



Spring Newsletter from the Business Partnerships Team



Can you spot the new addition?!

Welcome to Omar Reeves, Business Partnerships Manager

Omar brings valuable experience in partnership development, stakeholder engagement, and collaborative project delivery—skills that will strengthen our work with employers, community partners, and internal teams across the Group



Did you Know?

The Gas Training and Assessment Centre at Carshalton College is a leading provider of Gas, Plumbing and Heating training to industry professionals.

With state-of-the-art facilities and no VAT, we offer a range of courses including the three-day refresher fully accredited by the Guild of Gas Fitters.

To find out more please contact; 02085444574

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Events

National Apprenticeship Week 2026

Our two-star apprentices Harry and Josh being handed their certificates by visiting MPs; Bobby Dean MP Carshalton and Wallington and Luke Taylor, MP Sutton and Cheam who were very impressed with our apprentices' level of commitment and a great turnout by employers at the Apprenticeship Information Event at Carshalton College.



Schools and Business Partnerships offered a range of successful activities across our four colleges, local libraries, JCP's and schools to reach over 1000 learners including our own students, prospective students, DWP clients, parents/ carers. The teams engaged with 30 employers over the week, 12 of these were new employer contacts who were impressed with our student engagement;

"I particularly enjoyed the positive interaction between students and the welcoming environment." (Printing Planet)

Over 200 South Thames College (STC) students and learners from 4 local schools attended the Tuesday morning Employer Fair where we had 17 employers exhibit from a range of industries including; Film production, Journalism, NHS, Childcare, Hospitality, Development, Construction and Renewables.

"I particularly enjoyed having meaningful conversations with students and pupils from All background. Imparting my knowledge or signposting was also key. I felt welcomed by the staff and look forward to developing partnership working" (Central London NHS).





If you would like to be involved at our next Employer Fair, we would love to see you! Please get in touch; business@stcg.ac.uk

On Wednesday, 15 Students from South Thames College attended a one-day Dragons Den style event hosted by Roehampton University at their campus, while groups of STC Business students attended two Apprenticeship Insight Sessions at Wandsworth Council- they have been invited to apply for summer paid internship opportunities!



Business Partnerships offered an Employability skills and Apprenticeships session at Wandsworth JCP in the morning and Spear Charity in the afternoon reaching 17 adults 19+.

Feedback from Spear contact Miriam; *“South Thames College Group came and hosted an apprenticeship session for our trainees, which was informative and insightful. The*

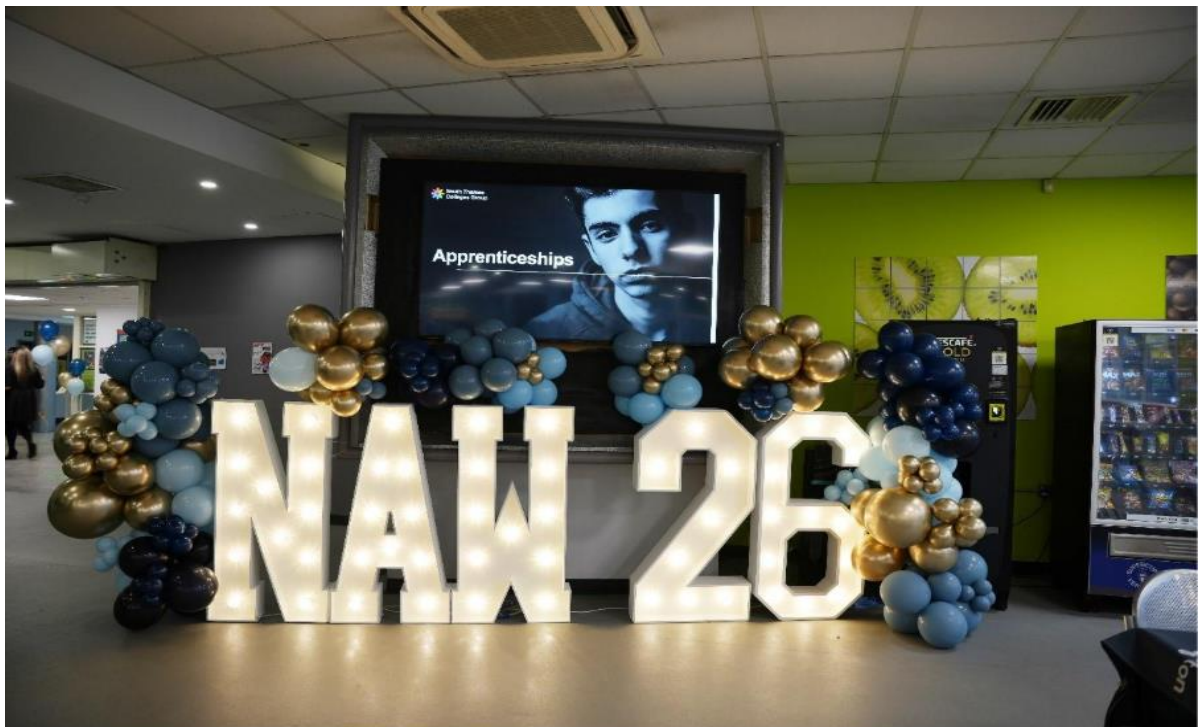
reaction from our trainees was really positive, with a lot feeling hopeful about applying for apprenticeships. I think that the session helped apprenticeships feel achievable and realistic for our young people, with the outcome hopefully being that we can work on applications with them...South Thames College Group was a really constructive and impactful session."

On Thursday evening at Carshalton College, the team held an Apprenticeships Information Evening where over 400 guests had registered for this **event evidencing a strong interest in apprenticeships**. 13 employers from a range of industries showcased opportunities and career pathways including; UK Border Security, Aim London, Equans, Cubic, The Shore Group, Positive+, Cardo Group, RBK, Murphy's, Croydon NHS, Berkely Homes, Hill Group. Employers relayed that they felt the event was well organised and they enjoyed meeting people who seemed very engaged and interested in opportunities.





During the event, via repeat presentations, guests heard about how apprenticeships work, how to find an employer, entry requirements and opportunities.



Find out more here

[Free Photoshoot.pdf](#)

Want to get involved?

We're always looking to connect our students with real-world insight and meaningful industry experiences. If your organisation can offer an insight day, workplace visit, or behind-the-scenes look at your sector, we'd love to hear from you. Opportunities like these help our learners deepen their understanding of your industry, build confidence, and explore future career pathways. Your involvement makes a genuine difference to their development and helps strengthen the link between education and employment.

Contact: Business@stcg.ac.uk

Other News and Upcoming



Mind the skills gap see full report [Local London Plan - Towards 2026](#)

Kingston College's Engineering, Manufacturing and Science Employer Afternoon Tea – Thursday 26th March 3pm

Join us for an informal afternoon where industry meets innovation! Hear from SIAS, the EPAO specialists in Engineering and Science, and get the inside scoop on upcoming changes. Discover Kingston College's exciting new engineering apprenticeship programmes launching in September 2026, share your feedback, ask questions, and help us shape training that works for your business—all over a proper afternoon tea ☕ afternoon tea!

Whether you already employ apprentices or are exploring your options, this session is your chance to future-proof your workforce.

Please contact Rebecca.Dalton@stcg.ac.uk for more information.

Webinar

We will be hosting an online Lunchtime webinar and Q+A session for employers to learn more about Apprenticeships, including new Foundation Apprenticeships: how they work, what support is offered and what is available.

Time 12-12.45pm

Tuesday 21st April

Joining link; https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_NWI2M2U4YTgtMDAzYy00ZTc3LTgxZjMtMzc4YWUxODNiODVl%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f2ba9203-2b88-498e-b10b-cf523a28f30c%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%22d0f271b3-5155-420e-803c-e68cf412e4e8%22%7d

Out and About

Business Partnership Team were pleased to support Wandsworth Sustainability Network Event





The Business Partnership Team warmly invites employers and stakeholder to share your good news story with us, celebrating your achievements, milestones, and positive moments that have made a real difference. Your story helps highlight the impact of our collective work.

If you have something you're proud of and would like it featured in our next newsletter, we'd love to hear from you. Email: business@stcg.ac.uk



Explore previous editions of the South Thames Colleges Group Business Partnership Newsletter to stay informed about employer collaborations, workforce development initiatives, apprenticeship updates, funding opportunities, and success stories from across our colleges. Each issue showcases how STCG works with industry to develop skills and support your recruitment needs. [Click here](#)

Term Dates

Easter Break – Monday 30th March to Sunday 12th April.

Summer Term – Monday 13th April to Friday 3rd July.

Half Term – Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May

Meet The Team



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