

## Introduction & Welcome

Welcome to the inaugural Schools newsletter. We'll be sending out these short snippets of our work with schools each term to give you a flavour of the activities we offer to your students.

Barking & Dagenham College is a truly great college, delivering inspirational learning and excellence through career focused education. Our mission is to unleash potential and create better futures for our learners, businesses and communities. And that all starts with our school partnerships.



## What we offer At Your School

### Assemblies

We come along to your school at a suitable time for you and provide information on our courses, apprenticeships, and how to apply

### Careers Fairs

We can attend any of your careers fairs, options days, future evenings in order to provide advice and guidance on further study after school.

### Parents Evenings

We can come along to your parents' evenings, offering a chance for the parents to talk to us regarding courses on offer, the college and how the application process works.

### Have-A-Go Sessions

We can bring our courses to the classroom. We run hour-long activities in STEM, Digital Media and Business/Career Skills. If there is a subject you would like us to bring to you, get in touch and we'll do our best to accommodate.



## On Our Campus

### Campus Tours

We offer tailored campus tours to groups of students who would like to see the college in action. These take place during college hours in order for students to have a feel of what it would be like to study here after school. These tours are available on all our sites.

### Taster Days

We run regular in-house Taster Days in a range of subjects designed to give students an enriching experience and a thirst for further study. These one-day tasters happen at Rush Green in subject areas such as STEM, Digital Media, Animation, Photography and Business Careers Skills.

### Open Events

Throughout the year, we open our college doors to everyone. This is a chance for potential students and parents/carers to come along and meet with course tutors, tour the different subject areas, gain advice from our Careers Guidance team and can even apply to a course and have an interview/acceptance there and then.

### Careers Advice

We have a dedicated careers team here at BDC and this is available for all pre-16 students to engage with. Come along to our drop-in advice sessions, or book a slot to ensure you receive the best advice and guidance for your career and the courses that can get you to where you want to be.

### Sports Trials

We run several sports try-outs throughout the year for potential recruits onto our Rugby and Football Academy. Spend a day on campus, meeting the sports tutors and test their ability to become part of our dedicated sports teams.

Performance

Excellence



## Special Educational Needs/Disability Provision

### Personalised Tasters

If your students have a SEN and/or disability with an EHC plan, then they are entitled to a personalised taster session in a subject of their choice. They can be accompanied by a parent/carer or teacher and enjoy a 121 session on our campus where they will be provided with all the information about the college's extra provision and the courses available to them.

## National Apprenticeship Week

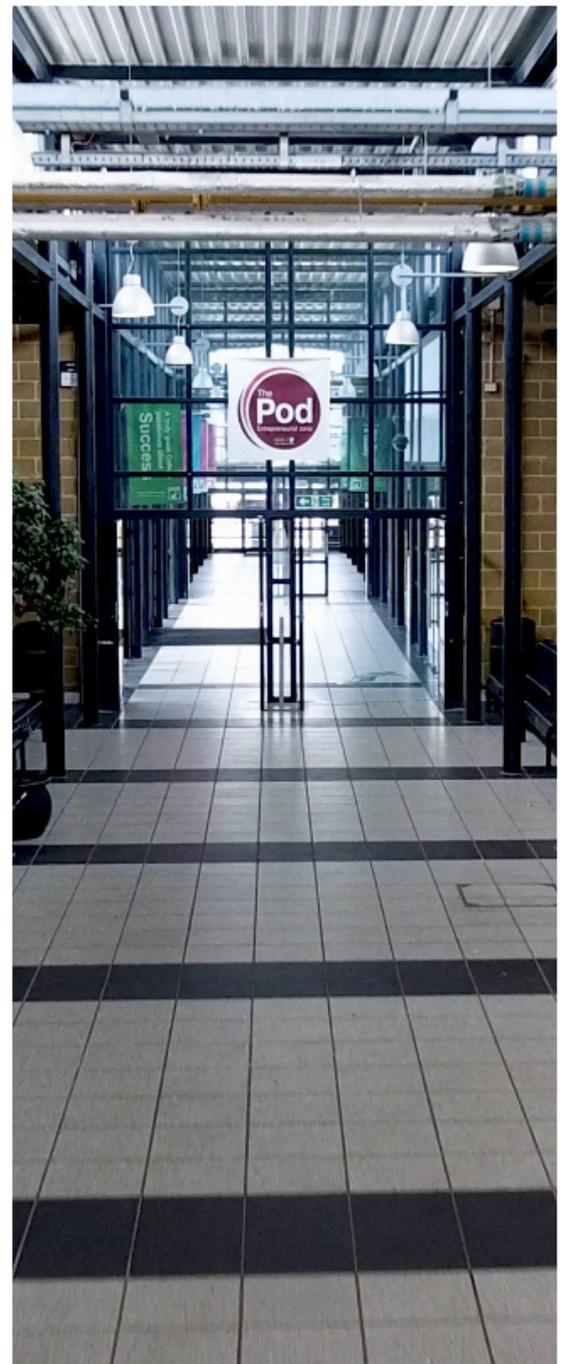
Each year we celebrate National Apprenticeship Week by attending as many events as we can. From school-run Apprenticeship Drop-In advice sessions, to having a stand at the National Apprenticeship Show. This week in March is all about giving students the information they need to decide whether an Apprenticeship route is for them. If you'd like us to run a drop-in session, or offer a talk or have a stand at a careers-fair, then we'd be only too happy to oblige.

## Inspiration Day

Our annual Inspiration Day is a showcase of our student talent. We open our doors to school groups to come along and take a look at the breadth of provision we have. Our students take part in curriculum-led competitions, competing against each other in their subject areas. Alongside this we offer industry-led workshops where guest speakers from high profile organisations talk to students about career paths and give students a flavour of the different types of roles available in their industry. There are also many opportunities to have-a-go on each of our curriculum areas from STEM, to digital media, to Hair & Beauty and Construction.

## Summer Schools

Each summer term we run a 3-day long Summer School for Year 10 students wanting to experience college life and to have a flavour for the subjects we offer. Summer Schools on offer are in STEM, Creative Arts, Digital Media and Sport.



## News

### Institute of Technology

The Institute of Technology is a brand new purpose built facility for advanced technologies. We are one of just 12 colleges and universities nationally to have secured government funding to open the Institute of Technology which is designed to deliver advanced and higher-level specialist training in emerging occupations, giving future students the chance to boost their skills and prepare for the jobs of the future.

Technology is moving fast. So fast that your school-aged students might have a dream job that does not even exist yet. We are here to provide the necessary skills and advanced training to keep them one step ahead.

The Institute of Technology will provide specialisms in the following sectors—all of which are critical to the London and UK economy:

- Construction & Infrastructure Technologies
- Advanced Engineering and Robotics
- Creative Digital (Animation, Games Design, 3D Design, Graphic Design)
- IT

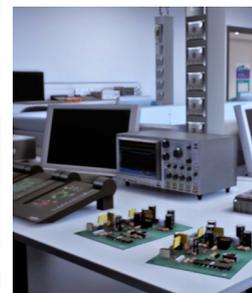
For more information about our IoT or to book a tour of the brand-new, state-of-the-art facilities, visit our website.  
<https://www.barkingdagenhamcollege.ac.uk/why/institute-of-technology>



**Yvonne Kelly, Principal and CEO of Barking & Dagenham College said,**

“Employability and work readiness will be firmly embedded into the curriculum and learners will become ‘T-shaped technologists’, gaining important transferrable skills, such as problem-solving, teamwork and resilience to support the changing markets and economies. “The opening of this Institute of Technology is fantastic news for the people, businesses and economy of the local region.”

# Collaborative



### Students get a flavour of Construction with Community Project

The summer break saw us play host to the fantastic work from The Construction Youth Trust, where 15 students from a range of Barking & Dagenham Schools took part in a project to help convert a roof top garden for a care home in Ilford. Over two weeks, the learners got to grips with carpentry, painting and decorating as well undertaking careers guidance and learning vital skills needed to secure an apprenticeship in the construction industry. The students were handpicked from schools in the borough as they had become disillusioned with education. Bringing them into the college and showcasing our fantastic facilities, whilst being taught construction by industry professionals sourced by the Construction Youth Trust, the learners came away with a new outlook on their future. As well as a handy self-made shoe box to take home! The final part of the project was to build a sensory board for a local care home’s roof top garden, where the residents can enjoy their handiwork for years to come.



## Career focused

Picture: Year 9 students from Riverside School in Barking during their STEM taster session.



Errol said, "All of our STEM experience days provide students with the opportunity to learn experientially in a dynamic and realistic context. Students absolutely love our CSI taster in particular, not only because it provides the understanding, but because it enables them to apply the real science behind the TV shows"

## School Students have a taste of Crime Scene Investigation at Barking & Dagenham College

Thirty Year 9 students from Riverside School embarked on our campus last term to take part in our STEM Taster Session, which involved learning the techniques of Crime Scene Investigators and Forensic Scientists in order to solve a murder.

After a fun, interactive ice breaker session in our 3D Cinema Suite, the visiting students were shown a video of a crime and provided with several suspects that they were then tasked with examining all the clues in order to bring the culprit to justice. Throughout the three-hour session the groups worked through techniques that Crime Scene Investigators use including video e-fit, finger print analysis and blood spatter analysis, as well as having access to a mock-up of the crime scene.

The CSI Taster took part in our state of the art STEM Centre, only one of two available in London

## Upcoming Events

- Thursday 10 October – **Open Event Barking**
- Thursday 31 October – **Open Event Rush Green**
- Thursday 7 November – **Step Up To College**
- Thursday 5 December – **Open Event/Christmas Market Rush Green**

If you are interested in bringing a group of students in for one of our Taster Days at Barking & Dagenham College, we offer these in STEM, Fashion & Photography, Animation & Games and Career-Ready Business Skills.

Contact Sarah Dorrian, Schools Liaison Officer at [sarah.dorrian@bdc.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.dorrian@bdc.ac.uk) in the first instance.



### Step Up To College Year 11 Event

A chance for your Year 11s to visit our campus and engage with hands-on activities in Creative, STEM, Business and much more. Giving them a flavour of college life and the chance to taste our different courses, this transition event will give your students the information they need to make informed choices about their future after school.

To sign your students up: [✉ sarah.dorrian@bdc.ac.uk](mailto:sarah.dorrian@bdc.ac.uk)