



JULY 2026

CAREERS NEWSLETTER



Well... we have been VERY busy bees in this last term. Students and staff have completed summer examinations, enrichments trip's out to a wide variety of different venues, college visits, travel training, planter building with a carpenter at Primrose Hill School, a second parent engagement visit, Pride celebrations, school reports, preparing for annual reviews, The World Cup AND a visit from Ofsted!

Have you heard about V Levels?

From September 2027, students will be able to complete a new style of Level 3 qualifications in post-16 education. Each individual V Level is equivalent to one A Level, and they can be mixed and matched with either A levels or any other V Levels to enable students to try out different pathways and subjects. Current vocational qualifications require students to pick a single pathway. These qualifications are particularly useful for young people who might want to explore different sectors. Our students will learn more about these qualifications in Transition lessons as they progress through their schooling. In the meantime, here are subjects you could choose from and when they will start teaching from:

- **September 2027:** Digital Systems and Data, Education and Early Years, and Accounting and Finance.
- **September 2028:** Applied Research & Technology, Construction Design, Engineering Design, Engineering & Manufacturing, Health, Healthcare & Clinical Technologies, and Legal Services.
- **September 2029:** Agriculture, environmental and animal care, catering and hospitality, hair and beauty, and protective services.
- **September 2030:** Art and performing arts, creative and design, and travel and tourism

Local Labour Market Information

Do you know who the 5 largest employers in Essex are?

1. The National Health Service (NHS)



With Trusts across Essex, GP surgeries, and hospitals in every major town, you are likely to encounter an NHS service very close to where you live.

2. Essex County Council



With 7,500 employees, the council provides services to 1.5 million people across the county.

3. University of Essex



This University employs thousands of people on three separate campuses in Southend, Colchester, and Loughton.

4. Ford Motor Company



Considered at stalwart of Essex industrial history Dagenham's and Dunton's Ford sites offer employment in manufacturing, engineering, research and development.

5. London Stansted Airport



A major international transit hub, this airport offers a wide range of career options to aid the transportation of both people and products as well as all the services required to ensure they operation effectively. They even have their own college!

The FIFA World Cup

Huge thanks go out to **Jacob at Brook View School** for running an in-school competition so that students can get more involved in World Cup activities, perhaps learning a little more about different countries across the world at the same time.

The FIFA World Cup trophy, which was the trophy that replaced the “Jules Rimet” Trophy after it went missing in 1983 for the second time (yes, they actually lost it twice!) currently remains unclaimed by a winner as yet with the final on 21st July 2026. Did you know that to this day the original Jules Rimet Trophy is still missing?

Jules Rimet, the trophy's namesake was a French Football Administrator. So, if you are interested in Careers in Sport or would like to view listings for genuinely available roles in football check out this link →



<https://irecruit.efl.com/vacancies/vacancy-search-results.aspx>

Parental Engagement Events

This term, we were delighted to welcome parents, carers, and family members to our Parent Open Afternoon, celebrating the achievements and successes of our students throughout the year.

The event formed part of our ongoing commitment to strengthening home-school partnerships, giving families the opportunity to visit the school, view a range of students' work, and celebrate their progress.

Students proudly showcased their in-depth science-themed projects, completed during their ASDAN Personal Effectiveness Qualification and Key Steps lessons, sharing the knowledge and skills they have developed. Visitors also enjoyed viewing a selection of work created throughout the year before relaxing with some well-deserved refreshments.

Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the afternoon such a wonderful celebration of our students' hard work and achievements.

This term's careers events

Pathways to Potential Event

In June, we were lucky enough to be invited by Essex County Council and the Multi-skills council to attend a careers, training and skills event held in the beautiful surroundings of Braxted Park House in Witham. Students were able to learn about SEND pathways into further education or employment and the support available to help them, while also getting to learn about several types of careers including Essex Police, The NHS, Construction careers with Ensignia and Morgan Sindall, Authors, Fire Rescue and many more. There were some inspirational presentations from past and current SEND students as well as lots of practical activities such as bricklaying, Lego, games and quizzes, biscuit decorating, seed planting, tee-shirt decorating and the chance to meet (and pet) lots of animals including alpacas, pigmy goats, and therapy dogs.



Stansted Airport College Tour

At the beginning of July, we were due to visit Stansted Airport College to have a look at their facilities and learn about the courses they offer. Unfortunately, we had to reschedule due to school closure from the extreme hot weather.

Stansted Airport College, which operates as a part of Harlow College, offers a range of courses that are directly linked to the Aviation industry. These include Hospitality and Travel & Tourism, Aviation Engineering & Maintenance and courses in Aviation Operations and Cabin Crew. As one of the smaller colleges available in the Essex area offering both Level 2 and Level 3 courses, this may be a good option for students who do not want to study in a larger and busier college environment. Of course, any future students would also need to love aeroplanes because the college sits on the edge of the runway with a constant view of plane departures all day, every day.



If life at Stansted Airport College appeals to you, the college have very kindly agreed to accommodate us next year instead. If you want to know more about the college and the courses they offer, have a look at the link below to find out more information:

<https://www.stanstedairportcollege.ac.uk/about/course-guide-2025-26>

Key dates:

Careers Event 1: Friday 02.10.2026 – Talk from Brett Runchman – Being self-employed and running your own business

Careers Event 2: Monday 07.12.2026 – Games “Let’s get talking”

Year 11 Mocks Examinations: 04.11.2026 to 13.11.2026

College application submissions last date: 18.12.2026

Next newsletter: December 2026