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CAREERS NEWSLETTER



At Wimbledon College, we are dedicated to providing our students with the insights, skills, and experiences necessary to prepare for the future. This term has been exceptionally vibrant, with a series of impactful events designed to inspire and inform. From engaging workshops to insightful talks by our alumni and professionals, we have focused on equipping students with the knowledge and opportunities to explore their aspirations.

University vs. Apprenticeships

Our Poetry (12) students had the opportunity to hear from two of our alumni, **Scott Damoo** and **Daniel Isaak** who chose the apprenticeship route after Sixth form. They discussed the pros and cons of university degrees versus higher or degree apprenticeships, offering a balanced perspective and helping students consider all available pathways.



Raphaël Maurin, an Old Wimbledonian (OW) and current undergraduate at Oxford, delivered the first "*Sinnott Careers Talk*" of the year, sharing his journey through the Oxbridge application process, university life, and academic experiences with our Sixth Form students.



Syntax and Poetry (Years 11 and 12) students considering apprenticeships attended a **Careers Starter Apprenticeship Workshop**, gaining valuable insights into apprenticeship pathways. The ASK programme focused on helping students understand entry-level apprenticeships and how they can serve as a strong foundation for future careers.

Through the **ASK programme**, Rhetoric (13) students considering the apprenticeship pathway participated in a hands-on workshop designed to simulate an **assessment centre** experience. This allowed them to practice key skills such as group discussions, presentations, and problem-solving in a professional setting.



Grammar (Year 10) Business Studies students had the opportunity to participate in the King's Trust **Enterprise Challenge**, an exciting competition that allowed them to develop their entrepreneurial skills. Through this challenge, students engaged in hands-on activities that tested their creativity, teamwork, and problem-solving abilities.

Poetry (12) students attended an inspiring **Careers and Skills for the Future** Panel Talk, featuring **Susanna Rustin** (Guardian journalist), **Aidan Peck** (Engineer and OW), and **Phoebe Light** (Senior Development Manager). The speakers shared valuable insights on future-proofing careers, emphasizing the skills needed to thrive in an ever-changing job market. Their discussions helped students understand the importance of adaptability, continuous learning, and staying ahead in a rapidly evolving professional landscape.



Syntax (Year 11) students attended an assembly with **Richard Fisher** from **Kingston College**, where he highlighted post-16 options, vocational courses, and alternative pathways.



A group of Lower Grammar (Year 9) students had the unique opportunity to visit the **Tangle Teezer** head office, where they gained valuable insights into the inner workings of a successful business. The visit allowed them to learn about potential career paths in product design, marketing, and more. In an exciting twist, the students even had the chance to pitch their own product ideas to the CEO, experiencing firsthand what it takes to bring an innovative concept to life.

We were delighted to welcome OW **Thomas Groenen**, an International Tax Partner at the **PwC** New York office, back to school to deliver a "Sinnott Careers Talk." Students from across the Higher Line (Years 10-13) were highly engaged by his career journey. Thomas shared valuable insights on university pathways, degree apprenticeships, and what employers are looking for in the fields of accounting and finance.

Poetry (Year 12) students gained meaningful understanding of the evolving world of work and its impact on London's labour market, thanks to a presentation by Monet Durieux from GLA Economics.



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Thank you to all of the alumni speakers who generously gave up their time to come and help our students better understand and prepare for their future careers!