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LORDS AWARDS  
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## STUDENTS VISIT WIMBLEDON SPA



As part of their Hydrotherapy assessments, our Body & Spa Therapy Level 3 students went on a therapeutic trip to Spa Experience Wimbledon.

Students have been working hard on their Monitor and Maintain Spa unit which focuses on providing induction, consultation, treatment care and advice on using specific spa facilities.

They were greeted by the Spa Manager who provided students with a tour of the facilities featuring the Hammam, sauna, monsoon showers and the relaxation area. Additionally, students received an in-depth talk about career opportunities within the industry which included recruitment opportunities at Spa Experience.

Thank you to Natalie, Beauty Therapy and Body & Spa Therapy tutor for organising this fun day out. Students really enjoyed the experience and have grown in confidence with spa treatments.

## SCARAMANGA AGENCY VISITS CREATIVE ARTS STUDENTS

Our Art & Design Level 2 and 3 students were briefed by local digital marketing agency, Scaramanga. Company Directors, Claire Scaramanga and Simon Leadbetter spoke about how they got to where they are and how so much has changed in education and technology. They explained how it's a lot easier for students to learn through computer accessibility and social media.

The Company Directors gave the students an assignment to come up with ideas for a campaign on 'My Culture' for social media and TV. Simon Leadbetter said: "You need a good hook and core message and always have at least two ideas as a backup for when you pitch to clients."

They both spoke about how important it is to come across as confident when pitching ideas to clients and never be afraid to challenge an idea if you believe it's not right.

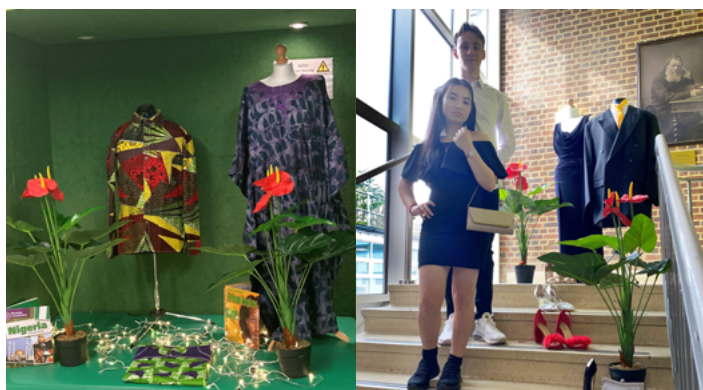
Our students were then shown a recent campaign the company had been working on, which gave a great insight into the industry. Clare said: "Agencies are the best way to develop as you work with a lot of clients. There are the account managers who handle the clients and the creative team who get given the briefs who then pitch to the clients."

Ella inquired about her business idea for tattoos and how she can promote it. Simon said: "It's best to be as creative as you can on social media to make you unique. You should have the progress of the tattoo on your social wall to stand out and give the customers a journey."





## BUSINESS STUDENTS EXCEL AT CREATING VISUAL MERCHANDISING DISPLAYS



Our Business Management Level 3 students were assigned the task of creating their own visual merchandising display. Students were given a set deadline by their tutor, but had free rein to choose the type and the theme of the display.

Students had to plan out the location, the colour scheme, materials needed and the layout of the final display.

Valiyana, Business Management Level 3 student said: *"I learnt that planning is a key element of preparing a visual merchandising display, you really need to think about your target audience."*

Business Management tutor, Patrice said: *"I really have to commend the students for their dedication and hard work, all students had to improvise, and every display was to the highest of standards."*

## APPLIED SCIENCE STUDENTS INVESTIGATE A CRIME SCENE

As part of their practical Applied Science course, our Level 3 students took part in a mock crime scene exercise at the College!

For their Forensic Evidence, Collection and Analysis unit, the investigation covered a break-in at a pharmaceutical laboratory.

The students acted as Scenes of Crime Officers (SOCOs), processing the site and collecting evidence, which consisted of blood, fingerprints, hair and note samples. This will be analysed against records from suspects, which, alongside chemical analysis of the drugs, will help them to find out who is responsible.

Thank you to the tutors and Science Technician, who set up the scenario and planned out which areas of Forensics would be covered. This exercise is a great opportunity for students to experience work in the field and put their knowledge to the test.



## MEET JUAN – ESOL CASE STUDY

Juan is a Colombian student who moved to the UK from Spain. He decided to become a Level 2 ESOL student at JRC to better his English, communication and maths skills. This course also gave Juan the chance to improve his employability and computer skills.

Once Juan completed ESOL Level 2 and 3, he progressed to Vocational Studies in preparation for a full-time Level 1 BTEC, and went to a Level 2 BTEC!

When asking Juan what his plans are after JRC he said: *"In the future I want to study Chemistry at University but for now I will continue to improve my English and progress onto a Level 1 course at the College."*



## HOUSE OF LORDS – AWARDS EVENT

We celebrated two John Ruskin College winners at the South London Best Learner and Teacher Awards earlier this month at the House of Lords, organised by the Committee of South London Principals. Student Union President, Elizabeth was awarded for her fantastic progress and achievements at John Ruskin College. JRC Science lecturer Sue Bennett was awarded for her hard work and dedication to students, ensuring they achieve the highest grades! **Congratulations to them both!**





## CROSS CAMPUS BUBBLE FOOTBALL COMPETITION

Students had an absolute blast competing in the cross-campus Bubble Football competition. It was great to see such sportsmanship across all teams and the perfect way to end the Spring term at the College!

## SCREEN AND FILM SCHOOL LIVE WORKSHOP

Hair and Media Make-up Level 3 students were invited to a live workshop by Georgia Winstanley the Outreach Manager at Screen and Film School, based in Brighton.

Students were given special effects and straight make-up demonstrations by LJ Art Production, and applied these skills based on the HBO TV series 'Euphoria' whilst working on a film set!



## CONSTRUCTION HAS BEEN BUSY!

The Construction Department at John Ruskin College has been busy over the last couple of months, coordinating student projects and carrying out maintenance around the College. Our Basic Construction Skills students had the exciting opportunity of refurbishing a classroom within the College, using the skills and techniques learned within their lessons.

Students were given a turnaround time of two months during their lesson time to complete the task.

Our Property Maintenance Apprentices were also set an interesting maintenance task to get their teeth into. They were asked to clear out the debris, rubble, and green waste behind the College and on the tennis courts. The Apprentices worked alongside their tutors to clear fences around the College, insert wooden posts into a concrete flooring, and clear the designated area.

The Property Maintenance Apprentices are still working hard on clearing the area to allow the Construction department to continue their developments.

Lastly, the Painting and Decorating students were tasked with using their newly learned skills and techniques to brighten up the Painting and Decorating corridor.

Painting and Decorating tutor, Justine was impressed by the students' collaboration and teamwork. Students demonstrated a high level of professionalism and completed the task within realistic deadlines.

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## wellbeing HUB



## THE 'I AM' PROJECT



The 'I Am' Project is a new initiative in which the College is working in partnership with Croydon Communities Partnerships, bringing awareness to topics like trauma, mental health, and wellbeing.

Megan, a JRC student said: "There are lots of different activities to do. It's really interesting and no one will judge what you say".

Sessions include workshops that aim to give students the skills needed to improve self-care and self-awareness and promote healthy habits physically and mentally.

Sessions take place at the end of the College day. If you would like to get involved, come and see Karyn Thomas in the LRC to complete an application form.



### HOW DO I COPE?

National Stress Awareness Month

ELIZABETH  
Student Union President 2022

"I write poetry, listen to music and like to go for walks. It helps clear my mind and feel ready for the day!"

For Stress Awareness Month, Student Union President Elizabeth shared how she manages her stress.

The College also recognised Mental Health Awareness Week – the theme of which was 'Loneliness'.

To read more on either of these stories, visit our social media pages.

If you need a bit of support or want to find out more, visit our Wellbeing Hub. This is a one-stop-shop, packed with resources for taking care of your mental health, including contact details for the Safeguarding Team.

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## enrichment



Get involved this term with our exciting activities programme! Taking part is a great way of meeting new people, learning some new skills and having fun! You'll find a wide variety of activities that you can participate in outside of your academic timetable.

Go to [www.johnruskin.ac.uk/enrichment](http://www.johnruskin.ac.uk/enrichment) to download the full programme. Book your place by popping into Client Services or emailing Harvey Kellard at [enrichment@johnruskin.ac.uk](mailto:enrichment@johnruskin.ac.uk)



**student UNION**  
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Run for students by students, the SU is here to represent your voice in the College. The SU also supports the local community through voluntary work for a range of causes. Join our fortnightly meetings in the Activity Hub.  
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[www.johnruskin.ac.uk/student-union](http://www.johnruskin.ac.uk/student-union)

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## OPEN EVENT

Following the launch of the Student Union on the College website, representatives were present at the College's most recent Open Event.

SU President Elizabeth, and Vice-President Emily, spoke to potential students. They then took groups of visitors on tours of the College, answered questions, explained the role of the College's SU, and gave our guests a great insight into what it's like to be a student at JRC!





# CAREERS & PROGRESSION | T LEVELS

## CAREERS & JOBS FAIR

Students, staff, and members of the wider community joined us in our first in-person Careers & Jobs Fair since the merger with East Surrey College.

Attendees had access to a wide range of employers, charities, and universities to discover a host of career, volunteering, and work experience opportunities in the local area.

We welcomed more than 150 attendees and over 30 exhibitors from different industries including Business, IT & Customer Service, Caring Services, Construction & Engineering, Public Services, Volunteering, and Progression & Careers Advice.

Attendees also spoke with members of our Careers Team to learn more about progression opportunities including Apprenticeships, T Levels, and Higher Education. Alongside this, we promoted our Full-time and Part-time courses as well as Higher Education courses for our sister college East Surrey College. Attendees could also speak with a representative from our HR department, to find out more about our current job vacancies.

A big thank you to all exhibitors for giving up their time to attend our Careers & Jobs Fair and speak with our students and members of the public.



## Careers Advice and Guidance

Visit [www.johnruskin.ac.uk/about-careers-hub](http://www.johnruskin.ac.uk/about-careers-hub), pop into Client Services to book a 1:1 chat or contact the team at [careershub@osc.ac.uk](mailto:careershub@osc.ac.uk) or on 020 8651 1131



### T Level Courses at JRC

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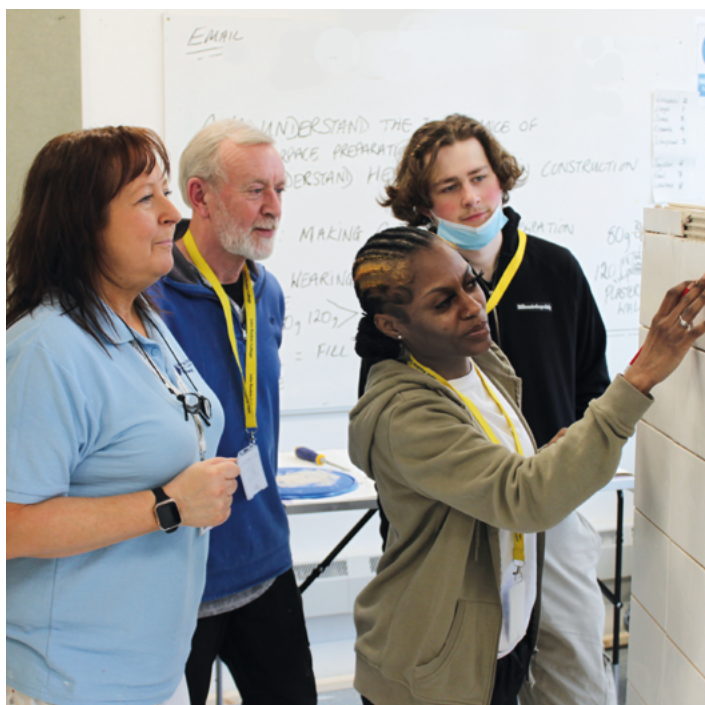
Your T Level will help you to step straight into your chosen career, an apprenticeship or a degree.

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# APPRENTICESHIPS | HIGHER EDUCATION

## NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK – TIME TO CELEBRATE



This was an exciting opportunity to celebrate our Apprenticeships, engage with a range of local and national employers, and learn a little more about the Apprenticeship offer at Orbital South Colleges.

Our first Apprenticeship event of the week was in Construction, where Tutor Andy gave an in-depth talk on some of the best Apprenticeships our Level 1 Construction students can take up. Andy advised a good Construction Apprenticeship will include a wide range of different jobs so your skill-set is increased.

Course tutor Justine spoke about the variety of skills you acquire on the Property Maintenance Apprenticeship including tiling, building, and painting and decorating. Our students were confident their employer will keep them on after the Apprenticeship because of their newly learned skill-set.

Tutor Andy Hodgkinson spoke to our Level 1 and 2 Carpentry students who are very keen to do an Apprenticeship this September. He advised, "An Apprenticeship is a gateway to employment and you're being taught by industry experts."

Our final Apprenticeship event of the week was in Painting and Decorating. Tutor Justine Chart explained the Apprenticeship offers students excellent facilities to learn important technical procedures such as repairing woodwork, lining paper and preparing and using filler.

Jack said, "The facilities are great with plenty of space to work on your own project. I have learned new things at college which I apply at work."

Beverly commented, "I want to understand the theory side properly and to be a certified painter and decorator. This status will give me much better chances of being employed".

**Find out  
more about  
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## WHY CHOOSE HIGHER EDUCATION WITH ORBITAL SOUTH COLLEGES?

Alam started her career journey as a mature student at our sister college, East Surrey College in Redhill, studying for a Foundation Degree in Business. Alam felt this gave her the best of both worlds — the opportunity to further her career, but also to continue working part-time and manage childcare for her two children.

She recommends the Higher Education courses as the fees are much lower than at university, and she felt supported by her lecturers, learning in small classes.

Alam went on to gain a degree at the University of Surrey, and now lectures for Orbital South Colleges!

Higher Education is an investment in your future. With industry-experienced tutors, excellent facilities and flexible entry requirements, Orbital South Colleges can help you stand out from the crowd.

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## Open Event

Saturday 18 June

10:00-12:30



Our Open Event is for all members of the community who are considering their options within education. Our courses provide the opportunity to increase your career options, upskill or enjoy a leisure course, there is something for everyone!

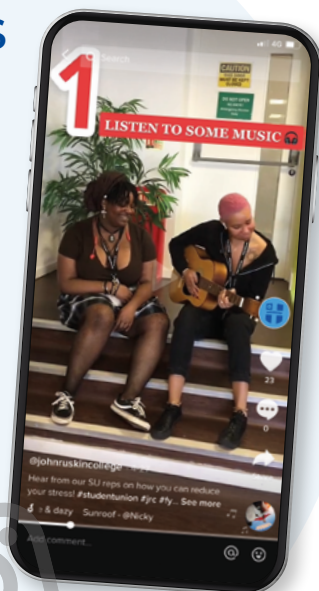
Pre-register at [www.johnruskin.ac.uk/events](http://www.johnruskin.ac.uk/events)

## CONNECT WITH US ON SOCIAL MEDIA!

Keep up-to-date with what we've been up to. Be sure to comment, like, follow and share our posts via our channels!



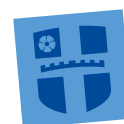
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