



NEWS

SPRING EDITION, 2025



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



As we return from the Easter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible progress we've made as a community. Last term was one of growth, resilience, and achievement, and I am incredibly proud of the efforts of our students, staff, and the wider Croydon College group family.

I am also delighted to take this opportunity to warmly welcome Emer Lesova, our new Headteacher at the Coulston Sixth Form College campus. Emer brings with her a wealth of experience and a passion for empowering students to achieve their best. We are excited to have her on board, and I have no doubt she will continue to build upon the excellent foundation of education and support at Coulston.

Whether you are a current student, a parent, or someone considering joining our college community, we are committed to providing an enriching educational experience that empowers individuals to achieve their personal and professional goals. As we continue this term, we are focused on creating an environment where curiosity, creativity, and ambition can thrive.

Thank you to all who support the Croydon College Group. Let's make this term even more successful, and we look forward to achieving great things together!

CAIREEN MITCHELL
Principal & CEO
Croydon College Group

“Learners are motivated to learn and develop a range of professional behaviours and skills because of their positive learning experience”



Welcome to the first Newsletter covering the collective educational institutions of Croydon College, Croydon University Centre and Coulston Sixth Form College.

We're proud to share with our community the work and achievements we and our students are making across our campuses and in the wider Croydon area.

OPEN EVENTS

Our Open Events are a fantastic opportunity to discover our courses, view our facilities and meet with current students, teachers and staff. You can also find out more about about the application process, finance and student services.

CROYDON COLLEGE
TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025 | 5PM-7PM



COULSDON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025 | 5PM-7PM



CROYDON UNIVERSITY CENTRE
TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025 | 5PM-7PM





EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ART FOR CHANGE

Since September, our Level 3 Year 1 Art & Design students have been developing their creative skills through two projects: Our House and Form & Flux. Exploring themes of identity, self-expression, change, and sustainability, they have worked across 2D, 3D, and 4D disciplines to bring their ideas to life.

Through dedicated research, experimentation, and making, they have used their creative voices to address pressing issues such as global warming, politics, and societal stereotypes. The work displayed here reflects their commitment to artistic exploration and meaningful storytelling.

This exhibition marks a key milestone in their journey. Over the past seven months, they have refined their craft in preparation for their Final Major Project – a self-initiated response to a set theme. This next stage will challenge them to push their critical thinking and creative practice even further as they take steps toward their future in the arts, whether in higher education or industry.

Join us in celebrating their talent, hard work, and dedication. We hope you enjoyed the exhibition! Feel free to view online and on our socials.

CHARITY CAKE SALE



A big thank you to our students and staff who raised funds to support great causes. Every donation, big and small has helped make a difference. Thank you to our Student Enrichment Team for organising this fantastic event across both campuses.



CAREERS EVENT

Coulsdon College hosted Future Fair 2025 recently to familiarise their students with future careers and higher education pathways. Our Lower Sixth (Year 12) students plus our Upper Sixth (year 13) students were invited to this event to introduce them to a wide range of programmes including A levels and BTEC Advanced level 3 courses. Courses come from a broad geographical area ranging from East Surrey to South London. The event on the day was a success and we look forward to hosting more during the year.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

We are committed to building strong relationships with local schools, with the aim of supporting students as they make important decisions about their future education and career paths.

We offer a range of initiatives, including workshops, assembly talks, career events, taster sessions, and campus tours, all designed to help students explore the various options available to them.

We would love to partner with other local schools and look forward to building new relationships.

If you are interested, please reach out to:

HAYLEY STELLING | Marketing and Events Officer | hayley.stenning@croydon.ac.uk



COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



The much-anticipated basketball showcase between Croydon and Coulsdon lived up to expectations, delivering an intense and well-contested game. Both teams displayed great skill and determination, but Coulsdon managed to edge out a spirited Croydon in a hard-fought battle. Well done to all involved!

Final Score: 55-35 (Coulsdon)

FANCY A COFFEE?

Students at Croydon College are developing their barista skills at our new in house coffee shop.



Better Brews provides students, staff and visitors with freshly made beverages served by our friendly ALS students.

This provides our students with quality job experience in a realistic work setting. Thanks to the national craze for specialty coffee, our popular Better Brews cafe will be hoping to produce a few enthusiastic baristas for the future!



Students and staff from the college donned gloves and high vis vests as part of an organised litter pick to clean up the town centre for local residents, businesses and workers.

Student David Prata Gomes, who is on a supported education course said: "Litter picking is important because it helps keep our environment clean and safe. When we pick up rubbish, we're preventing pollution and protecting wildlife from harmful waste. By participating in litter picking, I can also learn the value of teamwork and responsibility. It gives me a sense of pride knowing that I'm doing something good for my community and the planet".

VINTED SHOP

Our amazing SEND students have launched a Vinted shop! The account is managed from the college, where our students take pictures of the stock, post them on the profile, and prepare the items for sale. By purchasing the items, you will contribute to the department's activities throughout the academic year. Your support will make a real difference in the lives of these students.

Follow our students on Vinted!

Vinted | RETAILENTERPRISE1



THE SHOP

Students at Croydon College are developing their customer service skills with the opening of our new College Shop. The Shop provides existing students and staff with everyday essentials for learning, including stationery, branded goods and seasonal gifts.

The shop has proven successful in giving students the confidence and skills needed for working life.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

The Student Experience team offers a vibrant lineup of free activities for all our students at Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College ensuring there's always something fun to join.

Clubs include:

FOOTBALL | TABLE TENNIS | HOW TO DJ | COMBAT SPORT | GYM SESSIONS | CHESS CLUB

... and many more



PREVENT MONTH

Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College is very proud of its safe learning and working environment and has a strong commitment to Safeguarding and Prevent.

In order to raise awareness of the problems associated with people carrying knives or other offensive weapons today, we worked in partnership with Croydon Police to hold a knife arch event at both Croydon and Coulsdon Capuses.

We would like to thank the Officers from the Metropolitan Police who came into the college to work alongside our Curriculum Managers, Public Service students and Client Care staff to deliver the event and demonstrate our ongoing commitment to safety within the college and the community.



MATHEMATICS EDUCATION INNOVATION MEI FINAL 2025

On Monday 3rd March, a group of 12 smart and outstanding students went to Southwark College for the FE Maths Challenge Regional Final - organised by MEI (Mathematics Education Innovation). This event was primarily focused on maths skills and teamwork competing against 7 different colleges, to face the maths challenge. At 11 am, Martin Newton announced the rules and explained the scoring. The first activity was assigned to match the maths questions to the solutions and given 20 minutes to complete the puzzle set. The Go Forth Team (Croydon College) beat the time record of other colleges.

The second activity was the Kahoot quiz, which was the main activity that had the most points, so the team could earn more. Each group worked hard and made a good effort. Now the Go Forth Team has officially won the final, and the members of the team received gold medals and a trophy to represent the victory for Croydon College.

Overall, this has been an exciting experience and a lovely journey to Southwark College. Thanks for inviting us and looking forward to next year!

Report written by: Ali Quraishi (GCSE Maths Student)



T-LEVELS

TAKE YOUR FUTURE TO THE NEXT LEVEL

CROYDON COLLEGE WILL BE HOSTING A NEW T LEVEL COURSE.

DIGITAL PRODUCTION, DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

This T Level programme has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses, so everything you will learn meets the needs of industry and prepares you for work.

The qualification is structured into 2 component parts:

- Core component - you will acquire knowledge of underpinning concepts, theories and principles as well as core skills in: Problem solving (Computational thinking, Algorithms, Program Data, Moral and Ethical issues, emerging technology and trends, Legislation and the digital environment)
- Occupational specialism: Software development with an employee set project set on the development life-cycle of a digital project. Subjects you will cover include Business context, Culture, Data analysis, Digital business environments, Diversity & inclusion, Security protocols and Legislation.

TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR RANGE OF T LEVELS PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE



HIGHER EDUCATION MATTERS!

We have a long history of delivering higher education courses right here in the heart of Croydon. We are passionate about offering high quality, affordable degrees to our community. Studying with us will not only allow you to gain a qualification, it will give you the opportunity to change your life by opening up career opportunities. Our courses are designed with you in mind.

SCAN THE QR CODE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR HIGHER EDUCATION COURSES





OUR COURSES HIGHLIGHTS

FASHION & TEXTILES

Explore the different disciplines within the fashion industry through workshops and projects.

You will learn a number of subject areas, including: research and idea creation, fashion illustration and drawing, fashion design, textile design, fabric manipulation and fashion promotion.

The aim of the course is to equip you with a broad basis of industry-relevant skills and to allow you to progress to either employment within the fashion industry or continue with higher education.

To find out more about this course or how to apply please scan here



ANIMATION



The course offers a balance of practical skill development and knowledge requirements, some of which can be theoretical in nature Teaching and guidance from practising Animators and designers.

We have well-resourced studios and workshops for all disciplines. The course includes work experience, enrichment activities and exhibitions and collaborative projects.

To find out more about this course or how to apply please scan here



ACCESS TO SOCIAL CARE (19+)



This course is ideal for adults with experience in Social Work, Youth and Community Work, Social Policy,

Psychology, or Sociology. It also suits those seeking a career change due to unemployment or limited opportunities, especially if they have a strong interest in social work-related professions.

To find out more about this course or how to apply please scan here



APPRENTICESHIPS

With an apprenticeship, you can earn while you learn, eliminating the need for student loans and giving you real income from the start. Many apprenticeships lead to full-time job offers, providing a direct path to career security. You'll also develop essential skills like communication, problem-solving, and teamwork, all while receiving personalised education with mentorship from experts.

To find out more about our apprenticeships please scan here



We have over **2,650** 16-19 year-old students across both campuses.

We are proud to be a multi-cultural college providing opportunity for a diverse **community.**

We have over **2,700** adult learners, and 500+ STAFF who reflect the ethnic diversity of our students.

We Offer
GCSEs
A Levels
T Levels
Apprenticeships
BTECS
NVQs

STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Techieka Williams - Health & Social Care

Tchieka has been a valued member of Croydon College for 17 years. Driven by a passion to help students grow, her role goes beyond teaching, focusing on mentoring, supporting students personally and professionally, engaging with parents, and ensuring everyone's safety and well-being.

Tchieka goes beyond her role as a lecturer, inspiring students to be their best and make the most of available resources. Her favourite saying, "Reach for the moon, and if you fall, you'll still land on a star," reminds them that progress is always being made.

This year, Tchieka received two Best Teacher Awards, voted by her students, reflecting her dedication and impact. Her passion and commitment to student success are truly inspiring. Here's to Tchieka and the many lives she continues to positively influence.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

(FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

Apply for your chosen course:

We have a wide range of courses at both our Coulsdon and Croydon campuses. You can find more information and apply using the QR codes below.

Interview

As part of the application process, you will be invited to 1-2-1 interview with a course specialist who can give you detailed information and ensure your chosen course meets your career aspirations.

Welcome Day:

An exciting opportunity to experience your chosen course and explore the learning environment.

Enrolment:

You'll be invited to our enrolment in late August. You'll be sent an exact date and time to bring your documents to officially enrol on your course.

Induction:

Meet tutors, get familiar with the course, and prepare for the year ahead.

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COLLEGE POLICIES AND REMINDERS

Food Waste Bins

Starting March 31, food waste bins will be placed around the college to help separate food waste from general rubbish and promote sustainability.

Lanyards Reminder

Remember to keep your lanyard on and visible while at the college for safety and security.

FREDIE Values

Continue to live by the values of FREDIE (Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and Empowerment) in all we do.

Stress Awareness Month

April is Stress Awareness Month, encouraging us to focus on well-being and practice kindness and compassion toward ourselves and others. #LeadWithLove

 www.croydon.ac.uk

 www.coulsdon.ac.uk

 www.croydonuniversitycentre.ac.uk

FEEDBACK SECTION

How did we do this month?

We'd love to hear from you! If you have any feedback, ideas, or stories you'd like to see in our next newsletter, please don't hesitate to drop us an email marketing@croydon.ac.uk. Your thoughts are always appreciated!