



Croydon
College

NEWS

SPRING EDITION 2, 2026



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we come to the end of the Spring term I would like to wish all our families a very Happy Easter. This season is a wonderful reminder of renewal and fresh beginnings, and it feels especially timely as our students prepare for the important exam period ahead.

Across both campuses we have continued to make strong progress and this week's BTEC results give us real confidence as we move towards the Summer. Many courses achieved excellent pass rates reflecting the hard work of students and the commitment of staff who are supporting them so well.

These results provide a solid foundation, but there is still work to do in the weeks ahead. Attendance, punctuality and consistent engagement remain crucial and we appreciate your ongoing support in encouraging students to stay focused and make the most of every lesson.

We have also enjoyed several positive events this term. Our recent Open Events welcomed an increased number of families and created a vibrant atmosphere that showcased the very best of our college communities. Our Parents' Evening provided another valuable opportunity to strengthen home-college partnerships and we are grateful to everyone who took part.

We also celebrate the achievements of staff and students whose creativity, leadership and community engagement continue to shine—from exhibitions and special arts events to our Student Exec's inspiring meeting with the Mayor of Croydon.

I hope you all enjoy a peaceful and refreshing Easter break and to those in our community who celebrated Eid, we wish you a joyful and blessed celebration.

We look forward to welcoming students back for a purposeful and successful summer term.

CAIREEN MITCHELL

Principal & CEO
Croydon College Group



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Welcome to the 2nd Spring 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.

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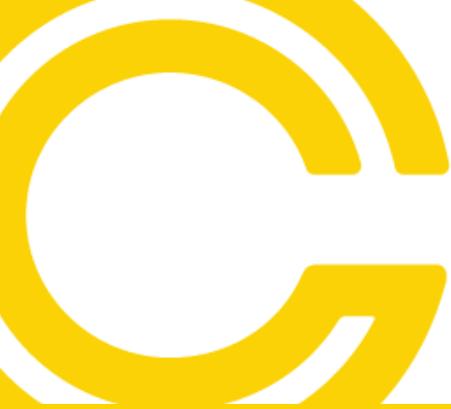
Your Future Starts at Croydon College!

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

CREATIVE COLLABORATION BRINGS PUNK PROJECT TO LIFE

It was fantastic to bring together different departments from Hair & Beauty, Photography, Fashion, Music and Art to collaborate on our exciting Punk Rock event.

The Music department's original punk track added energy and attitude while the anti-fashion pieces captured the DIY spirit and rebellious self-expression at the heart of punk. The Hair & Beauty department completed the vision through bold styling, make-up and character design bringing the project to life.

Working in collaboration with Sculpt.org our students explored the true spirit of punk. Every image created lyric, stitch and a burst of colour showcasing young people's authentic self, raising their voices and shaping their own narratives. A great event!



Croydon College

OPEN EVENT

WED 17 JUN
5PM-7PM



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[CROYDON.AC.UK/EVENTS](https://croydon.ac.uk/events)

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 | Wednesday 17th June 2026 | 5pm-7pm
To register please go to | croydon.ac.uk/events



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EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



Creative Arts Students visit Bethlem Museum

Our Creative Arts students recently visited the Bethlem Museum to learn more about its mental health initiatives while exploring heritage and creative career pathways. During the visit students took part in a hands on gilding workshop and gained insight into the museum's work in preserving and sharing important aspects of mental health history.

The group also attended a community event celebrating the restoration of the museum's historic clock turret, offering a unique opportunity to see heritage conservation in action. The visit highlighted the museum's ongoing efforts to reduce stigma surrounding mental health, preserve the history of mental healthcare, and collaborate with young people and the local community.

We are very grateful for the opportunity to support such an important local initiative while helping our learners broaden their understanding of potential careers. A huge thank you to the team at Bethlem Museum for involving us in this inspiring programme.



HAIR AND BEAUTY TREATMENTS

Our talented Croydon College students, trained by industry professionals, are ready to give you the latest styles, trends and treatments - while you enjoy a unique salon experience.

Check out our affordable services including both hair and beauty treatments... right here in our Croydon Campus!

To view our price list please go to: croydon.ac.uk/hair-beauty-salon



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

STUDENTS EXPLORE CAREERS IN AVIATION

Our Level 3 Travel students recently visited Gatwick Airport where they gained an insight into the day to day operations of the airport.

During the visit students had the opportunity to engage with industry professionals and explore a wide range of career pathways across the aviation sector.

Opportunities like this are invaluable in helping students make meaningful connections between the classroom and future careers, building both knowledge and confidence as they prepare for the next steps in their journey.

Thank you to everyone involved!



Connecting Croydon Event Highlights Impact of Apprenticeships

It was a pleasure to host the latest **Connecting Croydon** networking event at the college where the spotlight was firmly on apprenticeships.

We were inspired by insightful contributions from Melanie Gildenhuis, Brian Duffus, and Dean Lovell, alongside his apprentice, Ethan. Together they shared their experiences and the real impact apprenticeships can have for both young people and businesses.

We also heard from our Student Executive Team across both campuses who presented their exciting plans for the upcoming Croydon Youth Awards. This event will celebrate the achievements and contributions of young people across the borough. We look forward to being a part of this!



CROYDON YOUTH AWARDS

Our Student Executive Teams had the opportunity to meet with the Mayor of Croydon, Jason Perry to share their ideas for the upcoming **Croydon Youth Awards**. It's great to see our students making a real impact within the community.

To find out more information on the Croydon Youth Awards please visit croydon.ac.uk/croydon-youth-awards

EASTER

Our retail college students have opened an Easter stall for all staff and students to purchase unique gifts and snacks for the upcoming Easter period. All money raised will go towards ongoing SEN projects within the college.



COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

CAREERS FAIR SUPPORTS STUDENTS' NEXT STEPS

To mark National Careers Week, our Careers team organised a successful Careers Fair connecting students with employers and helping them plan their next steps after completing their studies. Thank you to everyone who took part!



INTERVIEW SKILLS WORKSHOP WITH ANTHONY KING

A big thank you to Anthony King for taking the time to meet with our students to discuss work experience and share practical advice on how to approach interviews with confidence.

The session gave students the opportunity to practise answering interview questions, support one another with constructive feedback and gain valuable insights and guidance from Anthony based on his own experiences.

APPLY NOW FOR SEPTEMBER

It was fantastic to see so many of you at our recent Open Day, exploring the wide range of courses available and planning your next steps.

If you're ready to join us this September now is the perfect time to apply.

To find out more about the application process and secure your place please go to croydon.ac.uk/apply



HAPPY INTERNATIONAL

WOMEN'S DAY



It was a pleasure to celebrate staff and students with an International Women's Day quiz hosted by the LRC.

The event provided a opportunity to recognise and reflect on the remarkable achievements and contributions of women around the world.



Croydon College are preparing for the **2026 Carnival** and we can't wait to see you there! This is a yearly event held on Milne Park, New Addington. Join us on Sunday June 14th 2026 for a weekend of fun! This weekend includes live performances and bands, a funfair, spectacular talent shows and much more... Pop the date in your diary!

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF SAMUEL COLERIDGE-TAYLOR

Croydon College, supported by Your Croydon, has been working on a project celebrating the legacy of Samuel Coleridge-Taylor, best known for his Hiawatha cantatas.

We were delighted to welcome artist Dr Curtis Tappenden who led the first workshop with our art students. Listening to Coleridge-Taylor's music, students translated what they heard into paintings and visual responses, exploring how sound can inspire colour, form and movement.

We would like to thank all those who supported our students for this unique experience.



PUBLIC SERVICES STUDENTS TAKE ON ROYAL NAVY CHALLENGE

Our Public Services students recently took part in a Royal Navy led fitness session, challenging their endurance and mental resilience while developing discipline, focus and teamwork in line with professional training standards.

Alongside the physical activities, learners also explored Royal Navy values and communication, gaining valuable first hand insight into careers within the uniformed services.

ART EXHIBITION

OUR STUDENTS HAVE BEEN DEVELOPING A SERIES OF CREATIVE PROJECTS; SPANNING VISUAL ART, AND MUSIC RESPONDING TO COLERIDGE-TAYLOR'S LIFE, MUSIC, AND CULTURAL IMPACT.

THIS WORK BUILDS ON CROYDON'S RICH HERITAGE WHILE GIVING A PLATFORM TO THE NEXT GENERATION OF ARTISTS AND MAKERS.



THE SONG OF HIAWATHA

Exploring the legacy of
Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

Featuring work
by students and
alumni from
Croydon School
of Art

Parfitt Gallery
Croydon College
College Road, CR9 3DY

Wednesday 18
March 2026 5-7pm

GREATER LONDON SKILLS COMPETITION



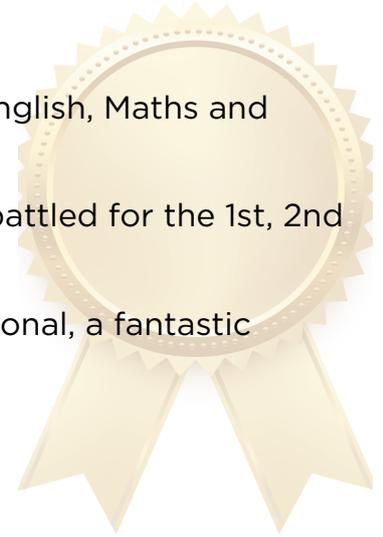
Throughout March, more than 15 colleges, 150 teams, and 300+ talented students have competed to represent their college at the Greater London Skills Competition.

Different departments throughout the college including Engineering, English, Maths and Health & Social have all taken part.

Croydon College hosted the Engineering competition where students battled for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes, with runners up also being rewarded.

The standard of skills, teamwork and innovation on display was exceptional, a fantastic showcase of London's emerging engineering talent.

ENGINEERING COMPETITION CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ENGINEERING WINNER!



CARL INSPIRES LEARNERS WITH HIS PLUMBING SUCCESS STORY

It was a pleasure to welcome Carl to the college, where he shared his journey into the plumbing industry and spoke about how social media has played a key role in the growth and success of his business.

Carl provided valuable insight into the wide range of opportunities available within the trade and offered encouraging advice to our learners as they begin thinking about their future careers.

A big thank you to our level 2&3 teachers for organising this fantastic opportunity and giving our learners the chance to hear first hand experiences from within the industry.



SPOTLIGHT

LRC Team

Our experienced Librarians and Study Support Assistants are here to provide tailored support and guidance for both staff and students.

Our Librarians offer a range of library Skills training sessions, available both in the classroom and one to one, covering topics such as referencing and research skills.

Study Support Assistants enhance this service by offering help with basic IT needs and answering general queries, ensuring staff and students can make full use of the resources available to them.

If you would like to book any of the above sessions please email LIBRARY1@croydon.ac.uk

Thank you for all your hard work!



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 code 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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INTRODUCING... THE STUDENT HANDBOOK!

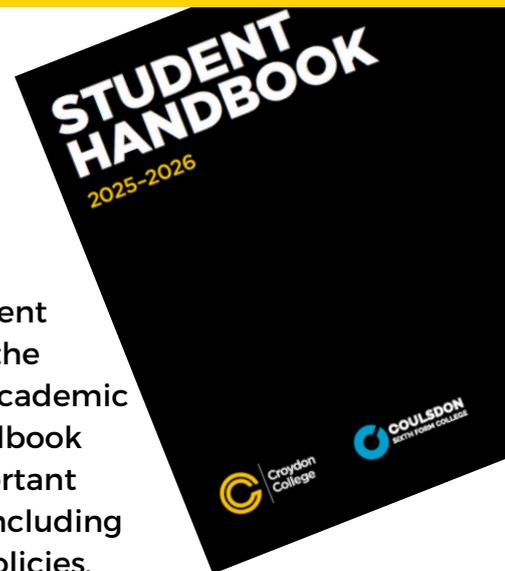
HERE FOR 2026

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

 www.croydon.ac.uk

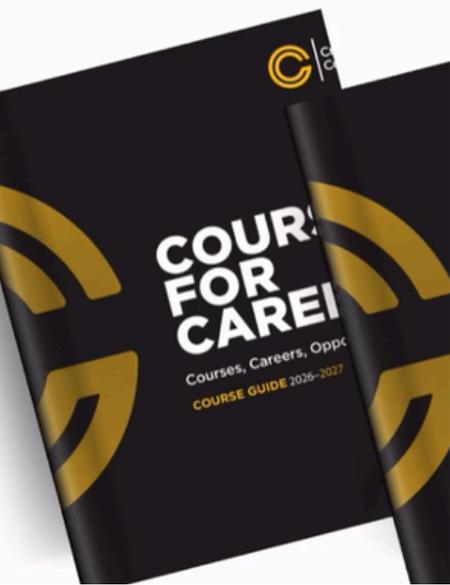
 www.croydonuniversitycentre.ac.uk



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!



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 and start shaping your future today.

Learn. Lead. Succeed.

Croydon College is one of the largest Colleges of Further Education in South London. Find out everything you need ahead of your journey with us.

We offer a wide range of courses designed to develop students' interests and skills, allowing for a smooth progression into Higher Education, apprenticeships and employment. Every course is designed with your future in mind—connecting education to employability, and knowledge to opportunity.



FIND OUR NEWSLETTERS ONLINE

Stay up to date with the latest news, events and achievements from across the Croydon College Group. Our newsletters provide a snapshot of college life—highlighting student success stories, community partnerships, upcoming opportunities and more.

We'll be adding new editions regularly, so check back to stay informed and connected.

croydon.ac.uk/news



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

GENERAL INFORMATION...

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 & 11. 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



TO ALL STUDENTS...

As the Easter break approaches, it has been a pleasure to witness the dedication and commitment our students have shown in working towards their goals.

This holiday offers a well-deserved opportunity to rest and spend time with friends and family. We extend our sincere thanks to our students for their hard work, and to our staff and parents for their ongoing support. Your contributions are what make our school community so strong.

We wish you a restful and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming everyone back for the start of the new term.

COLLEGE IS BACK OPEN AFTER HALF TERM ON:

MONDAY 13TH APRIL 2026

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KEEPING YOU SAFE

SAFEGUARDING

The Croydon College safeguarding and wellbeing team focus on listening to our students and providing a holistic approach to supporting our learners. In addition to internal support they have compiled the below list of external support services they actively work with.

Kooth

Free and anonymous NHS funded BACP accredited online resources and mental health support for young people from trained practitioners whenever you need: www.kooth.com

Shout

Free and confidential 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. text: Text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258 Website: www.giveusashout.org

Samaritans

Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. We're here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Helpline Contact: 116 123 Website: www.samaritans.org

PAPYRUS: Prevention of Young Suicide

If you, or a young person you know, are not coping with life, you can call (or chat with) HOPELINE247 for confidential suicide prevention advice and support. Helpline contact: 0800 068 4141 Website: Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide (papyrus-uk.org)

Mermaids

A safe place for transgender, nonbinary and gender-diverse young people to find support and help one another. Helpline contact: 0808 801 0400 Website: www.mermaidsuk.org.uk

Off the Record: Counselling & support

Local free self-referral counselling service for young people aged 14-25 who live, or study in Croydon (plus support for Young Carers). Helpline: 0800 980 7475 (Mon-Sat 3-6pm) Website: <https://www.talkofftherecord.org/croydon/>

Croydon Drop In

Croydon free self-referral counselling service for young people aged 14-25 who live, or study in Croydon. Contact: 020 8680 0404 Website: www.croydondropin.org.uk

Croydon Council

Early Help, Children's Services, SEND, Adult Services, Housing and out of hours support in emergencies. Contact: 020 8726 6000 Website: www.croydon.gov.uk

Croydon Family Justice Service

Multi-Agency support hub for Domestic Abuse in Croydon. Contact: 020 8688 0100 Website: Family Justice Service National Domestic Violence Helpline : 0808 200 247

Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency : 101 Website: Met Police 101 www.metengage.co.uk
Health Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency : 111 Website: www.111.nhs.uk



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