

LONDON CAREERS FESTIVAL

On the 27th June 2022, TFA 6th formers visited the London Careers Festival at London Guildhall. We had an impressive start to the day, with all 6th formers arriving earlier than our scheduled session, gaining the benefit of either attending an Employability Workshop hosted by Ivy House or How To Run Your Own Business hosted by Small Business.



Waiting for the first session to finish, Mrs Matharu and I waited outside the courtyard of the Guildhall and were so very pleased to hear the sounds of buzzing students (this is no easy feat with teenagers!), all speaking so very highly of the session they had attended. Our next session was at 11:30am when the gates to the careers fair opened, in this 45 minutes we had many conversations with our 6th formers, some spoke about the exhibitors they were looking forward to networking with whilst others requested to go for a walk around the local area to get a feel of central London and what it felt like to 'grab a coffee!'.

This is exactly what we had hoped for; giving our students an insight into possible career progression routes other than university.



As we walked around the exhibition we could see the surprise on the faces of many of our students as they learnt of the endless opportunities they should explore, for example they learnt, The Armed Forces, funds students to study degrees in a range of subjects and combat was not

the only job in the army. The officer's at The City of London Police reassured many of our students considering a higher degree with the police that improving diversity is a key aspect of recruitment and that they should feel confident in applying as so much hard work had gone into removing barriers that people may have once faced.



Mrs Matharu and I met with many organisations, who expressed their willingness to attend TFA to speak to our students, and we look forward to them visiting us so we can continue to open more doors for our students.



A photo of the marketing team at the London Careers Festival who were so impressed with the diligence and behaviour of our 6th formers they requested to interview them.