



HE & Careers Day – a resounding success

A highly successful HE & Careers Day was held in College on June 23 with over 60 guests from universities, colleges, employers and agencies taking part.

Lower Sixth students were able to browse the stands in the atrium and library, pick up information and ask questions as well as having the opportunity to attend four of the 56 talks that ran throughout the day.

Students and the visiting representatives and speakers were full of praise for the event which aims to provide students with information on all the options available to them after they leave Havering Sixth Form College - whether they want to go to University, take up training or an apprenticeship or get a job.

Careers Co-ordinator Nikki Phelps said: "Student feedback from the event has been excellent with the majority saying they found it informative, helpful and well organised, the quality of the talks first class and the speakers friendly and approachable.

"They enjoyed the talks given by ex-students because they felt they could easily relate to their experiences. They also enjoyed the Careers Fair and the chance to speak to representatives about specific courses."

Visiting participants also hailed the day as a great success. Dr Helen Findon, from Imperial College, London, said: "The event was extremely worthwhile and very well organised. I was impressed with the enthusiasm of the students."

And Melissa Gibson, from the University of Kent, added: "I had an excellent flow of students to my stand, all had great enthusiasm for their courses. It was a pleasure to speak with them."

Universities attending included Oxford, Queen Mary, Royal Holloway, Warwick, Anglia Ruskin, Southampton, Kent and Sussex, among others. Employers who were represented included the Army, David Lloyd Leisure Group, Havering Council, Price Waterhouse Coopers and The Chambers of Lord Gifford QC.

Students could attend talks on subjects as wide-ranging as Student Life, Personal Statements, How To Get Into A Top University, Applying for Teaching, High-Fliers in the City, Careers in Nursing and Health, Select for Secretaries, Alternatives to Higher Education and Skills for Interviews.

One student said after the event: "It was very useful as I now have a better understanding of how to apply to universities and all the complicated stages to get through the whole process. I'm more aware of the Universities I want to get in to and how to write an effective personal statement."

Another said: "The session speakers were very good. I got very helpful information that I can share with my friends and family. It was a useful, interesting and all-in-all a great day."