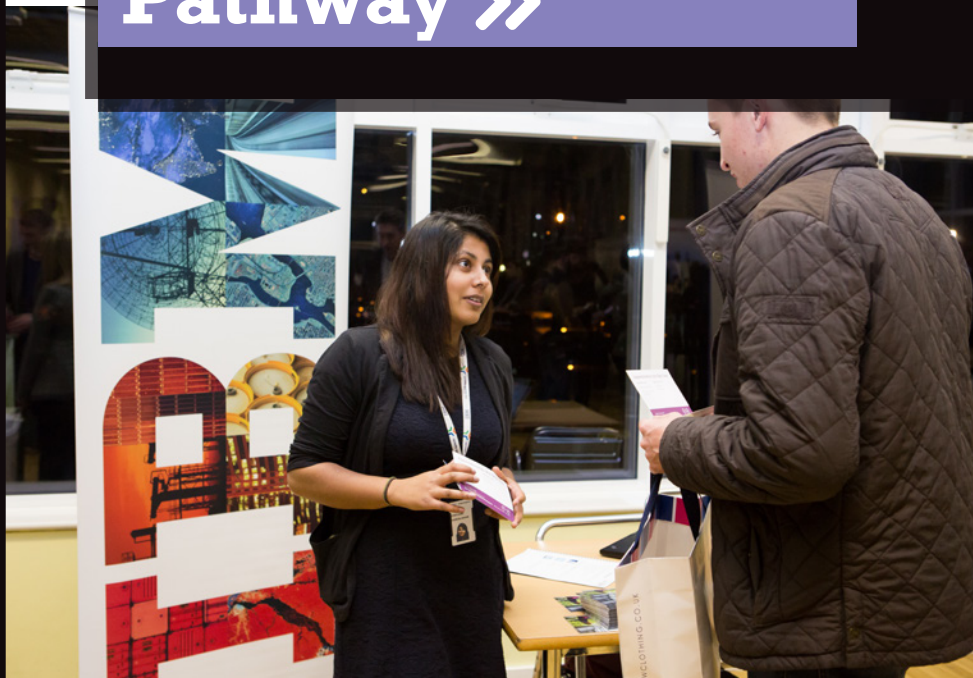


Aspire Employability Pathway >>



Exploring
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The Aspire Employability Pathway has been designed to provide targeted advice, support and guidance to those students who are interested in alternatives to the traditional university route after College. It aims to provide a platform from which the students can explore their interests and build on their employability skills.

Employers are increasingly investing in college leavers through apprenticeships, college leaver schemes and sponsored degrees. These routes offer a legitimate career path in a wide variety of industries; even traditional professions such as Law. Past students have secured positions at organisations such as CGI, KPMG, Nestle, Total Gas and Power and Unilever. The Aspire Employment Pathway aims to build on past successes by supporting students to make their own informed choices and equipping them with the skills to be successful.

At the heart of the Aspire Pathway is a weekly seminar. Each small seminar group is led by a dedicated tutor whose role is to guide students through the programme and provide personalised advice to support each student's individual requirements.



Aspire Seminars

Aspire seminars follow a structured programme designed to guide students in their decision making process. Topics covered include:

- » Who am I? Looking at what is important to each student, their strengths and challenges and how these might influence their career choices.
- » Researching alternative routes to university – highlighting the increasing importance of social media.
- » Setting goals and focusing on the 'soft skills' that are highly rated by employers.
- » How to prepare for the assessment process; application forms, assessment centres and interviews.

Additional forms of support

To complement the Aspire Seminars a number of additional forms of support are offered to students to enable them to make an informed decision about their future.

- » **Employability Sessions.** The College is working with a number of local employers to provide targeted employability sessions to be delivered by industry specialists. The aim is to extend the programme beyond the classroom and for employers to directly influence the curriculum being delivered to the students.




- » **Speaker Programme.** Students will be able to attend a variety of lunchtime talks about the opportunities available to College leavers.
- » **Careers Interviews.** The Aspire pathway will run alongside the support currently offered by the College Careers Department. Students will still be encouraged to make an appointment to speak to an advisor to discuss their options.
- » **Careers Bulletin/Twitter/Moodle.** Advice and opportunities will continue to be advertised to the students through the college intranet.
- » **Work Experience.** The Careers Department is happy to support students who are interested in securing work experience.

How to get onto the Aspire Employability Programme

To apply, please register your interest by emailing careers@reigate.ac.uk



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