

CAREERS NEWSLETTER

This term has been filled with a rich variety of Careers Education engagements, each offering fresh insights, practical skills, and inspiration for thinking about the future. The events highlighted here are just a snapshot of the term, yet they show how students have been able to develop qualities that go beyond academic achievement. From meeting professionals and visiting universities to taking part in mentoring sessions and hands-on challenges, they have been encouraged to be curious, resilient, and thoughtful about their choices. These opportunities aren't just about exploring potential jobs, but they help young people grow in confidence, reflect on their strengths and interests, develop new skills, and gain a clearer sense of who they are and what they might aspire to be, both personally and professionally.



Nicholas Amfo-Gyamera gave Rudiment (**Year 8**) a glimpse into the world of fashion business, blending insights into the industry with lessons in personal development. Pupils explored how creativity and resilience are essential not only in fashion but across all career paths. They were encouraged to reflect on their own ambitions, consider how to set meaningful goals, and recognise the value of persistence and adaptability.

Adam Moriarty, an ex semi-professional footballer, shared his journey from sport into business. He spoke about managing and building effective teams at **AM Sports Academy**, offering Business and Economics students insight into how skills developed through sport can transfer directly into careers, highlighting the importance of leadership, resilience and teamwork.



As part of our **Sinnott Careers Talks** and wider alumni engagement, we were fortunate to welcome back several former students this term, each offering pupils valuable insight into life beyond Wimbledon College.



Scott Damoo, Daniel Isaak and Lexiss Frimpong shared their personal experiences of choosing between **university** and **apprenticeship** routes. Through honest reflection, they explored the realities, benefits and challenges of each pathway, helping pupils understand that there is no single definition of success. The session encouraged Poetry (**Year 12**) students to reflect on their own strengths, ambitions and circumstances, reinforcing the importance of making informed, individual decisions about their futures.

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!



The **King's Trust Enterprise Challenge** gave Grammar (**Year 10**) a hands-on opportunity to explore entrepreneurship and business skills. Working in teams, they developed business ideas, tackled real-world problems, and presented their solutions. The experience helped pupils build important employability skills such as creativity, initiative, collaboration, and confidence, showing them how these abilities can be applied in future careers and professional environments.

Poetry (**Year 12**) students participating in the **Advertising Unlocked Insight Day at RAPP London**, explored both the creative and business sides of the advertising industry. They worked collaboratively to develop teamwork, problem-solving, and presentation skills, gaining practical insight into how the industry operates. The experience helped pupils understand what it takes to succeed in a professional setting and inspired them to think about the transferable skills needed for future careers.



We welcomed **Councillor Usaama Waweesa** to Wimbledon College, who gave **Figures (Year 7)** a valuable insight into careers in public service and politics. Pupils learned how Parliament and local councils operate and the important roles individuals play within democratic institutions. The session encouraged them to think critically about leadership, representation, and civic responsibility, whilst also broadening their understanding of potential career pathways in governance and public service.

Kingston College spoke to **Lower Grammar (Year 9)** and **Syntax (Year 11)**, providing an introduction to local further education options. Boys learned how different courses and institutions can support a wide range of career pathways. They were encouraged to reflect on how their strengths, interests, and skills align with potential subjects and courses, helping to foster informed decision-making and early career planning.



Through the **King's Trust Mosaic Mentoring Programme**, a group of **Rudiment (Year 8)** pupils had the opportunity to visit **Santander Bank** for an insight day. The visit gave them a firsthand look at the workings of a major financial institution, including the variety of roles and career paths within the banking sector.



Orthoptist, Eden Nabiyou visited Wimbledon College to provide insight into Allied Health Professions. She explained the pathways to becoming an orthoptist and the skills required for effective patient care. Sixth Form students gained a greater understanding of the diversity of roles within the healthcare sector and the importance of key skills such as empathy and communication.

Syntax (Year 11) was inspired by social entrepreneur **Lawrence Tijjani**, who shared how his challenges led him to create **Just A Guy**, a London-based non-profit organisation. During his visit, Lawrence shared how ambition, resilience, and self-belief can open doors, and he encouraged students to see that career paths are rarely linear.



This term, students also explored a wide range of higher education, STEM, and apprenticeship opportunities, helping them make informed decisions about their futures. Visits and talks from **Surrey University**, **Cambridge University**, and **Merton College (Oxford)** gave students insight into university life, course choices, and academic expectations, while **Professor Stuart Mangles from Imperial College** inspired them with cutting-edge STEM research and the real-world applications of scientific knowledge. They also engaged with vocational and professional pathways through the **Festival of Apprenticeships** event and a session with recruitment expert **Sean Bourke**, learning about workplace expectations, networking, employability skills, and alternative routes beyond university.

