



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we approach the end of a busy term, it's wonderful to celebrate the incredible work happening across both our campuses. Our students continue to thrive, and the recent student survey results are outstanding: 94% satisfaction with teaching and learning, 93% satisfaction with assessments, 93% of students feel safe at college and 95% agree that teaching on their course is good. These results reflect your dedication and commitment, placing us in Quartile A of all colleges using the survey—well done!

We've also received excellent news on student progress in English and maths, with achievements significantly above national rates and strong progress from students' starting points. Thank you to everyone supporting this success.

This term has been full of enriching opportunities beyond the classroom. Aviation and Travel & Tourism students visited Gatwick Airport, Media students contributed to the "Welcome to Frank" knife-crime campaign, and Music students performed at the Croydon Schools Concert. The Creative Arts team showcased festive student creations in the Parfitt Gallery Christmas Shop. A huge thank you to all staff supporting UCAS applications, mock exams, student enrichment, and wellbeing initiatives. Hosting the NHS and seeing the work of our Supported Internships has been a real highlight, showing the breadth of opportunities we offer.

I am incredibly proud of the vibrant, purposeful, and supportive environment you create every day. Your dedication changes lives, and together we continue to make Croydon College a place where students thrive, achieve, and aspire to great things.

Wishing all our students, staff, and readers a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year.

**CAIREEN MITCHELL**  
Principal & CEO  
Croydon College Group



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**Welcome to our Winter 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.**

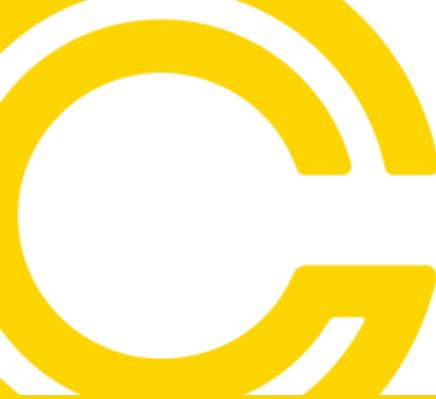
## APPLY NOW

**Your Future Starts at Croydon College!**

Looking for the right place to take your next step? At Croydon College, we offer high-quality 16-18 programmes that prepare you for university, apprenticeships, or employment.

With top results, strong employer links, and a focus on real-world skills, we're proud to be one of London's top-performing colleges.

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# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## A VISIT FROM MOLLY HAWKINS

We were fortunate to host artist and muralist, Molly Hawkins from CSOA for a talk and workshop. Molly shared insights into her practice, covering colour palettes, form, and visual design. Our learners applied these concepts in a practical workshop, producing exciting outcomes. We would like to thank Molly once again.

 Croydon College

# OPEN EVENT

TUES 17 MAR  
5PM-7PM  
WED 17 JUN  
5PM-7PM

[CROYDON.AC.UK/EVENTS](http://CROYDON.AC.UK/EVENTS)

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



## OPEN EVENTS

If you are thinking of coming to study at Croydon College, there are plenty of opportunities to come and talk to us. We host regular open events, careers events, and information evenings.

Visiting us is the best way for you to get a feel for the college before you apply. You'll get the chance to meet our staff and current students, ask questions about the courses and services we offer, and even explore our fantastic facilities.

**Next Open Event | Tuesday 17th March 2026 | 5pm-7pm**  
To register please go to | [croydon.ac.uk/events](http://croydon.ac.uk/events)

 Save the Children  
Thursday 11th December 2025

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Wear your Christmas Jumper

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all our students and staff who participated in Christmas Jumper Day.

It was a perfect way to celebrate this festive month and to donate money to a great cause... 🎄

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR FESTIVE JUMPERS NEXT YEAR!**



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## STUDENT CONFERENCE 2025

Engaging and community-focused, the Student Conference brought together Student Reps from both colleges. Led by the Student Exec Team, the day encouraged open discussion, collaboration, and student voice. With support from Valerie Shawcross, Chair of our Governing Body and an inspiring talk from Caireen, reps shared concerns and felt heard. The positive feedback showed the real impact of listening to students and working together.



## CHRISTMAS SALE

Our ESOL 19+ class designed Christmas cards and made sweet bags for staff and students to buy. All proceeds went to a great project called Evolve Croydon. Items were unique as well as affordable. The stall was a huge success - especially the sweet bags!

**Thank you to the ESOL department for putting in so much effort to raise money for this great community project.**



## GLOVES ON!

Our Uniformed Services students stepped into active coaching roles with support from lecturers Roshan Joseph, Charles Fernando and Wayne Hanson. They practiced key boxing skills while building confidence, communication, discipline and teamwork.



The session was full of focus, effort and genuine peer support. Boxing became a tool for leadership and resilience. Proud of every student involved.



## LEVEL 2 HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE STUDENTS SHINE AT DEMENTIA CAFÉ EVENT

Our Level 2 Health and Social Care students enjoyed a valuable experience at a Dementia Café, engaging with service users in a warm and supportive setting. Through music, dancing, and shared laughter, students built meaningful connections while developing empathy, communication, and confidence. This enriching experience helped prepare them for careers in health and social care, and we are proud of their professionalism, kindness, and enthusiasm. Well done!



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Students and staff came together to deliver a fantastic performance of Cinderella at Croydon College. The production was full of energy, with lively audience interaction including cheers and boos that brought the story to life. Lovely songs and joyful dancing filled the stage, creating a truly engaging experience. It was a wonderful showcase of talent, teamwork, and creativity, with both students and staff giving a great performance that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone.

We would like to thank all staff and students who took part in this spectacular show. A special thank you also goes to everyone who supported the production behind the scenes. We look forward to welcoming you to our next production in the new year.



## CONSTRUCTION AND CARPENTRY



We were delighted to welcome Misan and Mark from **Repair Care International UK**, who delivered an excellent demonstration to our Construction and Carpentry students. They showcased their timber repair products and expertly explained how to apply them, giving students valuable hands-on experience.

Students learned how to make robust, secure repairs to damaged timber using the Repair Care system, gaining practical skills and industry insight. Thank you for such an informative and engaging session.

## FESTIVE CAKES

Our fantastic Better Brews students treated staff and students to a wonderful selection of festive cakes and bakes this week—beautifully made and perfectly paired with a hot drink.

A huge well done to everyone involved for spreading some seasonal cheer, and we're already looking forward to their next batch of delicious baked treats!



# COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE PRESENTS

# LET'S TALK CARE

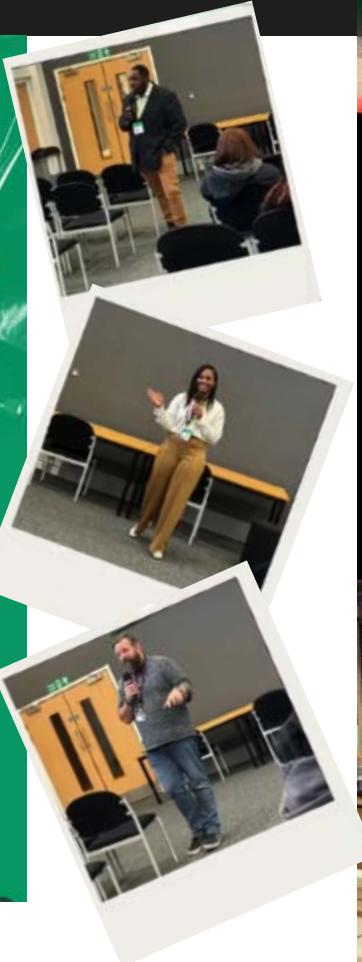
INNOVATIONS IN HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

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ANTHONY KING  
LEONIE SAMUDA  
PAUL SMITH  
VALERIE PANTKO  
LOLA DYER

10:15 - 11:15 AM  
11:15 - 12:15 PM

INSPIRING TALKS,  
WORKSHOPS &  
INNOVATIONS IN  
HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE



## LETS TALK CARE

Our Health and Social Care students took part in an inspiring **Let's Talk Care** event filled with real world insight, powerful conversation and future focused career guidance.

We were honoured to welcome an amazing line up of guest speakers including:

- **Anthony King**
- **Social Worker Leonie Samuda**
- **Lola Dyer**
- **Our own Wellness and Safeguarding team**

Throughout the day students explored meaningful topics linked to mental health, wellbeing, safeguarding and the realities of building a career in the health and social care sector.

The room was full of honest discussion, personal stories and practical advice that helped our learners gain confidence and a clearer sense of the paths ahead of them.

Thank you to all our speakers and to every student who took part. You helped make the event a truly powerful and engaging experience!



## Paslode WORKSHOP

Croydon College was pleased to welcome Paslode uk to campus this week for an in-depth demonstration with our Carpentry students.

The session provided valuable, hands-on insight into Paslode's nail guns, including guidance on safe operation, correct handling, and the wide range of applications these tools have within industry settings. Students gained a stronger understanding of how this equipment can support their future careers and enhance their practical skillset.

**Thank you to Paslode for an engaging, informative, and highly practical lesson. Our students left inspired and better prepared for the workplace.**

# COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



We have wrapped up a project with BOB Design Ltd with a showcase of development work and prototypes for design initiatives for Surrey Street Market.

BOB is a female-led graphic design & brand studio founded in 2002, based in London and Zürich. They value research, dialogue, insight and inspiring ideas. Their work spans from brand identity, print, digital, environmental and packaging design.

A huge thank you to BOB for the opportunity to work with them. Our students gained in-depth knowledge and opened their creative minds even further.

We look forward to further collaborations.



## GIVE BLOOD...

We hosted a Blood Type Awareness Event at Croydon College. We hosted two events at both our Croydon and Coulsdon campus. Students found out their blood type in minutes and learnt how donating blood can make a real impact in our community.



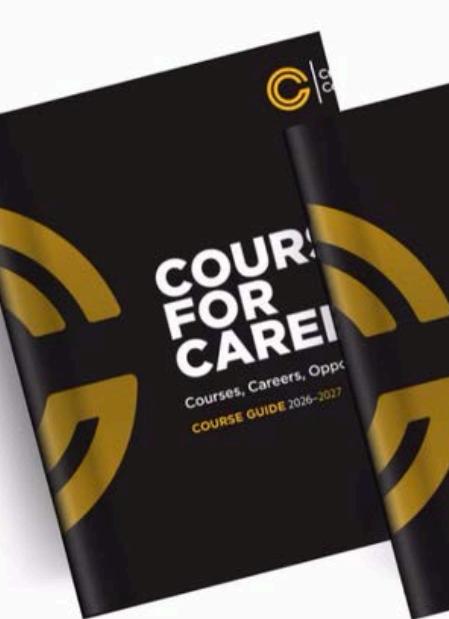
## SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

This term, the College has collaborated with over 35 local schools through a wide range of activities, including assemblies, careers fairs, mock interviews, campus tours, and taster sessions. It has also been wonderful to see familiar faces from our partner schools attending our open events. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to all the schools that have worked with the College and welcomed us to engage with their students. We look forward to building on these positive partnerships and delivering even more successful events next year.

## SHAPING CROYDON COLLEGE GREEN

OUR STUDENTS ARE HELPING SHAPE THE FUTURE OF CROYDON! MICA AND CHARLES HOLLAND ARCHITECTS VISITED THE COLLEGE TO SHARE THEIR PROPOSALS FOR THE NEW COLLEGE GREEN PUBLIC REALM DESIGN AND OUR STUDENTS HAD THEIR SAY ON WHAT THE NEW SPACE SHOULD INCLUDE.





# KEEP UPDATED...

The Croydon College Prospectus is here...

Explore our latest Prospectus, now available online.

Inside, you'll find an exciting and diverse range of Vocational Courses, Apprenticeships and T Levels – all carefully designed to support your ambitions, develop your skills, and open doors to further education, apprenticeships, or employment.

Whether you have a clear career path in mind or you're still exploring your options, our courses, expert teaching, and supportive environment will help you grow in confidence and achieve your goals.

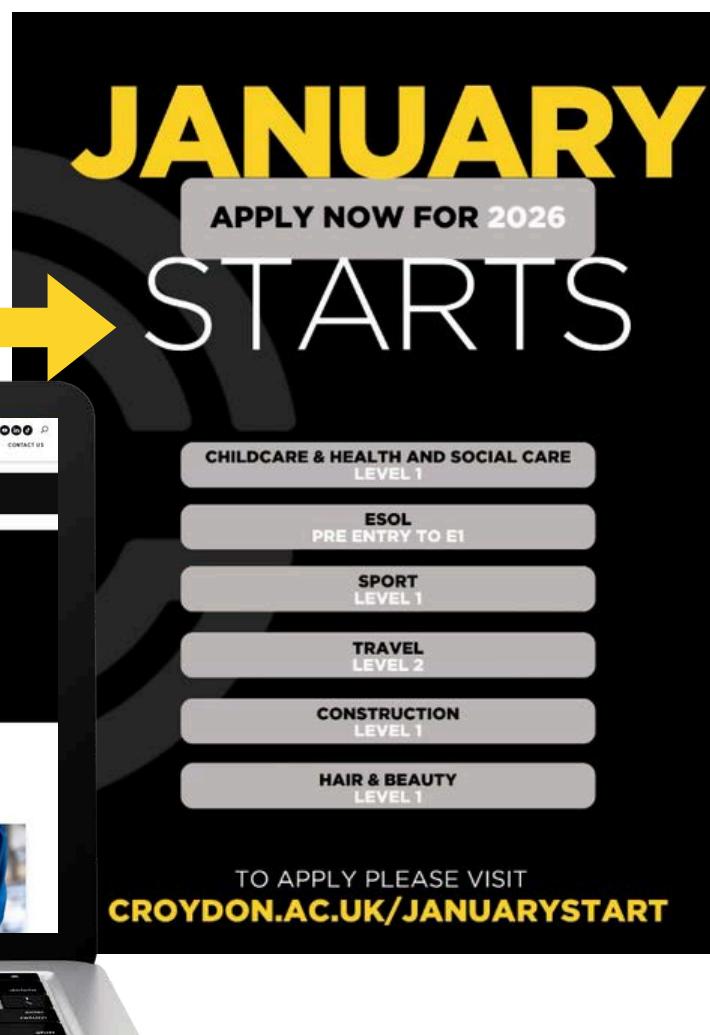
View the Prospectus online now at [croydon.ac.uk](https://croydon.ac.uk) and start shaping your future today.

## JANUARY STARTS...

We have a range of courses starting at Croydon College in January for students who were aged 16 to 18 on 31st August 2025.

If you are looking for a fresh start in your career or education, you can also explore options designed specifically for adults aged 19 and over as well.

[CROYDON.AC.UK/APPLYNOW](https://croydon.ac.uk/applynow)



## 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 & innovative to improve

**CARING**

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

# SPOTLIGHT

## Congratulations to the Maths team!

A huge shout out to Valeria and the Maths team at the Croydon campus! Not only are we proud to be hosting the MEI Further Education Maths Challenge this year—a national competition designed to inspire and support post-16 students as they develop their maths skills, work towards a Functional Skills qualification, or improve their GCSE Mathematics grade. We are also currently sitting in an incredible second place in the national league.

This outstanding achievement is a true testament to the team's hard work, dedication, and passion for excellence. We're all rooting for you as you push on to chase that number one spot and hopefully bring the top prize back to Croydon College.

## 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.

**CROYDON  
COURSES**



## 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](mailto:marketing@croydon.ac.uk). Your thoughts are always appreciated!

**MEI**

Further  
Education  
Maths  
Challenge

## INTRODUCING... THE STUDENT HANDBOOK!

### HERE FOR 2026

All students receive a Student Handbook at the start of each academic year. The handbook contains important information, including key student policies, safeguarding guidance, and details of available support to help students succeed throughout the year.

To view the full handbook please visit:

[croydon.ac.uk/student-handbook](http://croydon.ac.uk/student-handbook)

 [www.croydon.ac.uk](http://www.croydon.ac.uk)

 [www.croydonuniversitycentre.ac.uk](http://www.croydonuniversitycentre.ac.uk)

**STUDENT  
HANDBOOK**  
2025-2026

 Croydon College

 COULSDON  
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



# KEEPING YOU SAFE

## SAFEGUARDING

Croydon college has welcomed a brand-new safeguarding and wellbeing team this term who have been busy making friends with learners and staff. The team has concentrated on listening to our students and providing a holistic approach to supporting our learners. We will continue to welcome your voices as students, parents and staff to listen to your needs and build our services to meet our valuable students' requirements and to help us grow as a team.

We have welcomed support from partners outside of college who have provided mentoring, safe spaces and bespoke specialised interventions for a wide variety of safeguarding needs for our students.



**Ashleigh Rosier**



**Oni Hinton**



**Kristy Hoyle**

**The best way to share our progress is to use the teams voices to share their impressions of their first term In college...**

### **Ashleigh Rosier**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
I love coming into college knowing every day is different. It's rewarding to see learners confidently engage with our team, each offering a unique approach to support them. Knowing our work makes a real difference makes it all worthwhile.

### **Oni Hinton**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
Joining the safeguarding team this term has been a rewarding experience. The Wellbeing Room provides a safe space where students gain support, build resilience, and confidently use safeguarding tools. Working closely with tutors and student services has shown that safeguarding is everyone's responsibility and makes a real difference to student wellbeing.

### **Kristy Hoyle**

**Wellbeing Co-ordinator**

This term, positive student feedback has shaped wellbeing sessions around student voice, helping learners build confidence, motivation, and ownership of their mental health.



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**WE WILL  
LISTEN**

**Student  
Support  
SERVICES**

# GENERAL INFORMATION...



## BOOK A COLLEGE CO 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:

**HAYLEY STENNING | Marketing and Events Officer | [hayley.stenning@croydon.ac.uk](mailto:hayley.stenning@croydon.ac.uk)**

## TO ALL STUDENTS...

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding term, we would like to wish all Croydon College students a wonderful Christmas and festive break.

This is a well-earned time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends after all your hard work and commitment. We are extremely proud of everything our students have achieved this term and would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their continued support, effort, and passion.

Your contributions make a real difference and help create a positive learning environment for everyone. We hope the festive season brings you happiness, rest, and renewed energy, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new term.

**COLLEGE IS BACK OPEN AFTER HALF TERM ON:**

**MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026**

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