



4th April 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Careers in Year 10

As we head towards to the end of Year 10 it is important that, alongside revising and preparing for end of year exams, students are beginning to think about what their plans are for when they leave Thamesmead at the end of Year 11. Current Year 10 students are required to remain in full time education or training or work with training (apprenticeships or traineeships) until they reach 18 years of age and so it is vital that they make well-informed decisions about their next steps.

Taster Days

As part of our commitment to providing a high standard of Careers Education, Information and Guidance, we are able to offer taster days for Year 10 students at Strode's, Woking and Brooklands Colleges.

We need all students to attend one or more of these events, even if they currently think that college is not for them in the future. The number of places at some events is limited so we cannot guarantee that students will get a place at more than one college. However we shall endeavour to ensure that all students have the opportunity to attend at least one. The choice of these colleges is not intended to show partiality but to allow our students to experience attending a FE College.

To find out more about other colleges in Surrey and London Boroughs we advise you to visit their Open Events as will be published in Thamesmead Talk and on the college websites.

The Taster Day dates are:

Brooklands Weybridge Campus	on Tuesday 25th June	from 9.00am to 12.00pm
Woking College	on Monday 8th July	from 9.00am to 3pm
Strode's College, Egham	on Thursday 11th July	from 9.15am to 2.00pm

Brooklands: For those students wishing to experience courses with a more vocational aspect, the Brooklands event will be more suitable but the day will only involve one department session, alongside the opportunity to find out about all of the courses offered at both Weybridge and Ashford Campuses.

Full school uniform must be worn as there are other schools attending and all staff need to be able to identify their students easily.

Students should make their own way to Brooklands but will be returning to school by bus; for this reason there is a voluntary contribution of £5 to be taken to finance office in an envelope with the students name on.

Woking College: For students who feel that they would like to study **A levels** or and/or mix with **Level 3 BTECs** at Key Stage 5, Woking College will offer a variety of courses. Students will sample five subjects at the Taster Day. These students should be expecting to achieve at least 5 or more Grade 4 results at GCSE and usually Grade 6 or higher in their chosen subjects.

Woking College are kindly providing transport for us from school to the college and back again.

Students must wear uniform as other schools will be attending. Lunch can be bought in the college canteen.



Strode's College: For students who feel that they would like to study **A levels** or and/or mix with **Level 3 BTECs** at Key Stage 5, Strode's College will offer a variety of courses. Students will sample four subjects at the Taster Day. These students should be expecting to achieve at least 5 or more Grade 4 results at GCSE and usually Grade 6 or higher in their chosen subjects.

Students must wear uniform as other schools will be attending.

We expect the students to make their own travel arrangements to and from Strode's College to arrive by 9.15 am. (This is so students get a realistic idea of the practicalities of travel should they choose it for the future; this is an important aspect of deciding which college is most suitable.) In this respect we need you to sign the relevant parts of the consent form attached.

Lunch is provided. Please let us know if you do not require lunch.

The College bus, 656, will run on the day and we will advise you of fares and timetable in due course.

Please tick if you wish to take this bus as there are limited places.

All applications need to be done on line via the link below.

The consent form for this trip must be returned to the Careers Office in the Learning Centre by Tuesday 1st May at the latest. If attending Brooklands or Woking their course choice form must also be returned. If attending Strode's, course choices should be made online at this link as well as returning the consent form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IC8Wj99J7kCEsVfumf8eO6LRIW-PPCFFIm57fsodv9IUOVQ2NFFUMFpJNUI1QVZIVFJTMzIYWFMV4u>

Yours faithfully

Mrs J Mason
Head of Business Enterprise
Teacher of Science



Return to Careers Office by tutor time on Wednesday 1st May.

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I wish for my son/daughter to take part in the taster day and, having read the information sheet, agree to his/her taking part in all or any of the activities described therein.

I certify that, as far as I am aware, my son/daughter is medically fit to undertake this activity and there are no known health reasons why he/she should not do so.

My son/daughter has/has not got any food allergies.

I understand that while the school staff in charge of the party will take reasonable care of the children, they cannot necessarily be held responsible for any loss, damage or injury suffered by my son/daughter arising during, or out of, this activity.

I have ensured that my child understands that it is important for his/her safety and for the safety of the group that any instructions given by the staff in charge are obeyed.

Student name _____ Tutor group _____
will be attending Brooklands / Woking/ Strode's (delete as appropriate)

Only complete the travel details for the relevant colleges below.

I understand that (name) _____ will be travelling from Brooklands Weybridge Campus in the Coach or school minibus and will make his/her own way there.

In an emergency I can be contacted on _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Carer)

I understand that (name) _____ will be travelling to and from Woking College in the Bus provided.

In an emergency I can be contacted on _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Carer)

I understand that I am responsible for the transport of (name) _____ to and from Strode's College.

The Strode's course choices have been made online

(Please delete as appropriate – indicate clearly if you wish to use the college bus)

- The named person will be taking/collecting student from Strode's _____
- My son/daughter will be travelling TO Strode's on the College 656 bus
- My son/daughter will travel HOME using the Strode's College 656 bus
- My son/daughter will be travelling independently to and from Strode's

In an emergency I can be contacted on _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Parent/Carer)