

## Local businesses help SHAPE student's careers

THREE LOCAL businesses joined forces to share their expertise and experience with students at Tomlinscote School's Career Day.

Tomlinscote School & Sixth Form College opened its doors once again to students from local partner schools in the SHAPE federation (Surrey Heath Area Partnership in Education) and invited local businesses, colleges and universities along to give careers advice.

Among those attending were DavisBurton Sellek Chartered Accountants, Encompass Financial Management Ltd and The Dane Partnership, who each offered practical advice.

Leanda Long of Davis Burton Sellek, pictured, said: "We had a huge amount of interest from students who now understand how much more there is to accountancy than numbers. It's about being a professional business adviser these days and is a hugely rewarding career."



Leanda Long of Davis Burton Sellek.

## Speed cameras to aid safety at Hindhead

AVERAGE SPEED cameras are now being used to slow down drivers for safety and smoother traffic flow at the A3 Hindhead Tunnel project roadworks.

The Redfusion brand cameras have been put up at the southern end of the roadworks, close to the Surrey/Hampshire border.

Digital still images of speeding vehicles from the site are downloaded straight to a PC for processing.

Enforcement on the northbound and southbound carriageways is being provided by the Surrey Safety Camera Partnership and the speed limit is 50 mph.

The Hindhead Tunnel is due to be completed by mid 2011.

### PLAIN SPEAKING LEGAL ADVICE

## Pre- and postnuptial agreements

by Fiona Sawkins, Head of Family, Herrington & Carmichael LLP

*Fiona Sawkins offers a guide to pre- and postnuptial agreements.*

We tend to think of pre and postnuptial agreements as the preserve of the rich and famous, but they're becoming much more common for ordinary couples and are now being acknowledged by our Family Courts.

Prenuptials are very useful where one party is coming to the relationship with substantial assets and wants to safeguard them in the event of the marriage breaking down.

There are some key factors that need to be satisfied for a prenuptial agreement to be binding – there should be full disclosure of all assets, each party should have independent legal advice, the agreement must be signed at least 28 days before the marriage, and the agreement must be fair.

Whilst prenuptial agreements are not strictly speaking legally enforceable under English Law, the Courts are now giving much greater weight to them when considering how to divide assets.

It's important to keep your prenuptial agreement under review. If children are born or financial

circumstances change during the marriage then the agreement will need updating.

Another option may be to update the prenuptial to a postnuptial agreement.

When negotiating either a pre- or postnuptial agreement a Collaborative Law approach may be best. The couple sit down with their lawyers to negotiate face to face and draft their agreement together so that there is complete transparency.

For those who do not intend to marry, a Cohabitee Agreement can also be entered into adopting a similar approach.

Herrington & Carmichael has three collaborative lawyers to help with negotiating a pre- or postnuptial agreement or Cohabitee Agreement.

We offer up to an hour's free initial consultation so we can discuss the options available with you and help you make the right decision.

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