

## Press release

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### **EHWLC Travel and Tourism Department receive Swissport endorsement**

Hammersmith, Ealing and West London's College has formed an Academy Partnership with Swissport UK Limited. EHWLC's Travel students have been traveling to Bristol Airport to meet with Swissport for the past five years, but this partnership provides an extra level of endorsement for the Travel and Tourism Department and demonstrates their commitment to providing high quality vocational training standards.

The partnership will be especially focused on the Level 2 Diploma in Travel and Tourism - Airline, Travel Agency and Check In (AIRTAC) course, although the benefits will be felt across the department. Students on the AIRTAC course will have unique access to the behind the scenes operations of an international airport including cargo, logistics, air traffic control, border control and commerce.

Peter Smith, Travel and Tourism Lecturer says: "This endorsement from Swissport clearly shows the level of trust they have in us to deliver the training that they need. The relationship that we have with Swissport has been built up over a number of years and is something that the college is rightly proud of. Our students will be exposed to the experience and opportunities that they deserve."

Swissport employs over 60,000 people worldwide in hundreds of different roles, providing students with a wealth of opportunities in the Travel and Tourism Industry. As part of the partnership, Swissport will endorse the College's Travel and Tourism course and offer co-branding. Students will also receive full or half day airport visits, a Q&A session with an experienced employee from Swissport and most excitingly - a guaranteed job interview for students subject to eligibility and college recommendation.

Gillian Melling, National Training Manager at Swissport says: 'The college has had a close connection with Swissport for some time through Bristol Airport. Both staff and students visited Bristol on a number of occasions, and both realised the benefit of such a good working relationship.

"Once the Swissport Academy was formalised, I was so proud to be able to offer the partnership to the college as I have experienced at first hand how professional,

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polite and keen the College lecturers were within the Travel Department and their students, who demonstrated the same level of professionalism modelled by their lecturers.

"I am confident that the partnership between us will continue to grow, and that we will be welcoming students into employment from the college who will be a credit to Swissport and themselves."

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