



Welcome to the latest issue of Lewisham College News!

This newsletter provides information and upcoming events for your diary.

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Welcome to Lewisham College

Welcome to the latest issue of our College newsletter. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued patience in these challenging times.

Together with the senior leadership team, governors and staff, we continuously evaluate our position as an educational institution and how we will carry out our work safely. Although we face challenges from COVID-19, we remain open to all students, and we continue to offer a range of services to help students achieve their qualifications and progress to further education or employment.

Our work with community partners and local schools is ongoing to support those in the borough during these unprecedented times. We are proud to be working with our community partners' and the Department for Work and Pensions to bring training and employment opportunities to our students and people in Lewisham.

Our staff and students' wellbeing are paramount. We have acted swiftly in the light of the Covid-19 pandemic to ensure the College offers a safe environment to all. Updates are posted regularly and we encourage all students, faculty, and staff to check their emails and bookmark lewisham.ac.uk/coronavirus.

Best wishes.

Asfa Sohail Principal

LEWISHAM COLLEGE COURSE GUIDE

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Lewisham College is now accepting applications. If you would like to find out more about what we offer browse our courses on our website or download our new Course Guide.

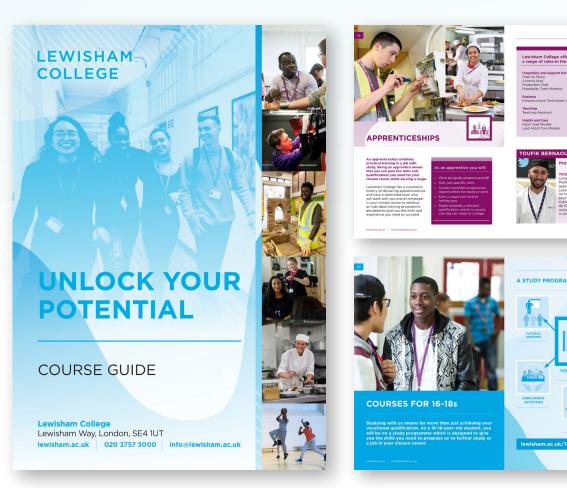
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YOU WILL BE ABLE TO FIND OUT ABOUT:

- » Course information and career pathways for each subject
- » Opportunities for work experience, volunteering, enrichment and competitions linked to the subject you are interested in
- » Student support and additional qualifications available to enhance your CV and university applications
- » Financial support that you could apply for, including Bursaries.

Our team of advisors are available to provide information, advice, and guidance and to help you find out more about our student support services and student finance.

If you need further information, have any questions about your application or are not sure what to study get in touch at info@lewisham.ac.uk or on 020 3757 3000.



Lewisham College unveils new 'Strategic Plan: Towards 2030'

Lewisham College unveiled its new 'Strategic Plan: Towards 2030' at a celebration event, launching its vision for the future and setting out the College's priorities and strategic objectives for the next ten years.

The plan was launched at the virtual event to an audience of staff, students and stakeholders, including representatives from the College's employer, community and higher education partners, as well as the Association of Colleges, GLA, Lewisham Council and the Department for Work and Pensions.

Outlining its commitment to working in partnership with organisations in Lewisham, speakers and guests were invited to discuss how the College will achieve its ambitions and use its distinctive position to work collaboratively towards making the greatest difference for learners across London and support the recovery of Lewisham to create an exciting future for all.

Asfa Sohail, Principal at Lewisham College, said: "We are committed to inspiring excellence and supporting curiosity through setting ambitious standards and expectations for the benefit of all our learners and communities.

"Lewisham College has grown its partnerships with businesses, organisations and government resulting in a distinctive and collaborative approach. Our new strategic plan not only pinpoints our ambitions for the next ten years but cements our steps to achieving our objectives and developing significant partnerships to boost the economic success in our local community for us to deliver for our students, our partners and society at large."

The Lewisham College Strategy is aligned to NCG's Strategy to 2030. NCG's mission is to enable social mobility and economic prosperity through exceptional education. This mission sits at the heart of Lewisham College, and it is supported by NCG's own vision to achieving its objectives.

Simon Russell, Chair of Governors at Lewisham College, said: "It is a measure of the importance of the College and its prosperity that so many guests joined us to launch our Strategic Plan. Achieving our objectives is a whole community effort. There will be significant challenges in light of the pandemic, but this will propel us all forward in the vital role we all have in making sure this is a success and that we support our learners as they navigate through the road ahead."

During the event, attendees had the opportunity to share their views and feedback and discuss how all stakeholders can work together to meet the strategic objectives set out in the plan by 2030.



Read the full Lewisham College Strategic Plan: Towards 2030 here:

Read more at lewisham.ac.uk/news



Lewisham students show off their skills at the NCG Annual Skills Competition

Trainees studying Bricklaying, Plumbing and Painting and Decorating at Lewisham College's Deptford Construction campus took part in a qualifying competition for a chance to represent their course and College at the intercollege NCG Annual Skills Competition 2021.

At the event the learners faced tough competition, carrying out skills-based tasks to secure a place in the finals of the inter-college final. Their work was presented to the judging panel who then selected the top two learners or apprentices for each discipline. The winners are:

Bricklaying

1st Place: Shaun Paul Wigzell

2nd Place: Babaker Babaker Mohammed

Painting and Decorating

1st Place: Yardenn Benharoosh 2nd Place: Zheng Kaixan

Plumbing

1st Place: Kamarleo Lawrence

2nd Place: Jamal Idris

Rob Lynch, Head of Faculty for Construction and Engineering, commented: "We are proud of all the students who competed for this opportunity and are very impressed with the level of application and skills they displayed. We look forward to the Annual Skills Competition Finals later in the year and hope this experience will encourage our learners to take part in further skills-based competitions."

Commenting on winning first place, Bricklaying student, Shaun Paul Wigzell, said: "Taking part



in the competition was a great opportunity to experience working under pressure, to a deadline and to test my skills. I'm looking forward to participating in the NCG Annual Skills Competition to showcase all the knowledge and skills I've gained in my course."

Lewisham College offers a range of vocational courses in Construction and Engineering, including Bricklaying, Plumbing, Painting and Decorating, Carpentry, and Electrical Installation.

To find out more, visit lewisham.ac.uk/construction



New course: Certificate in **Teaching English to Speakers** of Other Languages (CELTA)

Lewisham College introduced the CELTA qualification, accredited by The University of Cambridge this year. This internationally recognised certificate is designed to give students the essential knowledge and skills to be able to teach English as a foreign language, paving the way to exciting global opportunities such as living, working and traveling abroad.

Asfa Sohail, Principal of Lewisham College, commented: "At Lewisham College, we are always striving to provide courses that will help our students achieve their full potential and enjoy successful careers. I'm delighted to announce this new provision and encourage students looking to launch a global career in the incredibly rewarding Education sector to join our CELTA course."

This evening course will run for 20 weeks and students will gain an understanding of effective teaching methods, how adults learn and the role of the teacher and learner.

The course will also equip students with practical teaching skills, high confidence levels and professional knowledge of the sector.

Students will benefit from classes and seminars delivered by experienced teachers at the Lewisham Way campus and online, whilst receiving regular detailed feedback from tutors.

To find out more and apply, visit lewisham.ac.uk/celta





If you are 19+, a UK resident and applying to study on a Level 3 to Level 6 course, you could be eligible for an **Advanced Learner Loan** to cover all or part of your tuition fees. Discover all you **need to know at lewisham.ac.uk/finance**





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Careers support

Lewisham College hosted a series of Careers Q&A sessions hosted by industry professionals in sectors such as hospitality, finance, marketing and performing arts.

Over the course of the week, students joined an exciting programme of virtual sessions to support them to explore Higher Education, employability, and career opportunities. Each live event was streamed to the College's own social media accounts, giving young people a unique insight into possible career pathways.

Asfa Sohail, Principal at Lewisham College, said: "National Careers Week is a great opportunity for our students to hear from people who are already working in the industry and get the advice they need on how they can break into the career they want. Above all, we hope these events inspire our students and show them what support we offer to help them achieve their aspirations."

Learn more about our Careers services at lewisham.ac.uk/ careers



Celebrating Apprenticeships



Lewisham College ran a series of Virtual Roadshows events for schools in the borough to celebrate and spread the word about the many benefits apprenticeships offer to apprentices.

Asfa Sohail, Principal said: "At Lewisham College, we were excited to take part in National Apprenticeship Week and bring the Virtual Roadshows to our local community to showcase and highlight the many benefits of apprenticeships and to encourage learners to take a different route to achieve their career ambitions."

During the Virtual Roadshow sessions participating schools attended an online presentation covering information about apprenticeships and its benefits, myth busting sessions, and much more.

Apprenticeships are a practical, nationally recognised qualification where apprentices can earn a wage while studying, receive hands-on training with an employer, gain invaluable industry experience, and the opportunity to network within the industry.

To find out more about our range of apprenticeships and services, follow the links below.

For students:

lewisham.ac.uk/our-courses/apprenticeships



For Employers lewisham.ac.uk/employers



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Are you looking to retrain for a new career, upskill in your current role or move into a new field?

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- >> OCN NI Certificate in Peer Support Worker
- NCFE CACHE Certificate in Understanding Mental Health
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Lewisham College wins **Double Gold Award**

READING AHEAD



Lewisham College won a Double Gold Award for having over 400 students participate in the Reading Ahead Challenge, the highest number of participants in the country. This annual challenge requires participants to read six books of their choice and write a short piece about what was interesting in this piece.

To help encourage students to read during the lockdown, the Learning Centre supported participants by setting up reading groups and adding new material to the student portal, allowing students to discuss the material and talk to teachers about their progress.

Student, Robert Ismael Huerta Velez, said: "Since taking part in this challenge I feel more confident in my English skills which is really helping my progress at Lewisham College. Taking part in the Reading Ahead Challenge introduced me to a new hobby and given me vital skills that will help me to find a job after my qualifications."

Participants attended a virtual celebration to commemorate their achievements with the

College's Vice Principal, Head of Student Services, and the Learning Centre team, where they gave presentations on their reading material and received a certificate of achievement.

Asfa Sohail, Principal at Lewisham College, said: "We are immensely proud of this incredible achievement and of the students that have taken part in the challenge. The encouragement and support provided during the lockdown has been pivotal to the success of our students and it is wonderful to see the progress and life-long skills they have gained from this experience."

Created by the Reading Agency, this challenge aims to encourage and support reading at all ages to help people improve their reading and writing skills, increase their confidence and change their perception of reading.

To find out more, visit readingagency.org.uk/adults/quick-guides/reading-ahead/



Read more at lewisham.ac.uk/news



Care Leavers Covenant: Support for care experienced students at Lewisham College

Lewisham College joined this Care Leavers'
Week this year to celebrate the successes of
care leavers across the UK and to inspire them
to achieve their full potential.

Asfa Sohail, Principal at Lewisham College, said: "We are proud to be in collaboration with the Care Leaver Covenant who are doing amazing work. It is important to reiterate our commitment to providing a fair, diverse and inclusive environment for all students, regardless of their circumstances and we are striving to support our care-experienced learners in achieving their full potential."

Laura Pearson, Covenant Progression
Coordinator at Lewisham College, said: "I am
excited to be part of Lewisham College's Student
Services team and to collaborate with the Care
Leaver Covenant to help young people leaving
care plan their next step after College."
"I am care-experienced myself, so I'm in an
ideal position to understand and support our
students to make sure they can make the most
of the opportunities available to them and feel
supported whether they are progressing into
work or higher education."

This role is key in supporting care leavers at the College and helps more than 150 care experienced Lewisham College students.

Care Leaver Support

We are committed to helping all students achieve their potential by providing the support they need to successfully gain their qualifications and progress on to a fulfilling career.

We are aware that our Care Experienced students may face a number of additional challenges and we want to ensure these students can achieve their ambitions. To ensure this we have become a partner of the Care Leaver Covenant to provide a positive future for all through an inclusive and exceptional learning journey.

The support we offer covers providing information about the Covenant's opportunities, helping students with university and work placement interviews, signposting individuals to the most relevant support service and providing a designated member of staff and Personal Education Plan for each care-experienced student. We have also taken the next step and offered a bursary to young people in or leaving care.

To find out more about the support available at College visit **lewisham.ac.uk/careleavers**







OUR COMMUNITY

We are proud to be a community-based college that supports our local residents, partners, and the local government to upskill and invigorate Lewisham borough.

Our aim is to provide the best experience possible to our students, both inside and outside the classroom. offering opportunities for students to take part in work experience, trips, enrichment activities and attend talks with industry professionals.

Our learners have a vast range of opportunities to prepare them for the working world and expand their skillset, boosting their CV and giving them opportunities to network with local employers from day one.

These unique features of our College not only benefit our students, but also our partners. Our courses give students the skills and expertise to walk straight into the local workforce and contribute to the growth of our borough.

Art and Design students showcase their work in an inspiring exhibition

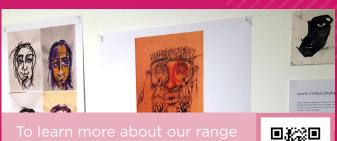
Art and Design students created an exhibition to shine a light on their work, gaining experience of showcasing to the public during the pandemic.

Taking place at the Lewisham Way campus, the exhibition gave students a taste of how to curate a professional exhibition, displaying a range of work including technical and experimental drawing, three-dimensional exploration, digital presentation, and research about the work of professional artists and designers.

The event was supported by Art and Design Course Leaders Abigail Hammond and Jacqui Gunn. Abigail said: "I am absolutely thrilled with what our learners have achieved in the first term of what is a new course for Lewisham College. They have created wonderful work and delivered the project whilst developing the confidence in their work, themselves and their future." Qaailah Donovan, Art and Design student at Lewisham College, said: "I really enjoyed being part of this amazing project.

Having the ability to communicate your work, even if just through a single image, is particularly important as it is a good way to portray how you are feeling. One of the most valuable things I have learned is that an exhibition is about showing the audience who you are as an artist, and what art means to you."

Lewisham College has a proud history of delivering engaging Creative Arts courses led by experienced tutors in specialist facilities.



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Teacher wins the

Mayor of London's Volunteering Award

Maths teacher, Divanio Crooks received the Mayor of London's Volunteering Award on International Volunteer Day 2020 for his work with Southside Young Leaders Academy (SYLA) to support communities during the lockdown. The award recognises the invaluable contribution that volunteers make to creating a safer, stronger and more resilient communities.

Divanio has been part of the teaching staff at Lewisham College for eight years. He volunteers at the academy based in South London to support the charity to help support young boys from Black and Minority Ethnic backgrounds to break down the barriers to education and help reduce the risk of social exclusion through personal development, teamwork and skills training.

He has worked in a variety of roles within the charity and has recently taken over as CEO. During the lockdown months, Divanio was able to implement fundraising, marketing and recruitment strategies and raised £120,000 which was used to transform the programme's delivery model to an online platform, prevent redundancies, deliver monthly food parcels and provide 30 families with laptops.

Commenting on receiving the award, he said: "I am deeply touched to be recognised amongst the hundreds of volunteers and NHS workers that serve and support the public during the pandemic. I had become a volunteer to learn and gain experience for my career development, but I aim to make a difference in the community and inspire young people to achieve their goals."



Asfa Sohail, Principal at Lewisham College, said: "Divanio's hard work and commitment to the College and the community has had positive impact on families and boys in South London, we are very proud of his hard work and to have Divanio as part of our teaching team at Lewisham College."

The charity works with young boys from deprived areas to become socially aware and productive members of their community.

To find out more about SYLA, please visit **syla.org.uk**



Rose Bruford alumni deliver inspiring talk to **Production Arts students**

Lewisham College welcomed Rose Bruford
College of Theatre and Performance alumni
Sylvia Darkwa-Ohemeng and Jessica Hung
Han Yun, who studied Stage Management and
Lighting Design, to deliver a talk to Production
Arts students and share their experience of
breaking into the creative industry.

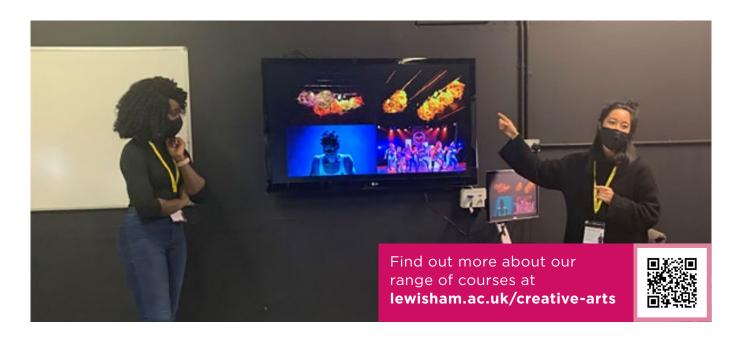
The former students spoke about technical and backstage theatre, how different experiences have helped get them to where they are today in their chosen careers, and shared key pieces of advice with Lewisham students aiming to build a enjoy a career within the sector.

Commenting on her visit, Sylvia said: "It was a pleasure to talk to the students at Lewisham College. In the current climate it is so important that they know what their options are both during and at the end of their studies, and it is beneficial for them to hear from those who have been in their position before."

Following the session, Production Arts student, Reese Maleking, was offered the opportunity to shadow Sylvia during some filming at the Young Vic Theatre. Based on her performance Reese was asked to participate in another project at the Noel Coward Theatre on the set of Dear Evan Hanson.

Reese commented: "This opportunity opened my eyes to the backstage work that goes into a theatre production, how this work is done and how challenging it can be. I enjoy watching productions from the audience's point of view, but having experienced what goes on behind the scenes, I now appreciate the performance even more and I realise that what happens behind the stage can be even more fascinating than the show itself."

Lewisham College offers a range of courses for 16-18s and adults designed to nurture performers and creatives to develop skills in production, performance, media, art and design. The College's Creative, Performing and Production Arts provision is delivered in partnership with Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance.





Choosing where to study and which course to take is a very important decision for school leavers.

That's why we're offering your school an engaging and informative session covering all there is to know about being a student at Lewisham College.

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- » Discover our two well-equipped campuses/modern £42m campus in the heart of London
- » Get to grips with the application process
- » Learn about the comprehensive range of student support
- » Get excited about our enrichment activities and Student Union.

Online and onsite workshops available. For more information and to arrange a session for your school, please contact: **events@lewisham.ac.uk**

Lewisham Teacher Wins Gathering of Africa's Best Award

A Lewisham College Teacher has been awarded the 'Contribution to the Promotion of the Positive Image of Africa and Africans through Education' at the Gathering of Africa's Best (GAB) Awards.

The GAB Awards celebrate African people in the media, financial services, business, retail, and other walks of life. Highly coveted within the Diaspora African community, Joyce Elemson, who has worked at Lewisham College for 9 years, picked up the accolade at this year's virtual ceremony.

Joyce was praised for her significant contribution to improvements in education standards and the development of learning in Africa, providing many services to different areas of the continent by not only training of teachers and educators but also in supporting learners' achievements and revitalising the emergence of education consultants.

Commenting on receiving the award, Joyce said: "I'm humbled and grateful to be the recipient of this notable award for services to the educational development of Africa. As teaching and learning continue to evolve, young people need to be supported through teacher professional development which I am proud to be a part of. I offer my gratitude to the organisers and fellow teachers who have joined the noble cause of developing and strengthening Africa's education sector."

Asfa Sohail, Principal at Lewisham College, said: "Joyce's efforts have inspired us all here at Lewisham College to constantly strive for greatness. This is a true demonstration of the



Joyce Elemson

expertise we have in our team and we are very proud of her well-deserved achievements."

Joyce is also the Co-Founder of UKAPES; an organisation that strives to promote and transfer strategies to develop quality within the African education sector. She has been instrumental in developing a directory to collate teachers' details for UKAPES newsletters and updates.

To find out more about UKAPES, please visit **ukapes.org**



Read more at lewisham.ac.uk/community-partnerships



New Virtual Creative Workshops

Lewisham College participated in a series of digital workshops hosted by the National Maritime Museum, Queens House and the Know Your Worth support programme.

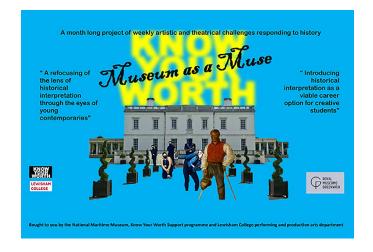
The workshops have been designed to introduce heritage and historical interpretation career options to creative students. Each workshop included weekly challenges directed by artists and museum professionals encouraging students to use a variety of theatrical techniques.

The project has been spearheaded by Know Your Worth, a support and mentorship programme for young under-represented creatives.

Ian Shillito, Performing and Production Arts lecturer at Lewisham College, said: "I am overjoyed that our students can benefit from this partnership. Lewisham College is determined to give our young creatives the chance to express themselves, encouraging them to consider careers in culture and heritage."

The project was adapted for remote delivery and culminated in a digital showcase to provide an opportunity for students with limited exposure to traditional museum and heritage gallery settings to develop a sense of ownership and belonging, and to link into the wider community.

Chi Onura, Learning Programme Producer at Royal Museums Greenwich, commented: "As a museum, we are directed by our social purpose and relevance. Working with Lewisham College and the Know Your Worth support programme has been a wonderful opportunity to do this. We believe the varied perspectives that young creatives in our local community bring are integral to enriching



the museum's collections, themes and sharing of diverse histories. We are really excited to see the outcomes of the partnership."

Sam Punnett said: "The concept of finding ways our young creatives can re-examine and explore history is key to this project. We encourage them to address those invisible perspectives and present an 'alternative' viewpoint. The outcome is to re-tell stories with a different voice, engage with wider community and make our public spaces accessible for all."

The new Performing and Production Arts courses at Lewisham College are delivered in partnership with Rose Bruford College of Theatre and Performance. The College's Creative, Performing and Production Arts provision includes a variety of courses for 16-18s and adults designed to nurture performers and creatives to develop skills in production, performance, art and design.

To learn more about our range of courses, visit lewisham.ac.uk/creative-arts



Supporting the next generation of construction experts

The South East London Mayor's Construction
Academy (MCA) has launched its first
prospectus - highlighting the many
construction courses and learning pathways
available for people to enter and progress in
this expanding industry.

Consisting of London South East Colleges, JTL, YouthBuild, Shooters Hill Sixth Form College and Lewisham College, the MCA supports construction skills and employment across the Capital.

The new prospectus highlights the many training options on offer for students and apprentices throughout south east London. It has been designed to provide prospective students, parents, employers and careers advisors with a clear view on career planning, the steps that can be taken and the qualifications and experience needed to progress in the industry.

Luke Burton, South East London MCA Manager, said: "With the huge range of excellent courses and skills training programmes available across our MCA Hub, this prospectus will give young people and adults across south east London a clear and concise guide to find the right training

at the right level in the construction industry. It also enables current construction professionals to update existing professional skills if necessary.

"Our sector is in huge need of skills right now and many exciting careers are available for people of all ages. We hope that this publication will inform and inspire the next generation of construction experts."

Jules Pipe, Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration & Skills said: "The MCA is designed to help Londoners access the skills training they need to gain employment in the construction sector. This prospectus will help support learners in South East London find the right course locally to meet their career ambitions."

The CITB estimates that over 17,000 additional construction workers will be needed across greater London by 2023, with both the infrastructure sector and housing sector expected to exceed the UK average growth.

For more information about the MCA, visit https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/skillsand-employment/skills-londoners/mayorsconstruction-academy





Open Days at Lewisham College are designed to help you find out more about our courses and how we can help you reach your potential.

To register your interest and be the first to know about our next events submit your details below.

Virtual Open Days:

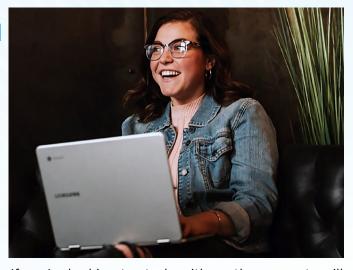
Explore everything Lewisham College has to offer

Lewisham College has been meeting
prospective students through a series of Virtual
Open Days. During these interactive online
events, attendees met teaching staff and the
Student Services and Careers teams who were
on hand to answer questions about our range
of courses and student support.

Attendees were able to explore the opportunities offered by the College and discover where our courses could take you.

Asfa Sohail, Principal at Lewisham College, said: "At Lewisham College, we are committed to preparing our students for their chosen careers. We are excited to welcome prospective students to our next Virtual Open Days, where they can learn about the opportunities we offer and discover where our courses could take them."

Virtual Open Days are free and open to anyone who would like further careers advice or who is studying at Lewisham College, as well as their parents or carers.



If you're looking to study with us, these events will help you get all the information you need to begin making your application to Lewisham College.

Learn more about the courses we offer, speak to our experienced staff, and use this opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Stay tuned at **lewisham.ac.uk/opendays** to book your place.





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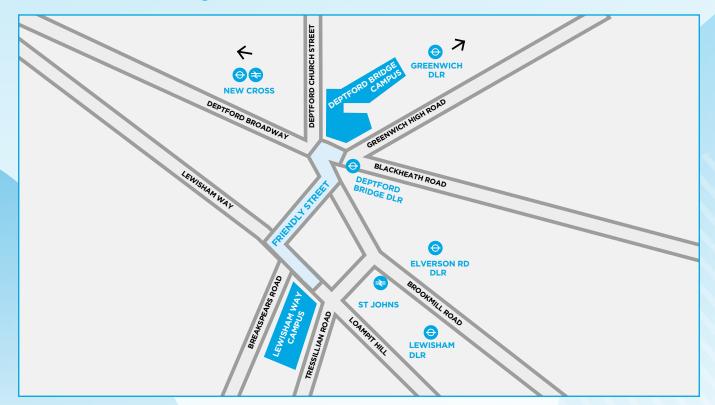
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