

Employers' Information and Involvement Opportunities

The careers programme at ICollege Alternative Education is supported by the Careers and Enterprise Company, working in conjunction with the Thames Valley Berkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP). We would particularly like to acknowledge the support of Sian Burnett, who is our Enterprise Coordinator.



We have been most grateful for the ongoing support and involvement of Steph Ackerman of Sovereign Housing. Sovereign have provided apprenticeship workshops, hosted and arranged mock interviews, welcomed students to road show taster sessions and provided work experience.



A big 'thank you' to RSSI who have generously offered to deliver activity-based fun science sessions across the learning provisions at iCollege. We look forward to these sessions enhancing our future programmes.

iCollege are delighted to be collaborating with Westcoast on our forthcoming careers programme. We are super-impressed by the energy and support they have extended to iCollege students.



How employers can help

We aim to help every student to reach their full potential and progress on to their chosen destination by providing them with a broad range of employer and careers related opportunities. This can only be achieved with the help and support of parents, employers and alumni.

The iCollege Careers and PSHCE team offer over 40 events including visits, speaker sessions and employer workshops. ICollege seek to actively encourage more employers to partner with us to inspire and inform our students and to support their development to successful working lives and contributing members of society. Regular careers updates together with requests for assistance with careers events will be provided through the school website, careers newsletter and other social media.

We appreciate that your time is valuable and all employers' contributions would be most welcome. Here are some examples of how an employer could get involved in careers activities:

- Provide a 'careers insight' talk to students about your career path and current career area
- Act as an interviewer at a mock interview or event
- Attend our careers fair or speed networking event
- Host a workplace visit for a small group of students (1-2 hours)
- Host a Year 10 work experience (WEX) student for a week in June, or Year 12 WEX student for a week in July, or provide a Year 11 extended WEX placement for an afternoon per week, or a Year 12 extended WEX placement for a day per week.

We would be delighted to hear from you with reference to any of the above; or if you have any further ideas to support our careers programme, please get in touch with Ali Haynes on 07464895993 or ahaynes@icollege.org.uk