



Happy Easter from South Thames Colleges Group!



1 - Spring Newsletter from the Business Partnerships Team



We start with a special thank you to Riccardo and Paulo from Togada for their professionalism and patience in creating a team photo and individual headshots for us. Their Creative Media Production Company took time to understand our needs and put us at ease, an excellent service! Check out their animation, photography, and videography communication offers at [Home - Togada](#)

South Thames Colleges Group values the relationships with all of our employers and stakeholders as we aim to equip our students and wider community with great learning

opportunities. We are also keen to ensure our training and services offer is meeting your business needs.

We would love to hear from you about your experience of partnering with us. All feedback will be collated and any suggestions to improve our practice will be greatly appreciated. You can access the link here to complete a short survey: [Survey Link](#)

Many thanks for your help.

SPRING TERM events

National Apprenticeship Week

This term we are focused on Apprenticeships and following up from the 2 employer fairs at South Thames College and Kingston College during National Apprenticeship Week- a huge thankyou to all the employers who attended and spoke with our students about opportunities with their business. Our students also enjoyed guest talks, construction site visits and carpentry workshops, industry insights are crucial to bringing jobs to life and helping students understand the skills needed to succeed.

Employer fair at South Thames





Electrical Apprentice of the Year Award-this went to Joshua Simpson a level 3 Electrical Apprentice at Carshalton College. His assessor said "Joshua stands out for his exceptional work ethic, dedication and enthusiasm to his studies. His commitment to both practical and theoretical aspects of his apprenticeship are truly impressive"

More News

We are pleased to report that we recently tendered and won a bid for 5 Level 6 Chartered Management Degree Apprentices with Surrey County Council and they look forward to studying with us at Kingston College this September. We have a range of professional courses offering in person and online off-the-job training options. If you are interested in learning more about the apprenticeships across our group that we have on offer, please contact; business@stcg.ac.uk

We are delighted that South Thames College has been shortlisted for the "Diversity and Inclusion Award" for their entry into the Wandsworth Borough Business Awards. We are proud of the support we offer to all learners to help them achieve their goals and lifelong learning opportunities and are looking forward to the Awards on 11th June!



On Tuesday, March 25th, Kingston College hosted a delightful networking breakfast, featuring coffee, pastries, and engaging conversations centred around the upcoming reforms to the Growth and Skills Levy. Employers expressed keen interest in learning more about the changes, which promise to bring greater flexibility and broader training options. The new Growth and Skills Levy will allow businesses to use funds for a wider range of training programs, including shorter courses and upskilling initiatives, not just traditional apprenticeships. This shift aims to address regional skills gaps and support high-demand sectors. We will continue to share updates as more information becomes available.

Apprenticeship Offer September 2025 starts

Carshalton College

Level 2 Carpentry and Joinery

Level 3 Electrical Installation and Maintenance

Level 3 Plumbing and Domestic Heating Technician

Kingston College

Level 2 & Level 3 Business Administrator (online)

Level 2 Motor Vehicle /Autocare Technician

Level 3 Engineering Technician

Level 3 Laboratory Technician

Level 4 Engineering Manufacturing Technician

Level 5 HR People Professional

Level 6 Chartered Management Degree (CMDA)

Merton College

Level 4 Data Analyst (online)

Level 4 Digital Product Manager (online)

South Thames College, Wandsworth

Level 3 Assistant Accountant

Level 3 Civil Engineering

Level 4 Civil Engineering Senior Technician

Level 4 Construction Site Supervisor

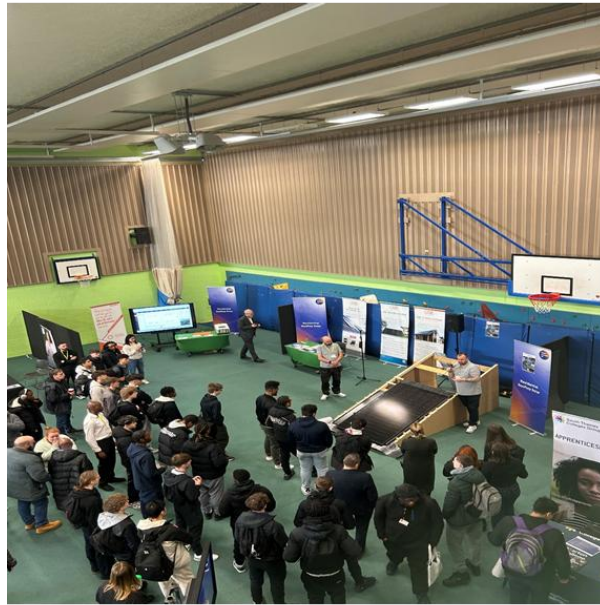
Level 4 Mammography Associate

Level 6 Civil Engineering Degree (information on request)

If you are looking to enrol a new or existing employee on one of our Apprenticeship courses, please ask them to complete [Apprenticeship Employment Details Form](#)

For any support with Apprenticeship recruitment please contact Business@stcg.ac.uk

Solar Careers Fair



On Wednesday, 5th March, South Thames College held its second Solar Careers Fair in partnership with Solar Energy UK. Around 180 students from across the group got the chance to meet 13 employers from the solar and green industries, finding out about the skills they'll need and the exciting career opportunities available.

[GSE](#) brought along a Solar Panel Demo Rig, which they kindly donated to our construction students — a fantastic addition to their learning! Industry leaders also ran a series of short, insightful talks in our pop-up theatre.

In the afternoon, over 150 adults stopped by to chat with employers, explore roles in construction and sustainable industries, and apply for job vacancies in the Recruitment Zone.

Our students had a great time, with highlights including "talking to companies," "learning how solar works," and "finding out about job and apprenticeship options in the solar industry."

South Thames Colleges Group is delighted to have achieved Platinum Net Zero Standard as part of its road to net zero. This recognises the achievement of a **53.89%** reduction of the College Group's total carbon emissions since the benchmark period in 2018-19. Check out our Net Zero course offer here: [Net Zero](#)

out and about



" Maggie Moore Business Partnership Coordinator at South Thames College Group attended the Barclays "Unlock the Full Potential of Barclays" at a unique networking seminar at their Clapham Junction branch. Maggie Moore gave a presentation on the course offers and training opportunities, showcasing the breath of the college course offer. You can find out more here;

[Courses](#)

Careers Discovered

On Wednesday 19th March Merton College was delighted to host Careers Leaders and Educators from schools across the South London region for an all day event "Careers Discovered". Guests heard from employers in Construction, Tech, Hospitality, Health, Creative and Green Industries about latest developments and career opportunities for young people. They also heard about links between subject areas and careers and how important contact with industry leaders is; "you can't be what you can't see". Staff from the Schools and Business Partnerships Teams, Employability and Careers teams took part to network, upskill and seek new opportunities for students.



Upcoming Opportunities

Merton Chamber Business Networking Lunch

Join us at Taste Restaurant, Merton College on Thursday 8th May 12-2pm for a delicious buffet lunch served by the Catering and Hospitality students. There will be time to network with other Merton Businesses and hear about how the college builds an industry ready workforce.

Book your tickets here; Networking Lunch at Taste Restaurant - Merton Chamber of Commerce [Upcoming Events - Merton](#)

We are looking for a new governor to join our board!

South Thames Colleges Group, one of London's largest providers of post-16 education, is seeking dynamic individuals to join our Governing Body. With four main campuses – Carshalton, Kingston, Merton, and South Thames College – we proudly serve over 10,000 students and are rated "Good" by Ofsted, with Outstanding Financial Health.

We're on the lookout for commercially savvy people from diverse industries (including health, construction, manufacturing, engineering, or digital sectors) and diverse backgrounds. We're keen to find people who want to help us achieve the ambitions of more students and partners than ever before, transforming diversity into success, growing wellness, and inspiring students to thrive.

We need:

- **Governors with sector expertise** in industries where many of our students aspire to build their careers.
- **One governor with legal experience.**
- **One governor with safeguarding experience.**
- **One governor with a track record in race relations, inclusion, and tackling inequality.**

No previous governance or education experience required – just a passion for education and a commitment to inclusion!

Governance is a voluntary, unremunerated role, but the personal rewards of contributing to the college's mission are immeasurable. Board meetings take place in the early evenings, with some held online.

Interested? Reach out to our Head of Governance, Helen Meredith at Helen.Meredith@stcg.ac.uk to learn more – we'd love to hear from you!

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