

Tasting the Future



Taster Day: an opportunity for the students at Sittingbourne Community College to experience life after GCSE. It is an event organised every year by the Swale Sixth Form team to help Year 11's with making the next crucial choices for their future. Leaving their school uniforms hanging in their wardrobes, the students enjoyed wearing business wear for the day and being able to use the sixth form centres on the college's multiple sites.

“This important day ensures students make informed choices when it comes to their applications for the next step in their education,” explained Mrs Jackie Noble, Assistant Headteacher and Swale Sixth Form Principal. “The day also raises aspirations for students, and help them to recognise the importance of securing strong outcomes in Year 11; breaks down some of the concerns students feel about choosing courses delivered on SCC's partner schools; and of course, to prepare them for 'life in the 6th form!'.”

Over 450 students were involved in taster sessions, spread across 3 sites – Sittingbourne Community College, Westlands and the Skills Centre. They chose options from the widest selection of subjects the school has ever been able to offer. There were live tweets of many of the sessions throughout the day and the feedback from students and staff was extremely positive.

Melissa Attenborough, Year 11 student, said, “It actually helped me. I want to work with children and I chose to experience Childcare for the day. It gave me the opportunity to find out more about the subject and how interesting it was.”