MY DAY BE LIKE?**

The college day starts at 8:55am and finishes at 4:15pm. Unlike school, not every lesson will be timetabled. Instead your weekly timetable will include:



Timetabled lessons for each of your three (or four) core subjects

Enrichment option

Tutor period

Supervised Academic Study (SAS) lesson



Periods where you do not have

a lesson timetabled are set aside

for private study, which you can

choose to spend in college or at

their private study periods to join

a club or a subject clinic, study in

the Learning Resources Centre or

meet friends and have lunch!

In your second term you can

or join one of our Excellence

programme, Medics, Vets and

add another enrichment class

Pathways including the Oxbridge

Dentists programme or our Roll of Sporting Excellence programme.

home. Some students will use

MEET NEL

Not many people came from my secondary school but that didn't matter at all as everyone is so keen to make friends. The biggest part of the transition was the change to having more freedom. I now feel really ready for my transition to university.

SUBJECTS **Psychology, Biology and Geography** 

ENRICHMENT College Production, LAMDA Award in Public Speaking



# The transition to Sixth Form

Many students find it's a big step up from GCSEs to A Levels and vocational courses. Your subject teachers will run course induction sessions during your first weeks of term, to help you develop the study skills you need to succeed on higher-level courses.

Need more support? Our Learning Mentors can help with one-to-one sessions.



# ENRICHMENT

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new

qualifications

a band or

student club

a new hobby

or interest

**CHOOSE** a specialist academic pathway

# LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM competitive At Esher we offer more than PLAY sport 100 Enrichment courses to complement your studies.

### Whatever your aptitude or academic goals, there is something for everyone.

We also offer an abundance of subject-based Trips and Visits, plus two dedicated days in the summer term to Wider **Skills Activities**.



EARN

JOIN

FIND

I took the Law Pathway extension and a weekly Pilates class, so I could fit some exercise into my week as well.

### Grace

SUBJECTS History, Politics and **English Literature** 



**Choosing Model United Nations** gave me an insight into how diplomacy works. It's given me more confidence, whilst enabling me to make so many new friends.

### Mohamed

SUBJECTS Spanish, Mathematics and Politics



I joined the Medics, Vets and Dentists programme, which invites high-profile medical speakers to talk to us. This, and the support I received from my teachers plus the many work experience opportunities, have inspired me to follow a STEM pathway.

### Surina, Class of 2025

SUBJECTS Biology, Chemistry, Psychology

**Creative** and

Running Club

Theatre Workshop

Love Life Drawing

Vlog/Podcasting

Darkroom

College Band

**Humanities** 

Spanish for

Backpackers

Debating Society

Introduction to

Theology

Russian for

Science

Chess

Robotics

Beginners

Creative Writing

LGBTQ+ Identity

## Examples of some of the Enrichment courses we offer:

# Qualifications

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# Sport

- Latin AS
- Scuba Diving PADI
- Community Sports Leadership
- LAMDA Speaking Photography in Public
- Geographical Information Systems

# Excellence Pathwavs

- Law Pathway
- Critical Thinking
- **Physical Science** and Engineering Pathway
- Medics, Vets and Dentists Programme
- Oxbridge Programme
- Forensic and Criminal Psychology
- UK Mathematics Trust Challenge
- Core Maths
- Climate Action

# SPORT ESHER

Sport is an extremely important aspect of student life at Esher Sixth Form College. We offer five competitive team sports as part of our enrichment offering. Team trials take place after you enrol in the summer term.

# Rugby

Our 15-a-side Men's team are second in the Surrey Sixth Form League. While our women's team continues to evolve, teaming up with Godalming College to form an unstoppable 7 squad when they remained undefeated at the Surrey Schools Senior Girls Sevens.

# Football

We have a full-sized, 3G pitch as well as two grass pitches to accommodate our four men's teams (and a development squad) and a women's team. The Men's first team made its debut this year in the Tactics League with Platform Sports Coaching, winning the title. While our women's teams kept the pressure up to retain second place in the Surrey Sixth Form League.



### Did you know?

If you compete at a County, Regional or National level then you may be eligible to join our Roll of Sporting Excellence programme, in partnership with St Mary's University Twickenham.

# Netball

We have two competitive netball teams and also offer a Women's Netball Development Squad, which involves weekly training sessions.

# **Mixed Hockey**

Our two teams play regularly against other schools and colleges in the Association of College's league. The standard is high with many squad members playing at a good level for their club sides.

# Basketball

With 28 players in the mix, the men's basketball team has been the team to beat in 2024/25 league with an impressive run of wins. While the women's team is growing with training each week and some friendly fixtures throughout the year. INCLUSIVITY Supporting every student to thrive

# STUDENT UNION

### 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 and raising student issues to senior management, as well as fundraising and holding events.

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



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

# Who are we?

We are a group of six students, elected by the students, for the students, to raise any issues or feedback to the senior management team of the College.



# *SU FOR* 2025/26



### Hiya, I'm Flora – Student Union President!

I'm absolutely thrilled to have been elected this year, and the whole Student Union team is buzzing with excitement about the events we're planning for you starting this September.

Social life at Esher is vibrant and such a big part of the student experience. As a Student Union, we organise a wide range of activities based on what you want to see – whether that's a bake sale, a culture day, or our hugely popular summer festival.

There are so many ways to get involved in student life, from joining societies like Model United Nations to being a part of the Christian Union. No matter your interests, there's a place for you here.

We can't wait to welcome you!

Follow us on Instagram **@EsherStudentUnion** 

# **MEET FLORA**





# STUDENT SERVICES ADDITIONAL LEARNING NEEDS CENTRE

Our dedicated Additional Learning Needs (ALN) Team works across the College with subject teachers, 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.

# Helping you with the transition to College

Students who require additional support with their transition to sixth form will be able to visit the College and the ALN department to help familiarise themselves with the College environment.

Students with Education, Health, and Care Plans (EHCPs) may require additional support and this is carefully managed with your case worker and local authority to ensure that we can meet individual needs.

# What support will I get?

The College embraces a Quality First Teaching approach that focuses on high-quality, inclusive teaching for all students within the classroom setting, which in turn particularly supports students with additional learning needs and disabilities. We aim to support students to foster their independence and resilience, rather than dependence on support, preparing them for their next steps in their journey beyond Esher Sixth Form College.

To achieve this, we have a team of Learning Mentors based in the ALN Centre, which offers a quiet environment where targeted support and advice around any learning related issues can be accessed. Students with additional learning needs and disabilities can also use it as a quiet space to complete work.

Some students may also have timetabled, one-to-one sessions with their allocated Learning Mentor and we can offer screening assessment by specialist assessors to ascertain whether students require exam access arrangements.

# STUDENT SERVICES STUDENT WELLBEING

Student wellbeing forms the foundation of a student's ability to access learning. The College has a dedicated Student Welfare Team on-site which includes Mental Health Advisors and Counsellors, who have established links to external mental health services and other organisations – so there is always someone available to listen, support and help.

# Equality, Diversity and Inclusion

Embracing equality, diversity and inclusion is fundamental to the culture and values of our College. We believe that the learning and working environment should be a place where everyone feels valued and respected.







The teachers and learning mentors at Esher are incredibly supportive to my individual needs. They've taken the time to adapt lessons to my visual needs and understand how I learn best. They all want the best for me and this motivates me to succeed.

SUBJECTS Maths, Physics and Chemistry

ENRICHMENT Leadership and Crest Gold Award

# **Student Finance**

The Bursary Fund seeks to remove barriers to learning for students from low-income families. The fund is used to provide books, equipment and essential resources that students require to access their courses. It can also provide a contribution towards travel costs. For full details of the current Bursary Fund arrangements and the eligibility criteria visit our website.



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# STUDENT SERVICES CAREERS AND PROGRESSION

From choosing the right subjects at Enrolment, through to those big decisions about university, apprenticeships, gap years or employment – our highly experienced Careers and Progression Guidance team are here to help.

# MEET OLIVER

The one-to-one careers interview helped me clarify what pathways I could follow for IT and computer science. They gave me a range of resources to help me explore different career options and sent me numerous work experience opportunities, which I found extremely useful. I hope to study Computer Science at the University of Bristol and afterwards have a job in programming and software development.

SUBJECTS Mathematics, Psychology, Computer Science

ENRICHMENT Robotics and Geographical
Information Systems



### Our Careers and Progression initiatives include:

### Events

- Higher Education Day unique to Esher Sixth Form College, we welcome more than 80+ universities to the College with specialist subject seminars from university speakers.
- Gap Year Fair get inspired talking to Gap Year organisations and charities.
- **The Internship** a virtual three-day work experience opportunity with leading industry speakers.
- Apprenticeships Information Evening – online webinar with alumni and expert apprenticeship providers.

### Support

- One-to-one Career
   Appointments with a qualified careers adviser.
- Regular Careers and Progression Bulletins – get the latest career advice, university open days and part time job opportunities.
- After Esher Day a timetabled day devoted to helping students with their UCAS application, finding employment or an apprenticeship.
- CV and Personal Statement
   Writing Workshops
- Career Lunches and Subject Seminars



# THINKING ABOUT UNIVERSITY?

### Did you know?

At Esher, 86% of our 2024 leavers were accepted onto their first choice of university. With nine students going to Oxbridge universities and nearly half of all students accepting a place at a higher tariff provider, which includes the Russell Group universities.

### Did you know?

It was good news for our Class of 2020 Leavers. Data from HESA\* revealed that they achieved more 1st class and 2:1 degrees (86.2%) than state (77.3%) and independent (85.8%) providers.

\*Higher Education Statistics Agency for degree outcomes 2023

Esher helped me grow in so

many ways – making great friends, learning to work in

a team, and becoming more independent. After a gap

year, I'm studying Liberal Arts and Natural Sciences at the

University of Birmingham, Esher

shaped who I am, and I'll cherish

History, Biology

the memories I made there.

Connie, Class of 2023

SUBJECTS English Literature,



### *Here's our Top 10 University Destinations of 2024*

- 1. University of Bristol
- 2. Nottingham Trent University
- 3. University of Nottingham
- 4. University of Leeds
- 5. Cardiff University
- 6. Kingston University
- 7. University of Exeter
- 8. University of Birmingham
- 9. University of Manchester
- 10. University of Portsmouth University of Southampton

# MEET THE ESHER ALUMNI

After Esher, your relationship with us continues long after the classroom. Leavers, 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 community where you can keep in touch, celebrate your career progression, and expand your own networks through our LinkedIn Alumni pages. Taking the LAMDA Speaking in Public Award as an enrichment option really improved my presentation skills. It helped me through the apprenticeship process and I was able to secure my dream – an aerospace engineering degree apprenticeship with Airbus. **Daniel, Class of 2025** 

SUBJECTS Geography, Mathematics, Physics

Esher encouraged my personal and professional growth; it inspired me to define success on my own terms. I'm now studying Law at Queen Mary University. *Hasti, Class of 2023* 



Esher was fantastic... there's lots of support for both studying and thinking about your next steps. I'm now at Loughborough University studying Civil Engineering. *Harry, Class of 2024* 

SUBJECTS Economics, Mathematics, 3D Design

SUBJECTS **English Literature,** Philosophy, Psychology

**Needs Centre** 

Additional Learning

Our purpose-built centre is designed as a place for students

with additional learning needs to

work and access timetabled study sessions and one-to-one support

from our expert learning mentors.

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 provides a variety of

**Sport facilities** In addition to our Sports Hall and student gym, we

have a 3G astroturf pitch, a rugby

and newly refurbished netball and

pitch, a grass 9v9 football pitch

tastv meals.

tennis courts.

# OUR CAMPUS AND FACILITIES

At Esher, every subject benefits from its own specialist learning environment with state-of-theart equipment and study areas, including:



Dance Studio









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# Need a Laptop?

Our Lapsafe Smart Lockers are like vending machines for laptops. Just tap your student ID and take out a fully charged laptop to use for the next few hours on campus.

## Learning Resource Centres

We have two Learning Resource Centres (LRC), which provide the perfect environments to support independent study and research.

LRC1 has an extensive library of 23,000+ books, as well as extensive journals; textbooks; magazines and academic and subscription databases. Run like a university library, it is a great place for quiet study and research.

# **IT Services**

All students have access to high speed WIFI throughout the College and Microsoft Office 365. Subject specific software including Adobe Creative Cloud suite, SOLIDWORKS 3D CAD, Logic Pro X, Sibelius, and Microsoft Visual Studio is also available.

### Did you know?

Our music block is purposebuilt and includes two recording studios, six practice rooms and a suite of Macs.



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