How to support and respect your peers observing Ramadan

As we are at the start of Ramadan, it's a good time to consider how we can best support our community members who are observing this holy month. Our student representative, Himesh Soni, has written an informative article for our website sharing insights and tips on how we can show respect and understanding. We're proud to share this article, it's a valuable resource for understanding how we can support our peers during this important time. Read the full article on our website. Ramadan Mubarak!

Messages from our EDI link governors

The Corporation Board has a legal responsibility to ensure that the college complies with the Equalities Act and Public Sector Equality Duty. However, our college's governors have a strong personal commitment to promoting equity, diversity and inclusion and two of them are members of the EDI Committee. Let's hear from them in person...

Jesse Adekoya

"Hello everyone, I'm delighted to introduce myself as one of the EDI Governors at the college. With a background in finance, governance, and community leadership, I am passionate about fostering inclusive environments where everyone feels valued and empowered to succeed. As a leader, I have seen first-hand the impact that equity, diversity and inclusion can have in shaping opportunities and breaking down barriers.

My inspiration for getting involved in EDI stems from a deep belief that education should be accessible, fair and representative of the diverse communities we serve. I look forward to working alongside students, staff and fellow governors to champion meaningful change, promote open conversations and ensure that our college continues to be a place where everyone can thrive. Let's keep the conversation going—your voice matters!"

Adam Herriott

"My name is Adam. Having grown up locally in Byfleet and now living in Walton-on-Thames, I took on the role of link governor for EDI because I believe that everyone deserves a safe, fair and inclusive environment where they can thrive. At Brooklands, I want to help ensure that both students and staff feel valued and supported in a place that truly reflects the diversity of our community.

I've been inspired by family friends who have worked to improve inclusivity in education and I hope to contribute in my own way. My goal is to support Brooklands in continuing to be a place where everyone—regardless of background—has the opportunity to learn, grow and succeed."
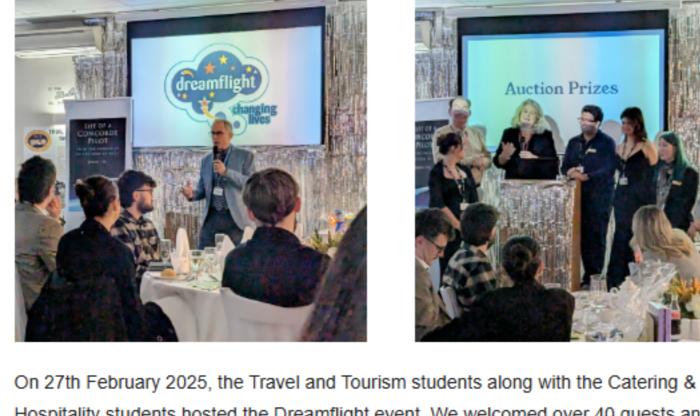
Celebrating Eid al-Fitr

Join us in the Weybridge café on the 31st March as we celebrate Eid al-Fitr with a special Eid-inspired menu! This is a wonderful opportunity for staff and students to come together, share delicious food and learn more about this important holiday. We're excited to create a welcoming and festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy.

To make this celebration truly special, we're looking for volunteers! We need help decorating the café and creating a vibrant atmosphere, as well as volunteers to run small stalls on the day. If you're interested in sharing your skills, talents, or enthusiasm, we'd love to have you. Please email the team at EDI@brooklands.ac.uk to volunteer. We look forward to celebrating with you!
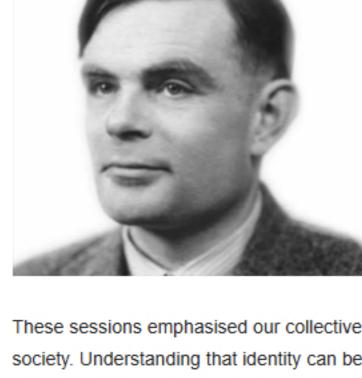

Travel and Tourism: Supporting Dreamflight

On 27th February 2025, the Travel and Tourism students along with the Catering & Hospitality students hosted the Dreamflight event. We welcomed over 40 guests and hosted a key speaker John Tye, who was one of the first pilots to help the charity to take children with serious illnesses or disabilities on a holiday of a lifetime to Orlando. We also had James from the London Bridge Experience come and help us with the auction. The guests enjoyed a wonderful 3-course meal with the help of our Catering team.

Everyone had a chance to participate in raffles and bingo. We raised a total of £3,500 for Dreamflight. Overall the event was a huge success and all attendees enjoyed the event. We are all really glad to have been given the opportunity to do this.
- Review provided by our Travel & Tourism students

LGBTQ+ History: Allyship in Action

This LGBTQ+ History Month, students explored the diverse landscape of identity in personal development lessons, recognising its many influences and the unique journeys individuals take in discovering who they are. They learned about LGBTQ+ history, from past injustices to recent progress, highlighting the ongoing pursuit of equality. The story of Alan Turing, a war hero discriminated against for his sexuality, resonated deeply.

These sessions emphasised our collective responsibility in building a more inclusive society. Understanding that identity can be both a source of strength and vulnerability, the sessions also addressed the challenges some young people face, particularly when exploring their gender and sexual identity. The impact of a supportive environment was emphasised, acknowledging the potential harm of micro-aggressions, bullying, and lack of acceptance. Click here to read our full article.

EDI Celebration Week

Mark your calendars! EDI Celebration Week is just around the corner, kicking off on 31st March and running throughout the week.

This college-wide event, open to both staff and students, will be held in the Main Hall, so be sure to stop by and soak up the atmosphere. Each day will shine a spotlight on a different and important aspect of EDI, with themed events and discussions focusing on Health, History, Race & Religion, EDI itself and Ability. We've got a fantastic programme planned, designed to be informative, engaging and, of course, a lot of fun! Get ready to celebrate diversity and inclusion with us!

This is a fantastic opportunity for both staff and students to get involved, learn more and connect with each other. To make this week truly special, we're calling on enthusiastic individuals to lend a hand. We're still looking for volunteers to help with various aspects of the celebrations, from setting up and decorating to assisting with events and sharing their own experiences. If you're passionate about EDI and want to contribute to a vibrant and inclusive college community, please get in touch by emailing EDI@brooklands.ac.uk. Your help will be invaluable in making EDI Celebration Week a resounding success.