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CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This half-term has been an exciting period for Careers at Wimbledon College, packed with engaging events, insightful talks, and valuable opportunities for students across year groups. From National Apprenticeship Week in February to a week-long celebration of National Careers Week in March, students have explored diverse career pathways, gained industry insights, and developed essential skills for their futures.



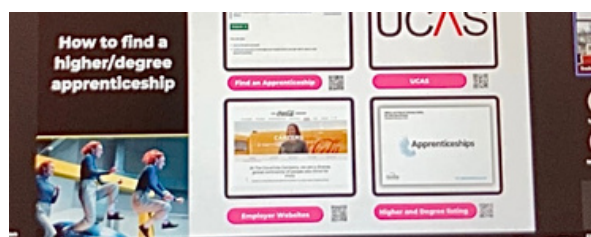
Figures (Y7) had the unique opportunity to take part in **the Royal Navy Leadership and Teamwork Challenge**, a dynamic and engaging event designed to develop key employability skills.

Delivered by experienced Royal Navy officers, the challenge focused on leadership, communication, and resilience—key attributes that are vital in everyday life and future careers.

Throughout the day, students participated in a series of hands-on activities that tested their ability to work under pressure, think critically, and experienced first-hand what it takes to be an effective leader and team player. The event also provided insight into the diverse career and apprenticeship opportunities available within the Royal Navy.



As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring students are well-informed about alternative pathways to higher education, Wimbledon College hosted a **Virtual Apprenticeship Introduction** session in collaboration with **Mentyoo and LDN Apprenticeships** for students in Lower Grammar (Y9) and Grammar (Y10). Boys gained an understanding of the benefits and different levels of apprenticeships and the industries they cover,





Syntax (Y11) had the fantastic opportunity to hear from **Laurie Dalrymple, the CEO of Harlequins F.C.**, as he shared his experiences and insights into leadership, resilience and the dynamic world of professional sports management. He encouraged students to be proactive in gaining experience, networking, continuously developing their skills and reinforced key lessons about ambition, perseverance, and the evolving landscape of sports careers.



Poetry (Y12) students had a chance to attend a session with **Natalie Robinson, a specialist neuro physiotherapist** who spoke about the pathway to becoming a physiotherapist, including the required university degrees, clinical placements, and specialisms available within the profession. She highlighted the importance of communication skills, problem-solving, and resilience in this career, encouraging students to consider work experience in healthcare settings if they were interested in pursuing a similar path.

As part of the Sinnott Talk series, Old Wimbledonian and fashion entrepreneur **Nicholas "Dex" Amfo-Gyamareh** gave **Grammar** (Year 10) students a behind-the-scenes look at the world of fashion design, business, and what it takes to start your own brand. He shared the challenges he faced along the way, offering honest insights into the industry while inspiring students to think big and pursue their own ambitions with confidence.



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!

During National Science Week, we hosted another inspiring Sinnott Talk featuring Old Wimbledonian **Yusif Alsayegh, a Verification Systems Engineer**. He shared his fascinating career journey and provided invaluable insights into the world of STEM with our **Poetry** (Year 12) and **Rhetoric** (Year 13) students studying A-level Mathematics and Physics.

Poetry (Year 12) also had the opportunity to visit the **University of Surrey**, gaining insight into university life and the diverse degree options and apprenticeships available after A-levels. The visit enabled students to explore their higher education pathways and reflect on their next academic and professional steps.

His personal story struck a chord with students as he shared the challenges he faced, emphasising the importance of perseverance and resilience in navigating the constantly changing job market.

We also welcomed **Peter Mather**, a leading expert in the energy sector, for an engaging talk on **The Future of Energy**, where he discussed renewable energy, climate change, and sustainability, inspiring many to consider careers in the field.

Next term is shaping up to be a busy one as we approach the work experience placement week for Grammar (Y10) and Poetry (Y12) students in July. These placements are a vital opportunity for our students to gain real-world experience and insight into potential career paths. If any of you are able to offer a placement to one or more of our students, or know of someone who could, please don't hesitate to get in touch with us at careers@wimbledoncollege.org.uk.