



## Quick Guide – Careers & Employability 2016/17

### What is Careers and Employability Guidance All About?

Every student at Strode's is given access to a range of careers and employability information, advice and guidance. This is provided not only as a focus through curriculum and tutorials, but also through a variety of face to face services and events run by our Careers Departments.

The Careers Department are available to discuss and explore issue with students including:

- The higher education application process and completing application forms
- Advice and guidance on choosing universities, open days and mock universities
- Support with personal statements
- Alternative pathway options for those looking to move into employment, further study, training or an apprenticeship after they finish their studies.
- Information on gap year schemes and placements



### What else do we do?

We support a range of extra-curricular careers focussed event / activities such as:

- Visits to specialist conferences and taster courses, for areas such as medicine, veterinary science, dance, art and design, law and engineering.
- Supporting young people to find work experience and community service placements through our vInspired volunteering scheme.
- The Higher Education Evening and Alternatives to Higher Education Evening.
- Offering specialist information stands and workshops provided by universities, employers and training providers across the academic year.

### Where Else Can I Get Information?

The Careers Department has an extensive Moodle page that offers loads of hints and tips around areas such as:

- Choices and decisions
- UCAS and personal statements
- Open days and taster courses
- Student Finance
- Apprenticeships and alternative pathways
- Work experience
- Studying abroad and gap years.



Careers Moodle

Scan the QR Code to access the page directly whilst in College.

We also regularly issue a 'Latest News' publication with current vacancies, opportunities, events and updates – your guide to everything careers and employability related. Don't forget to also keep an eye out for vacancies and opportunities on the wall outside Student Services.

## The Careers and Employability Team



The Careers Department is run by Innervate Career Services, a team of advisors that are all Levels 6 and 7 qualified in Career Guidance and belong to the Career Development Institutes' Professional register.

### How Do I Get Access this Service?

Opening Times: Monday to Friday  
9.00am to 4.00pm

Current Strode's students are able to book individual appointments with our Careers staff throughout the week. Please email [careers@strodes.ac.uk](mailto:careers@strodes.ac.uk) to make an appointment or come up to the Careers Department in Student Services at any time.

### Useful Websites for Careers and Employability Guidance

[www.ucas.com](http://www.ucas.com)

This is the site for all higher education information, applications and procedures.

[www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk](http://www.studentfinance.direct.gov.uk)

Information about Higher Education finance, student loans & applying online.

[www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk](http://www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk)

New 'all age' careers service including job profiles and information about different courses.

[www.studentladder.co.uk](http://www.studentladder.co.uk) & [www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk)

Information about options post 18, including High apprenticeships, School Leaver Programmes, work experience and gap placements.

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

Register on this site for access to all national apprenticeship vacancies.

### Two of Our Most Popular Events:

#### Higher Education Evening

Each year the Higher Education Information Evening gives parents and students the opportunity to talk to over 50 different universities, listen to presentations from our own careers staff and talk to representatives from local universities. This is a one-stop-shop for all of your higher education questions and will provide advice and guidance on the application process, student finance and university life. In particular, we have close links with universities such as Royal Holloway, Surrey, Kingston, Reading, Southampton and the University of the Creative Arts.



#### Alternatives to Higher Education Evening

For students considering employment and apprenticeships we also hold an "Alternatives to University" event. Meet and network with a range of local and national employers and attend presentations on a range of employment options including apprenticeships.