

## Further Education Events News - February 2025

Register online for upcoming open events. Visit colleges and sixth forms in-person and through their virtual events and video tours.

Further information can be found on the Thamesmead School website:

<https://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk/students/careers/careers-calendar/>

Regular updates are posted on the student Teams page "Careers Advice for Students" and follow us on Twitter/X @ThamesmeadSch. Students can use the Careers Library in the Resources Centre where college prospectuses and careers information is available.

In Year 11 it is recommended to make at least 2 or 3 applications to Colleges/Sixth Forms as your final decision will be determined by your GCSE results.

If you would like to apply for an apprenticeship, please refer to the links at the bottom of this newsletter.

Here is what's happening at our local Colleges and Sixth Forms:

### **Berkshire College of Agriculture** [www.bca.ac.uk](http://www.bca.ac.uk)

Hall Place, Burchetts Green, Maidenhead SL6 6QR

Apprenticeships Webinar for parents/carers and students

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 5.30-6.30pm** register online:

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/events/landing/71944?>

### **Bishop Wand 6<sup>th</sup> Form** <https://www.bishopwand.surrey.sch.uk/285/welcome-to-the-sixth-form>

Layton's Lane, Sunbury-on-Thames

### **Brooklands College** [www.brooklands.ac.uk](http://www.brooklands.ac.uk)

Heath Road, Weybridge KT13 8TT and Stanwell Road, Ashford.

Open event:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 4.30-7.00pm** register online:

<https://www.brooklands.ac.uk/event/open-event-february-2025/>

### **Esher College** [www.esh.ac.uk/](http://www.esh.ac.uk/)

Weston Green Road, Thames Ditton KT7 0JB

Take a virtual tour: <https://www.esh.ac.uk/the-college/college-tour/>

**Guildford College** <https://guildford.activatelearning.ac.uk/>

Stoke Road, Guildford GU1 1EZ

Open event:

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 4.30-7.00pm** register online:

<https://guildford.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/guildford-college-february-open-event/>

**Halliford School 6<sup>th</sup> Form** <https://www.hallifordschool.co.uk/sixth-form/>

Russell Road, Shepperton

View their prospectus or enjoy the videos recorded by the Heads of Departments. Take a virtual visit:

<https://www.hallifordschool.co.uk/virtual-visit-to-the-sixth-form-at-halliford-school/>

**Heathside School 6<sup>th</sup> Form** <https://www.heathside.surrey.sch.uk/sixth-form/46.html>

Brooklands Lane, Weybridge KT13 8UZ

Open evening:

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025, 5.00-7.30pm** for 2026 entry.

**Kingston College** <https://stcg.ac.uk/kingston-college>

Kingston Hall Road, Kingston KT1 2AQ

Open event:

**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2025, 4.30-6.30pm** register online:

<https://stcg.ac.uk/kingston-college/events>

**Merrist Wood College** <https://merristwood.activatelearning.ac.uk/>

Worplesdon, Guildford GU3 3PE

Open event:

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2025 4.30-7.00pm** register online:

<https://merristwood.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/detail/merrist-wood-february-open-event/>

**Richmond upon Thames College** [www.hruc.ac.uk](http://www.hruc.ac.uk)

Langhorn Drive, Twickenham

Open events:

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 5-8pm.** register online:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/open-events-2024-25-tickets-1007619285407>

Find out more about the differences between A levels and vocational qualifications as well as information on apprenticeships.

Take a look at their new college building with a 360 virtual tour.

<https://www.rutc.ac.uk/about-us/virtual-tour.html>

**Salesian College** <https://salesian.surrey.sch.uk/college/>

Highfield Road, Chertsey KT16 8BX

Salesian College now offer T-Levels in Education and Childcare and in Digital Production, Design and Development.

**Strode's Sixth Form College** <https://www.strodes-windsor.ac.uk/>

High Street, Egham

Open event: **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2025, 4.30-7.00pm** register online:

<https://www.strodes-windsor.ac.uk/information/open-days-events/>

**St Paul's Sixth Form** <https://www.st-pauls.surrey.sch.uk/sixth-form-v1>

Manor Lane, Sunbury-on-Thames

**Three Rivers Academy Sixth Form** <https://www.threeriversacademy.org/Sixth-Form/>

Bell Farm Way, Hersham KT12 5EJ

**West Thames College** [www.west-thames.ac.uk](http://www.west-thames.ac.uk)

London Road, Isleworth & Boundaries Road, Feltham Skills Centre.

Open event: Isleworth Campus (main campus)

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2025 5.00-7.00pm** register online:

<https://www.west-thames.ac.uk/open-days>

Feltham Campus for Construction, Engineering, Logistics and Motor Vehicle courses.

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025 5.00-7.00pm** register online:

<https://www.west-thames.ac.uk/open-days>

Take a virtual tour: [www.west-thames.ac.uk/about-us/our-campuses](http://www.west-thames.ac.uk/about-us/our-campuses)

**Woking College** [www.woking.ac.uk](http://www.woking.ac.uk)

Rydens Way, Woking GU22 9DL

Learn more about the courses and the subjects you may wish to study from their dedicated teachers:

<https://woking.ac.uk/meet-the-teachers-and-taster-lessons/>

**GCSE Exam Boards for College Applications:**

<https://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk/careers/applications-personal-statements/>

**Apprenticeships.** These websites are a useful resource if you are interested in an apprenticeship:

<https://amazingapprenticeships.com>

<https://www.gov.uk/become-apprentice>

<https://www.ucas.com/apprenticeships>  
<https://mitskills.com/apprenticeships/>  
<https://www.getmyfirstjob.co.uk/>

**T-levels.** This website is a useful resource if you are interested in Technical Levels:

<https://www.tlevels.gov.uk/>

### Further Information:

We have a **Careerometer** in the tools section of our website which has labour market information and can be fun comparing jobs: <https://www.thamesmead.surrey.sch.uk/students/careers/tools/>

**Course Pilot** is a nationwide course directory and career guidance tool. Our aim is to assist as many users as possible in finding their perfect course to progress towards their chosen career:

<https://coursepilot.co.uk/>


**National Careers Service:** <https://nationalcareers.service.gov.uk/>

**Careers A to Z** - Most pages have a video link to watch <https://www.planitplus.net/JobProfiles/>

**Prospects** - Find out about different types of jobs <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/careers-advice/what-can-i-do-with-my-degree>

### Technician careers:

<https://www.technicians.org.uk/>



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**Going to Uni** <https://www.ucas.com/>

**Not Going to Uni** <https://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk>

**Gap year** <https://www.prospects.ac.uk/jobs-and-work-experience/gap-year>