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# A LETTER FROM THE HEAD OF STUDENT EXPERIENCE



**CHANDRA  
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Dear Student,  
My name is Chandra and I am your Head of Student Experience here at Croydon and Coulsdon college. I come from a public library management background. I am also an Indian classical vocalist/actor and director, and feel privileged to have performed across the world. But from the moment I came to the college I was captivated.

No one would know from the outside how big the college is, how wonderful the staff are, the great facilities we have and how lovely the students are! Oh my, the students here will steal anyone's heart with their friendly nature, laughter, talents, love and respect that they offer to everyone, what more could I ask for? I love that this is a happy work place and an inclusive community. I love organising a variety of Enrichment events for everyone, hopefully inspiring them and helping them grow academically, professionally, and personally. My vision is for this College to be recognised as one of the best Further Education Colleges in London, with all types of experiences for students to hone their talents and build the right career path. The college truly has immense possibilities, and I want to help everyone take full advantage of them. Together, we can do it, I am sure! You definitely agree with me, right?



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# LRC

## (LIBRARY)

(LEARNING  
RESOURCE CENTRE)

The library has a wide range of digital and hard copy resources. We also have thousands of electronic books which are accessible from home, so information is always at your fingertips, even when the library is closed.

Whether you need help with referencing, finding a book, printing your work or have general queries, the library staff are here to assist you in any way we can. To book a one-to-one referencing session with one of our subject librarians, or for any general queries, email [library@croydon.ac.uk](mailto:library@croydon.ac.uk), or come to us at our Welcome desk on the 2nd floor.

But that's not all! The LRC holds a weekly book club (snacks included), a termly Croydon's Got Talent, and pop-up events like Shakespeare's Birthday.



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# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...



We recently celebrated Shakespeare's birthday (April 23rd) with students from a range of courses, including ESOL and Performing Arts. They did an amazing job and performed some of the Bard's most iconic scenes and monologues all over the college.



Our International Women's Day events across both campuses were a big success! You engaged with a panel of talented women leading in their industries, and celebrated the women in your colleges helping to make a difference. Massive thank you to the Catering students for baking the delicious cupcakes!!



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# CAREERS



**The Careers Team are dedicated to providing you with expert guidance on your academic and professional careers. Our expertise meets the Gatsby Benchmark, ensuring that you get the most out of our services, and are set up for your future endeavours.**

**We offer one-to-one support with UCAS applications, apprenticeships, CVs, cover letters and guidance on which courses at college you might be suited to. We regularly organise fairs, workshops and talks to help connect you with a broad range of professional industries. We are all about helping you progress throughout your college journey.**

**We have an open-door policy so come in anytime, or email [careers@croydon.ac.uk](mailto:careers@croydon.ac.uk) or [careers@coulsdon.ac.uk](mailto:careers@coulsdon.ac.uk) to book your one-to-one appointment with a member of the team today.**





# WHO WE ARE



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# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

We've held a number of Careers events this year, from CV workshops in the library to talks led by professionals across a range of industries in the Wellbeing Centre.



Careers and Employability Workshops in March

National Careers Week was a great way for students to hear from industries like construction, hospitality, and more.



Our big Careers Fairs in Croydon and Coulsdon were a great way for students to ask questions and gain insight into industries they wanted to pursue.



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# ENRICHMENT

The Enrichment team provide a range of extra-curricular activities and opportunities for all students across both campuses. Many of our initiatives are student-led and based off of themes covered in tutorial sessions. From team sports to arts and crafts to wellbeing, there's truly something for everyone.

Our common rooms (located in the basement of the Croydon campus and ... in Coulsdon) are safe spaces for you to unwind and get to know each other outside of lesson times, and we have a range of opportunities in the local area as well to get involved in.

We are here for all of you, and want to help you become confident, responsible, active and successful, both in your academic careers and in your personal development.





# OUR FACILITIES



**Our facilities across both campuses are spacious and designed for students to feel comfortable and relaxed in between lessons. We have pool tables, games consoles, and comfy chairs designed specifically for you to unwind.**



**Our new green room space is perfect for when you need to decompress, and is home to our more relaxing activities, like the lunchtime knitting club.**





# WHO WE ARE



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**Twayne  
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Experience  
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# WHAT WE'VE BEEN UP TO...

**Weekly riding sessions at Kingsmead Equestrian Centre Riding School have been a great way to get active and connect with nature.**



**Every Wednesday students come together for an interactive employability workshop- it's all about gaining key skills to help you get a job, like interview practice help with writing your CV.**

**Our students completing their Duke of Edinburgh Bronze award meet weekly in college to further their life skills and push themselves to their fullest potential. This is a student-led activity, and they have gotten involved in a wide range of activities.**

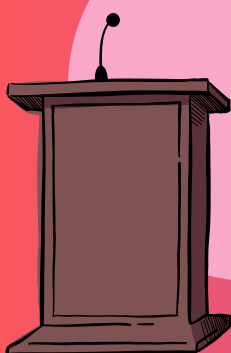




**Our Black History Month celebrations back in October were a fantastic celebration of Black communities across the globe. Students took part in a range of activities, including flag-making, drumming and dance workshops. This year's BHM theme was 'Saluting Our Sisters' and displays around college recognised the contributions of Black women in all aspects of society.**

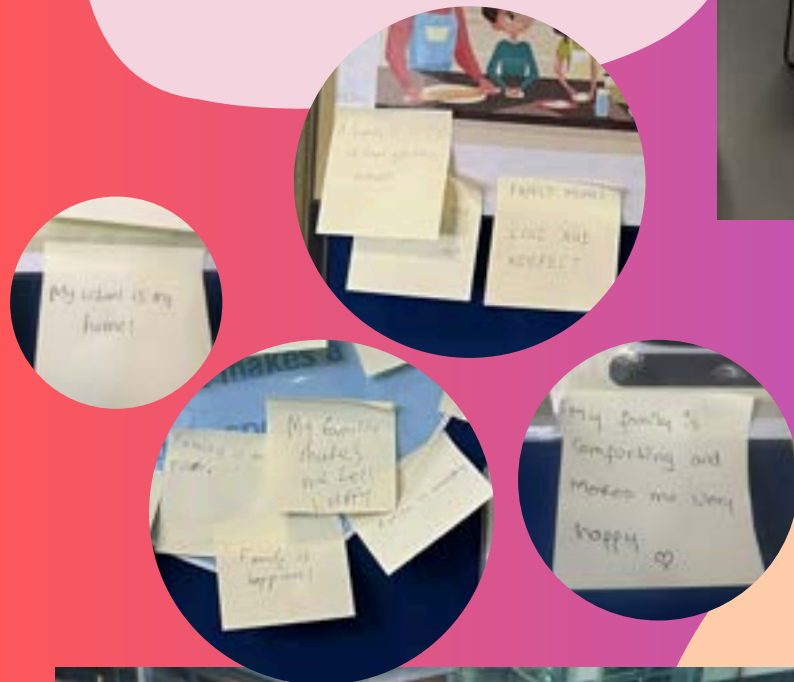


**Earlier in the year we held a Student Conference for the Student Reps and Student Execs. This was an all-day event with a fantastic turnout. Both campuses met to get to know one another, share ideas and brainstorm their ideas for the student body for the academic year. Well done everyone!**





**The 17th-23rd June was Refugee Week and the theme was 'Our Home'. Students got involved in Enrichment and Library-based activities all around college, from Tutorial workshops, to adding their own thoughts to the 'Tree of Stories' in the Reception area.**



**The library display was decorated with students' thoughts about what home and family meant to them. The LRC writing competition received loads of submissions- congratulations to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners, and to all who got involved!**





# WELLBEING CENTRE



**The Safeguarding and Wellbeing Area, located on the first floor below the library, is perfect for meeting with friends, or doing work in larger groups.**



**It is also next to the Safeguarding Department, who are available to help you with any concerns you may have for your own wellbeing or for others.**

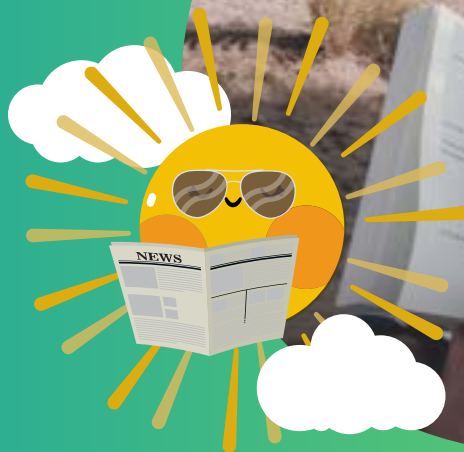
# COMING UP...

International Men's Health Month



June

Summer Reading Challenge



June-August

Pride Month



June

Activities,  
exhibitions,  
and prizes up  
for grabs - get  
involved!