

NCOP Autumn Term 2017

Year 12 'Getting Ahead of the Game' Event

Goldsmiths University



What a fantastic event to start our NCOP Autumn Term season! Our Year 12 students received an informative and entertaining talk about preparing for university from Goldsmiths Deputy Head of Recruitment, James Ringer.

This was followed by a choice of two truly innovative faculty sessions in Computing or Art. In the Art session for instance, the Year 12 students turned the Goldsmiths cinema into an art installation under the guidance of graduate artist Cara Rainbow.



The day finished with an 'ask the ambassadors' session and talks from both student services and careers guidance about the range of support available to new students, including financial support and also where their degree could take them. They were also given the AHLS map for success. Feedback was overwhelmingly positive from the 5 schools who took part – thanks Goldsmiths!

Year 11 'Ready, Set, Goal' Event

Kingston University



Another outstanding winner! Our Year 11 NCOP cohort had a terrific time at Kingston University! The day started with group activities including 'people bingo' and the ice was well and truly broken. As well as a full complement of Kingston ambassadors, students also benefitted from ambassadors from St Mary's and



Goldsmiths.

Next up were team-building challenges, requiring patience, skill and communication with prizes for the winners.



After lunch the students learned about and researched the range of courses available to study in their areas of interest and were then divided into subject specific areas. They were set tasks which were relevant to their future





study interests, for instance, arts, science, engineering and politics. The arts students tried some film making whilst the engineering students undertook bridge building. There was even one-to-one advice for some. What an action packed day! The Year 11 students had a fantastic time and learned a lot – thank you Kingston and to all of the students and staff who attended!

CPD Reference Writing Workshop

St George's University London

Delivered by Justine Marcham of AHLS and SGULs Senior Admissions Officer, Michelle Butcher, this was a unique opportunity to hear what universities really want to see in a UCAS reference and how to match it to the student's personal statement! Participants were able to compare real life personal statements and references from various universities and learn the outcome of the application. They were also able to take the Power Point presentations and resources back to their own schools to deliver their own CPD sessions.



Hub Activities



Our area hub activities are also underway! Sutton Hub took the lead with an 'Exam Busters' workshop delivered by Positively MAD and even more exciting – an outdoor activity day for all NCOP students in the 3 Sutton Hub schools, following a successful bid by Carshalton Boys Sports College. 85 students were joined by under-graduate ambassadors from Kingston University and had the time of their lives learning to build fires, scale heights, complete challenges – all whilst learning communication and team working skills and building confidence!

Coming Next....

Year 10 'Samples & Skills' Event – Kingston University – 1st November

Year 12/13 – 'Clinical Skills' Workshop – St George's University – 13th December

Parents University Tours – Various AHLS NCOP Universities - December

Year 10 'Solar Car' Event – London South Bank University – 10th January

Year 11 Hounslow Hub 'Cultural Capital' Residential - January