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July 2015

The Education Overhaul, from an Employer's Perspective

Changes to GCSEs, A Levels and BTECs are being introduced, with some subjects commencing in September this year and the remainder next year. As it is vital that employers are kept fully informed, Strode's College will be hosting and presenting our summer forum event, a Cream Tea, on Thursday 9 July.

The first two speakers are from Strode's College; **Rowan Cookson**, Deputy Principal, and **Amanda Down**, Director of Teaching & Learning. The third speaker will be **Chris Edwards**, Deputy Head of The Magna Carta School.

The meeting will be held in the refectory at **Strode's College**, Egham and will be sponsored by **Thorpe Park**.

Student Ambassadors from Strode's will give tours of the College afterwards.

As usual, places will be limited to first come first served and priority will be given to businesses based in Runnymede 

See the invitation panel, on the back page, to book your free place - without delay.

Useful websites:

www.strodes.ac.uk

www.magnacarta.surrey.sch.uk

www.gov.uk/government/organisations/department-for-education

www.thorpepark.com

www.runnymedebusinesspartnership.org.uk

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Budget 2015 Briefing 20.3.2015



Kevin Walmsley addressing the delegates at the Savill Court Hotel, on 20 March 2015

Following the Government's Budget, delivered on 18 March 2015, by George Osborne, Chancellor of the Exchequer, Wilkins Kennedy presented their Budget Briefing for the Runnymede Business Partnership. The Breakfast Forum meeting was sponsored and presented by **Wilkins Kennedy** and held on 20 March at the **Savill Court Hotel, Englefield Green**.

The Wilkins Kennedy presentation was given by **Kevin Walmsley, Managing Partner, Jemima Jones, Tax Director and Stephen Hoare, Corporate Tax Senior Manager**. The 50 delegates were briefed on the changes announced by the Government, and the impact they could have on individuals and businesses. The presenters highlighted issues which the Chancellor may not have made obvious in his address to Parliament.

Students from Runnymede secondary schools and colleges are often invited to attend these events and give us their feedback. The following came from two of the Strode's College students who were at the briefing:

'A very informative briefing, a great opportunity to understand the budget and also to be able to link what I have been learning at college to what happens in the real world'

'Welcoming atmosphere. I've come away with some valuable information much of which is particularly useful for my economics course. Pleased to have been part of such an event. The presentation was engaging and enriching!'

To be sure that you too can be at the next briefing, or any of our future free events, be sure that your name is on the invitation list by emailing all your contact details, including your job title, full company name, address and telephone number to joanna.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk 

Balancing the Books - Breakfast Forum Meeting 9 December 2014

This popular annual Business Partnership budget event was hosted and presented by Runnymede Borough Council (RBC) at the Civic Centre, Addlestone.

Peter McKenzie, Head of Corporate Finance, gave an outline of the Council's plans for the next financial year and discussed Council Tax, Business Rates and Service Delivery. He said that the Council's 'austerity programme' will continue to 2020, so far it has resulted in efficiency savings of over £5 million despite no increase to council tax and no cuts in services. One of the main sources of income will be the income from investing in commercial assets – investing capital receipts, some low interest rate loans and cash reserves to produce a long term rental stream to replace the government grant. 



News Bites

Free Energy Saving Advice for Businesses!

See the new advice hub from the Carbon Trust at: www.carbontrust.com/smartsmes with online support and resources for small and medium sized organisations, plus practical advice and solutions for reducing energy overheads

Shared Parental Leave (SPL) Regulations

Find free information and guidance on SPL, Flexible Working, Maternity and many other employment matters on the ACAS website: www.acas.org.uk

Could you or your company assist with advice or mentoring?

Professional help sought for CV and Interview skills at Job Club in Addlestone

A weekly club is held on Tuesdays at the King's Centre in Marsh Lane, Addlestone, from 12:30-2:30. Anyone interested should check for closures during school holidays etc., no appointment is necessary. If you know anyone who needs some help finding work, please give them the contact details: 01932 840432 or the church website www.kingschurchaddlestone.org.uk

If you or your company can assist the Job Club with mentoring or advice on putting a CV together, using a PC to make online job applications or form filling etc. please email louisedarmon@hotmail.com

With the support of local companies they hope to **run workshops** periodically, to develop **key skills** including **interview techniques**. Successes so far, for the 15 clients, include: 1 has been offered a job, 1 has been helped to start his own business, 1 has regular agency work and 7 have enrolled in an ICT course run by Strode's College.

Donations of second-hand laptops, in good condition, would be very welcome too!

Help Sought for Upskilled Runnymede

A scheme being piloted by Runnymede Borough Council aims to provide young people and adults, who are unemployed, with skills to help them into local jobs.

If you could help with interview skills or to build their confidence, either on a one-off basis or for a couple of Tuesdays from 12:30-2:30 at the King's Centre, Marsh Lane, Addlestone KT15 1UL.

Please contact Louise Fox on email: louisedarmon@hotmail.com 

Coming Soon - Great News for Runnymede Businesses!

The upgraded version of iRunnymede **is nearly ready!**



It will have great features and a new look too;

- Push notifications will enable businesses* to advertise special events and offers directly to users phones
- Updated for the latest operating systems for iPhones, iPads and Androids
- More local businesses listed
- A Community and Charity area will help to promote sporting events and local good causes
- The news feed will ensure you don't miss out on any local news and offers

With the kind sponsorship of Procter and Gamble the app should be updated on your phone soon!

* Businesses with a full (paid-for) entry.

It will help locals, businesses and tourists find you!

You can put your business at the top of the app search lists, by having a full entry for £50 +VAT for the first year. So, even if your business does not handle on-line sales, you can gain from having an entry on iRunnymede. Please email joanna.swatridge@runnymede.gov.uk for an application form and further details.

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STRODE'S COLLEGE

Cream Tea

Thursday 9 July 2015

Venue: Strode's College, Egham

Refectory

Time: 3.30pm

Presentation by

Rowan Cookson, Deputy Principal,
Amanda Down, Director of Teaching & Learning
Chris Edwards, Deputy Head of
The Magna Carta School

To join the waiting list and mailing list
for future events contact

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www.heathrowbusinesssummit.co.uk

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