



## **Preparing St Martins' students for the future**

At St. Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls, the staff work closely together in helping shape the future of our students who are provided with relevant and up to date information about possible career options, with an emphasis on apprenticeship program as well as further and higher education studies.

The lead teacher in charge of careers at St. Martins works in collaboration with different advisers from Lambeth Investors in Careers (LiC) as well as external agencies to offer the best advice to our students especially in making relevant career choices based on ability as well as interest

Career opportunities are introduced to Key Stage 3 pupils through the school curriculum as they are embedded in the PSHE programme. The career guidance given at this early stage of secondary school life enables the learners to be better prepared for the life after school into the wider community and also enhances the skills required in the competitive world we live in with ever changing technological advancement.

In autumn and winter terms all year 11 students are given an opportunity to discuss with a career adviser on a one to one basis. This is a vital opportunity to genuinely think through and get the assistance in making a possible career choice. In addition this exposes the students to various career activities in and around Lambeth.

### **Partnership**

Over the last five years St. Martin-in-the-Fields High School for Girls continues to enjoy a cordial work relationship with King College, London through its programme 'Hands up for Life' which gives to health and social care an insight into what is happening within the healthcare sector. The Kings College staff visit and participate in numerous activities that are organised and disseminated by different health professionals.

Furthermore, the careers department arranges work experience with different organisations for our KS4 and KS5 students

Students on Level 3 courses attend a Higher Education Seminar at the Greenwich University to gain an overview of the whole spectrum of University

courses on offer. Our students are then guided through the process of choosing a University course, drafting their personal statement, preparing application forms under close guidance of some of our experienced sixth form tutors. These are then proof read by the director of sixth form and her team prior to the final UCAS application submission through the Electronic Application System.

Students are also given the opportunity of pursuing short intermediate courses that enable them to acquire the prerequisite points for their relevant University course.

After applications have been completed, the careers department in collaboration with the director of sixth form invites students to an interview training session to help them develop their communication and presentation skills. Students are also reminded that there is a Help Desk available in school on the outcome of their results to offer additional career guidance, especially through the apprenticeship programme.

Destination of some of our students are displayed on relevant school notice boards. The 2017 destinations will also be accessible via the School Web page in the Careers designated space.

### **Parent information**

The Careers department has embarked on the usage of the parent mail to inform the parents about careers related activities that are scheduled to take place in the school and within the community. Furthermore – it is envisaged that in the new academic year 2017/18 a specific careers event (tbc) will be hosted at St. Martins where parents and students will be invited to interact with a number of career advisers and also get vital information on apprenticeship programmes in the 6<sup>th</sup> form.

Feel free to contact Mr. Blake if you have any concerns or would like to get career related information. Alternatively make an appointment for a meeting.

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