

# Press Release

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## Ealing Hammersmith and West London College welcomes Heathrow's expansion plans

Heathrow has confirmed in a letter to Prime Minister, David Cameron that it has a robust plan which meets and in most cases, exceeds the conditions set out in the Airports Commission's recommendation for Heathrow expansion.

Ealing, Hammersmith and West London College Chief Executive, Garry Philips, says: "Our Colleges are located in the heart of West London in a community where Heathrow is not only a huge employer, but also a key contributor to economic wealth through the opportunities that the additional routes will provide. We recognise the importance of ensuring that there is a skilled workforce ready to take on the job roles and careers that will be created and maintained through expansion.

"We welcome the approach that Heathrow have taken to address aircraft noise, air quality and to engage positively with the communities affected."

Proposals put forward include training and apprenticeships, helping secure more jobs for West London. The College offers a huge range of courses and apprenticeships which match the opportunities that will be available when Heathrow expands – whether or not that includes a third runway.

As well as developments at Heathrow, communities in west London will be benefiting from HS2, Crossrail, Thames Tideway and the Old Oak and Park Royal Developments as well as many other major infrastructure plans. The College is clear that these exciting projects will demand high quality resources, facilities and learning, and is working hard to ensure it has everything in place to equip students to compete for the huge range of employment opportunities the developments will bring.

Students at Hammersmith and Fulham College were recently treated to a presentation from Paula Stannett, HR Director for Heathrow who gave an update on the kinds of jobs that would be available, and how to compete effectively for them.

The College is holding an open event at the Hammersmith and Ealing Colleges on 15 June between 4pm and 8pm.

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