

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I hope this message finds you all well and looking forward to a well-deserved break and quality time with your loved ones over the holidays.

This year has been one of exceptional achievement. More students than ever before are set to achieve their qualifications and progress to the destinations of their choice. We've significantly increased employer engagement in our provision, enabling more students to access valuable work placements and develop the skills they need for successful careers.

It was a real pleasure to celebrate the end of the year and the accomplishments of our Staff at our Staff Development Day. Thank you to everyone involved in its success. The whole day had the feeling of a special celebratory family reunion! Well done everyone. Congratulations to all staff prize winners, your awards are thoroughly deserved.

At the heart of all this success are our core values: **caring, collaborative, courageous, and creative**. These values are not just words—they are the foundation of how we work together, support our students, and serve our community. They are what make us a place of hope and opportunity.

Thank you once again for all your hard work and commitment. I wish you a restful and joyful holiday season..

Wishing you a fantastic Summer and looking forward to the term ahead.

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 our Summer Newsletter covering the collective educational institutions of Croydon College and Croydon University Centre.

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.

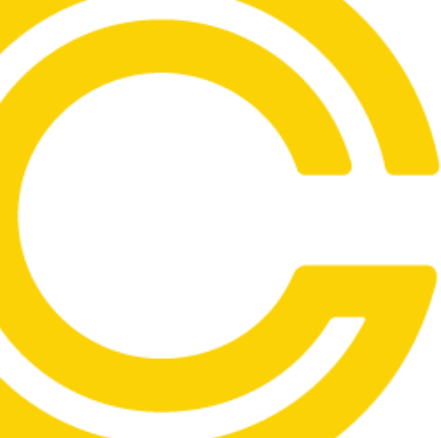
ENROL NOW

Come and enrol at the College!

Open Enrolment allows you to enrol in any of our available courses here at Croydon College or our Croydon University Centre. No appointment is necessary. Dates and times are drop-in sessions, so for those who want to enrol please refer to the website for dates and times.

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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

BLUEBELL RAILWAY VISIT

A group of students from the School of Art visited the Bluebell Railway as part of this year's Railway 200 celebrations. Students enjoyed a heritage train ride behind a steam engine through the Sussex countryside, experiencing what train travel was like in days gone by.

The steam locomotive no. 80151, built at Brighton Works in 1957, was once a regular sight at East Croydon on commuter trains in the 1950s and '60s. Despite the hot weather, a great day out was had by all. We would like to thank the Bluebell Railway and Govia Thameslink Railway for making the event possible.



At Croydon College we proudly acknowledge Refugee Week 2025.

This year's theme Community as a Superpower reminds us that even small acts of kindness and solidarity can create powerful change.

We stand with refugees and displaced people because everyone deserves safety, dignity and a place to call home.



BUSINESS MINDS...

Our Level 1 Business students completed their final Marketing assignment.

They developed a new business idea, designed a brand and logo and presented their work to a panel in a Dragons' Den style presentation.

There was a lot of positive feedback from staff and the panel, with students demonstrating creativity and confidence throughout.

THANKING ALL OUR GREAT TEACHERS!

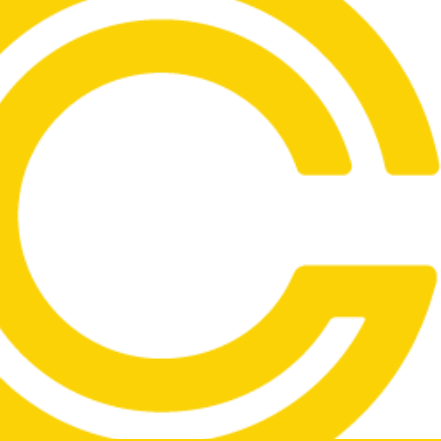


At Croydon College, we celebrated our incredible teachers. These are the people who inspire confidence, spark ambition and help shape brighter futures every single day.

From going the extra mile in the classroom to motivating and challenging students to be their best, our teachers always give their all. We are so proud of their passion, dedication and the positive impact they make across our college community.

Thank you for everything you do.





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SOUTH WEST LONDON SOCIAL CARE ACADEMY HUB NEWSLETTER

We're excited to be featured on page 12 of the latest South West London Social Care Academy Hub newsletter, promoting our Health & Social Care Apprenticeships to approximately 900 care providers.

At Croydon College, we're here to support the care sector with industry-aligned training designed with employers, for employers.

View the newsletter here <https://swlsocialcarehub.org.uk/social-care-academy-hub-newsletter-2/>

Contact us at employers@croydon.ac.uk Or call: 0208 760 5806



LONDON YOUTH GAMES

Our Level 2 and Level 3 Sport students volunteered at the London Youth Games Primary 3v3 Basketball competition held at the Score Sports Centre in Leyton, East London.

Primary schools from all over London took part, with pupils competing for the top spot. Fittingly, the winning team came from a local school in Croydon.

Our students played a key role throughout the day, supporting the event team with scheduling, operating scoreboards and helping manage the competition. It was a brilliant chance to gain real experience in event management and develop essential communication and teamwork skills.

THE PRODUCTION OF ROBIN HOOD

Robin Hood brought the whole College community together, starring students and staff from across the College. With original songs from Level 3 Music, stunning backdrops by Art students, sets built by Carpentry department and programmes created by Level 1 ESOL, this was a true team effort. A huge thank you to everyone who helped bring the story to life. Until next time!

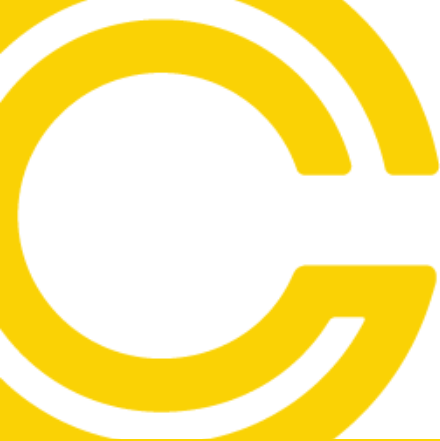


CROYDON COLLEGE

PRESENTS...

Robin Hood





EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

ANNUAL PITSTOP COMPETITION

We hosted our Annual Pitstop Competition, giving our Motor Vehicle students the chance to put their skills to the test in a high-pressure tyre-changing challenge.

Five teams competed: three from Croydon College and two from East Surrey College, with each team judged on speed, technique and attention to detail.

Congratulations to 'Lean X Bop' from Croydon College for taking first place, and to 'Killer Bees', also from Croydon College as well-deserved runners-up. Both teams showed fantastic teamwork and focus.

Thank you to East Surrey College for joining us and competing with such energy and enthusiasm. It was great to have you involved in the challenge.



CULTURE DAY

We celebrated the incredible diversity of our college community with Culture Day! Students and staff came together to share and embrace their cultural backgrounds, a true reflection of what makes Croydon College so special!

We had the pleasure of hosting Year 9 students from Coombe Wood School for a Taster Day in Carpentry and Brickwork at Croydon College.

The students were engaged, full of energy and had a brilliant time exploring the trades. We hope today has sparked an interest in a future career in Construction!

Taster Days like this are a fantastic way to connect with our local schools and inspire the next generation of skilled professionals.

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:

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COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



To celebrate Windrush day we'd like to highlight to our students and the public alike The Windrush Generation Legacy Association based here in Croydon in the Whitgift shopping centre.

The Windrush GLA celebrates the diverse Legacy of the Windrush Generation and their descendants through exhibitions and talks detailing the struggles, challenges and successes of the generation. The exhibition space presents UK Windrush generation homes in amazing detail and is an important story linked to the cultural identity of our borough.



We're proud to be a signatory of the South London Skills and Employment Partnership Charter!

Our commitment supports the development of a strong, skilled, and adaptable workforce across South London. As a Champion Badge holder, we're excited to collaborate with partners, share resources, and help shape the future of employment and education in our region.

Let's keep South London a thriving place to live, learn, and work!

CROYDON WELCOME DAY

We recently welcomed our new starters for September 2025. The day consisted of a motivational speech by Anthony King, followed by a taster session of their courses and a showcase of our facilities and support areas. It was a successful day and we look forward to seeing all our new students in the new academic year.



Students and staff had a great time at the Learning Disability Carnival with plenty of networking and a real sense of community.

Big thank you to Patricia, Tina, Iona, James, Fatiha and Ananya for supporting on the day. And to LDA Croydon for organising a fantastic event.



CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

The college recently celebrated Pride Month to welcome and support students from all walks of life and every sexuality – because inclusivity isn't just a statement, it's who we are.

Our values of being Courageous, Collaborative, Creative, and Caring guide everything we do – and that includes building a community where everyone feels seen, safe, and celebrated.



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INSPIRING MONTH

ACCESS GRADUATION

On Thursday 3rd July, Croydon College held the Access graduation. The Access to Higher Education Diploma courses is designed to provide the underpinning knowledge and skills needed to progress to a degree or diploma course in higher education. Over 250 students a year attend Access and Pre-Access courses with many progressing onto Croydon's own higher education options, and to universities locally and throughout the country. The ceremony started with an introduction from Kathleen Hawke, Curriculum Team Manager, who reiterated to the graduates how proud we all are at Croydon College to have been a part of the students' learning journeys.

Congratulations to all our Graduates this year!

LEAGUE OF LEGENDS STUDENT CHAMPS NATIONALS COMPETITION WINNERS!

Students competed in the League of Legends Student Champs Nationals. 12 teams took part in the tournament and in the Grand Finals, Croydon Prime faced off against Burnley Esports Elite in a best-of-three series. Croydon Prime secured a 2-0 victory in the Grand Finals on Saturday 5th July 2025, completing a dominant season. As a standout moment, Gloria "Angel" Januszewicz was also named Most Valuable Player (MVP) of the finals for her exceptional shotcalling and playmaking from the support role.

The Grand Finals were held at the National Esports Performance Campus (NEPC) in Sunderland.

Artur Sassa, a student at Croydon, gave us his feedback on the day and about his course:

Studying Esports has given me the opportunity to do something I love with full passion and purpose. Winning isn't just about lifting a trophy. It's proof that dreams can come true if you're willing to fight for them every single day.



COLLEGE MISSION AND VALUES



COURAGEOUS

We are ambitious for our students, staff and college

COLLABORATIVE

We support one another and are stronger together

CREATIVE

We are imaginative & innovate to improve

CARING

We are a diverse, vibrant community and care for every individual

SPOTLIGHT

Refugee Week Writing Competition 2025

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Refugee Week Writing Competition. We were deeply moved and inspired by the stories, reflections, and messages shared. Your words showed incredible thought, empathy, and creativity. We are proud to announce the winners as:

1st: Lisa Maluleke | **2nd:** Tin Tin Myint | **3rd:** Tillie Sullivan

Congratulations to each of you for your work! We would also like to give a special mention to all entrants. Your contributions made this competition meaningful and memorable. It takes courage to share your writing, and each of you helped make Refugee Week a powerful and reflective experience for our College community. Thank you again for your participation and spirit. We look forward to sharing more opportunities like this in the future. If you would like to view the entries they are currently displayed on the 2nd floor of the Library.



ADMISSIONS PROCESS

(FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

Apply for your chosen course:

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

Interview

As part of the application process, you will be invited to a 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

From the March 31, food waste bins were 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

We are an inclusive college and are here to meet the needs of the diverse community which we serve. We work hard to embed Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement (FREDIE) in all we do, underpinned by our commitment to Investors in Diversity. We help our students and staff create their future careers. We strive to be the best we can be.



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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!

FOR THE STUDENTS...

BOOK A COLLEGE TOUR

Join us for an exciting opportunity to explore Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth form College up close!

Our friendly tour guides will show you around our campus, answer your questions about student life, courses, and more. We offer daytime tours from **10am to 11am**.

We also offer mid-day tours from 4pm to 5pm – a quieter time on campus, but still a great opportunity to explore our facilities and meet our team.



TASTER SESSIONS

Croydon College are offering taster sessions throughout the year. These sessions are perfect for Years 9 & 10. We offer a variety of sessions throughout this time which will hopefully cater to all students interests. These include:

Plumbing | Carpentry | Electrical | Art & Design | Business | Travel | Brickwork | Uniform Services | Sport | Hair & Beauty | Hospitality

To book a Taster Session for your Students please contact:

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TO ALL STUDENTS RECEIVING GCSE AND A LEVEL RESULTS

We would like to wish all our students the best of luck who will be receiving their GCSE and A Level results next month. We know they've worked incredibly hard preparing for these exams.

RESULTS DAYS

A LEVELS | THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2025

GCSE | THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025

If you know someone who is awaiting theirs, it might be a nice idea to send them a message to let them know you're thinking of them - whether it's a good luck note, or a congratulations quote.

Our fingers are firmly crossed for you!

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GOT
THIS!**



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