



THE SIXTH FORM COLLEGE COLCHESTER

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**CAREERS GUIDANCE PRELIMINARY INFORMATION EVENING
HIGHER EDUCATION AND EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS
(Parents of Year 1 Students)**

**Tuesday 21 March 2017 - 6:15 or 7:45pm (whichever is more convenient to you)
Performance Studio**

As part of the College Careers Education Programme, and building upon the Careers Fair held in February, we are currently working with our first year students, encouraging them to consider their possible career and/or continuing study options after College. As part of the process, we have arranged the above event to provide key information and some perspective regarding the potential progression options of studying in higher education and/or employment. The briefing is designed to highlight a number of features of higher education and employability skills for students and provide an overview of the support and facilities available to students in College. Both sessions will cover the same information:

Higher Education

A Student Recruitment Officer from the University of Essex will give an insight into national as well as regional trends in higher education applications and suggest how, as parents or guardians, you might be able to support young people in their decision making.

Employability

A presentation on the insight into the skills needed for employment and the ways that students can enhance their chances of gaining employment. Alternative routes to Higher education such as traineeships and apprenticeships will also be a focus.

Evette Hawkins, Head of Careers, will provide an outline of the processes in College, including significant dates, deadlines and activities.

Your son or daughter is of course welcome to join you. The briefing will be held in the Performance Studio.

It is also worth emphasising that all College students can use the facilities of the Careers Department, including, where appropriate, arranging individual interviews.

At the Parents' Consultation Evening on Tuesday 4 July, there will also be an opportunity to attend a 'Higher Education Finance and Update' briefing.

Please note that parking will not be available in College on the evening of 21 March and arrangements should be made to park in the public car parks close to the College as usual. Visitors with mobility difficulties will, of course, be offered on-site parking - please contact your son or daughter's personal tutor as early as possible so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

Yours sincerely

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