



Howard of
Effingham School

Life -changing education

Call to arms!

Can You Help Inspire the Workforce of Tomorrow?

The Howard of Effingham School is seeking employers, businesses, training providers, colleges and universities to take part in our Careers Fair on **14 October**. We know there is a broad and diverse range of professionals within our parent cohort, please don't be shy!

This is a fantastic opportunity to showcase your organisation, share career insights, and inspire young people as they explore their future options.

 **Careers Fair**

 **14 October 2026**

 **Interested in exhibiting? Get in touch to secure your place.**

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Spaces are limited, and we welcome representatives from a wide range of industries to help students discover the many career pathways available to them.

Reflection on 2025 – 2026

We started with our Work Experience launch in **September** for year 10s with an assembly and a slot in the parents information evening. This fantastic opportunity is just what all our students need to make them work ready and employable in the future.

Ever wondered what it's really like to have a job? Work experience gives Year 10 students the chance to step out of the classroom and into the workplace.

It's a great way to explore different careers, meet new people, and discover what jobs they might enjoy in the future. They will also develop valuable skills like teamwork, communication, and problem-solving, which employers love. Many students finish their placement feeling more confident and motivated about their future. They might even discover a career they had never considered before! So, when the opportunity comes along, students should make the most of it. Work experience isn't just a week away from school, it's a chance for them to take their first step towards your future. 🚀

Also in **September** our year 11s had a fabulous opportunity with Platform 17 to learn and practice some interviews skills. Suzanna & George did an awesome job of bringing this to life for our students.





October saw the return of our annual **Careers Fair**, providing students from all year groups with the opportunity to explore a wide range of career pathways and engage directly with employers, training providers and further education institutions. We were delighted to welcome representatives from **Kier Construction, the BBC, Ridgeback Projects, British Airways, De Vere, Brooklands College**, and many other organisations from a variety of sectors.

The event gave students valuable insight into the world of work, allowing them to ask questions about different careers, qualifications and routes into employment. Whether considering university, apprenticeships, further education or direct entry into the workplace, students were able to gain first-hand advice from industry professionals. The fair proved to be a fantastic opportunity to broaden horizons, challenge perceptions and inspire students to start thinking about their future aspirations with greater confidence and ambition.



October also saw a group of our students attend **SATRO's BeFest**, an inspiring STEM careers event designed to introduce young people to the exciting opportunities available across science, technology, engineering and mathematics industries.

The students had the opportunity to meet and speak with employers from a wide range of sectors, gaining first-hand insight into different career pathways and the skills required to succeed in them. Through interactive activities, demonstrations and discussions with industry professionals, students were encouraged to explore new possibilities, broaden their aspirations and develop a greater understanding of the diverse and rewarding careers available within the STEM sector. The event proved to be both engaging and informative, leaving students motivated and inspired about their future career options.



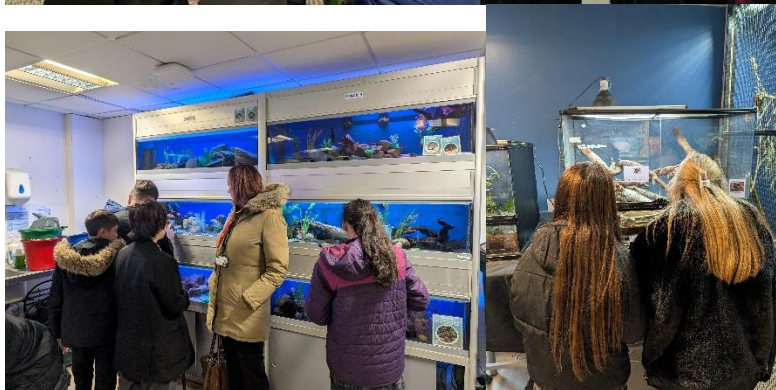
In **November** we launch our collaboration with KBR and introduce a lunchtime club for year 9s called One Ocean, where the students looked at how the world impacts the oceans and what we can do to minimise that



Also in November, we welcomed representatives from the **Royal Navy**, who delivered an exciting & interactive **Ready Steady Cook-style challenge** in partnership with some of our Year 10 Food Technology students. The event combined practical teamwork and problem-solving with an insight into careers within the Armed Forces. While students put their culinary skills to the test, the Naval team spoke about the wide range of opportunities available in the Royal Navy, highlighting the diverse career pathways, training programmes and skills that can be developed through service. The session was both informative and engaging, giving students a valuable opportunity to learn more about careers they may not previously have considered while taking part in a memorable hands-on experience.



On 19 November, a group of students had the opportunity to visit **Merrist Wood College**, where they were welcomed by **Christine Hill**. The visit provided an insight into the wide range of courses, facilities & career pathways available through further education. For many students, the experience was particularly eye-opening, helping to challenge preconceptions about college & showcasing opportunities they may not have considered. Through discussions, tours & practical examples of learning in action, students gained a greater understanding of how college can support a variety of ambitions & career goals. The visit proved both informative & inspiring, encouraging students to think more broadly about their future options & the pathways available to help them achieve their aspirations.



Careers Education Highlights 2026 so far.....

January 2026 began with a focused drive to support our Year 11 students as they considered their next steps. Students who needed additional guidance were given opportunities to discuss their options, explore potential pathways, understand what their chosen routes might require, and receive support with applications. Plus the launch of **Unifrog** for our year 7s.

Several Year 12 students were also fortunate enough to visit **St Hilda's College, Oxford**. During their visit, they toured the college, met current students, enjoyed lunch on campus, and attended an inspiring academic lecture which provided a valuable insight into university life and study.

February saw the celebration of **National Apprenticeship Week**. Students benefited from presentations delivered by representatives from KBR, Activate Learning, Innervate and Surrey County Council. These visitors shared information about apprenticeship opportunities, career pathways and the skills and qualifications required to access them. We held several sessions to support our year 11s with their Post 16 planning.

In **March**, we were delighted to welcome back former student **Matt Henson**, who spoke to a large group of Year 7 students about the importance of following your dreams. Matt shared his journey into writing and directing award-winning films, delivering an engaging and inspirational presentation that proved so popular we invited him back for a second visit.

Also in **March**, **Platform 17** returned to help prepare our Year 10 students for work experience interviews. Suzanna and George entertained students with their memorable "how not to behave in an interview" sketch before leading practical interview activities. Students had the opportunity to interview one another and receive valuable feedback to help build their confidence and interview skills.

April brought a visit from newly commissioned **Second Lieutenant Kit Cornish**, who delivered an informative and engaging assembly to Year 9 students. He later met with a smaller group of particularly interested students to discuss leadership, career opportunities and what it takes to become an Army officer. We also have a visit from **Harriet Etheridge from Genomics England** who came and inspired our year 12s to think about their post A levels choices. And for our year 8 **Katrina Millard** hosted a WOW for us looking into the world of being an author. Our parents had a treat this month too in the form of **InvestIn** who delivered an online event helping to support the conversations at home between parents'/carer givers and young people.

May was particularly busy as we worked with Year 10 students to secure and finalise work experience placements. As in previous years, every student successfully obtained a placement, with opportunities provided by local, national and international organisations, as well as several placements generously hosted by members of Howard staff. Our year 10 s were also treated to a fabulous assembly from **Sienna Lakin from TFL** reliving her experience from University to Graduate programme within TFL; following on from the assembly she hosted a smaller group of students who had questions relating to the industry.

In **June**, a group of Year 10 students visited **Tormead School** in Guildford to attend an exciting aerospace careers event. Students heard from a panel of industry experts representing a wide range of roles within the aerospace sector and enjoyed hands-on experiences using simulators and virtual reality technology, bringing the industry to life.

July, was our full-on month with several fabulous course taster days run by **Nescot College** followed by our annual **Work Experience Week** took place for Year 10 and Year 12 students. A huge thank you goes to everyone who helped make this valuable experience possible: our front office team, year teams, Howard staff who hosted students, the many businesses that offered placements, and of course our determined and enthusiastic students. It is through these partnerships and the generosity of our community that we can provide such meaningful opportunities and help prepare the workforce of the future.

We look forward to seeing what opportunities and experiences 2026-27 will bring!