



Croydon  
College

# NEWS

SUMMER EDITION 2026



## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As we move through the final stage of the Summer term, I would like to thank all our families for their continued support during this busy and important time of year.

This period is one of focus and achievement as students complete their exams and final assessments and prepare for their next steps.

Across both campuses we continue to see strong progress and recent reviews give us confidence that students are on track to achieve well. This reflects the hard work of our students and the dedication of staff in supporting them to succeed. While much has been accomplished, it is important that students remain focused, attend regularly and make the most of every remaining lesson.

We have also enjoyed a number of memorable highlights this term. Our performing arts productions, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, showcased the exceptional creativity and talent within our college. We have also celebrated student success in areas such as published writing, media projects and community engagement, all of which demonstrate the wide range of opportunities available to our learners.

Our commitment to inclusion, wellbeing and belonging continues to underpin all that we do, ensuring every student feels supported and able to succeed. We are also proud of the way our students contribute positively to the wider community through projects and partnerships.

As we look ahead, we encourage all students to stay motivated and finish the year strongly. We look forward to celebrating their achievements and welcoming you to our end-of-year events. Thank you once again for your continued support.

**CAIREEN MITCHELL**

Principal & CEO  
Croydon College Group



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**Welcome to 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.**

## 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 MIDSUMMER'S NIGHTS DREAM

This April, Croydon College staged a brilliant production of 'A Midsummer Night's Dream', bringing together the talents of both staff and students.

The show featured original music written by one of our music students as well as an impressive climbable tree created by the Carpentry department. Students from Hair and Beauty, ESOL, Construction and many other areas across the college all played a part in making the production such a success.

It was a great example of students and staff working together and showcasing the wide range of talent across the college.

The theatre group is already busy planning future productions. While details of this year's Christmas pantomime are still under wraps, there are rumours of Snow White, alongside another Shakespeare production planned for summer 2027. Look out for audition posters in the autumn term.



# OPEN EVENT

WED 17 JUN  
5PM-7PM



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TO REGISTER

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

## Live Music Showcase

Our talented music students performed a fantastic mix of original songs and well known covers to an audience of staff and students. It was a memorable event and a great showcase of their hard work and talent. Well done to everyone involved.



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.

Next Open Event | Wednesday 17 June 2026 | 5pm-7pm  
To register please go to | [croydon.ac.uk/events](https://croydon.ac.uk/events)

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# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## CATERING SUCCESS!

Congratulations to our Culinary students who provided lunch for 40 delegates from the **Croydon Youth Consortium**.

This marked their first experience catering for a public event. Well done to all involved!



## HEALTH & SOCIAL FAIR

This April we proudly hosted our annual Health & Social Care Fair welcoming 10 employers to speak with students.

The event offered learners direct interaction with industry professionals across a range of different pathways. For students this experience helped deepen their understanding of career opportunities and employer expectations. Thank you!

## MENTIVITY CONTENTMENT PROGRAMME

Mentivity have completed its 12 week Contentment programme with students from both campuses.

Throughout the programme learners developed skills in filmmaking, content creation, podcasting and digital media.

Students visited the Channel 4 headquarters where they participated in workshops and panel discussions with Channel 4 and Black founding entrepreneurs.

The day ended with a premiere screening of the students' film in the cinema. The industry professionals praised students for representing themselves and the College exceptionally well throughout the programme.

## BUSINESS AND ESPORTS STUDENTS COLLABORATE

Business students organised and delivered an exciting event in collaboration with the Esports department, where players competed head-to-head in Rocket League.

The event maintained a high level of energy throughout, creating a lively and competitive atmosphere from start to finish. Well done to everyone who took part!



## 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](http://croydon.ac.uk/hair-beauty-salon)



# Additional Learning

## COFFEE MORNING

Parents and carers were welcomed to the Croydon campus for a event hosted by the ALS team.

The session brought together learners from ALS, Supported Education and Pathways, creating a relaxed environment to connect, build confidence and celebrate progress.

The event highlighted the importance of community, inclusion and mutual support at every stage of the learner's journey.



**We're very proud of our learners and the positive, supportive environment they continue to grow in**

# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

## CELEBRATING WORLD BOOK NIGHT

The Common Room was brought to life with a vibrant lunchtime event celebrating World Book Night and the birthday of William Shakespeare.

Hosted by the LRC, the session featured a lively general knowledge quiz, literature recitals, and a free book giveaway, creating an engaging and enjoyable experience for all who attended.



## BEAUTY PRODUCT PITCHES

Students recently had the opportunity to create and pitch their own beauty products to a panel of judges showcasing innovative skincare concepts alongside impressive marketing ideas.

The event highlighted students' confidence and entrepreneurial skills. Well done to everyone involved for making it such a successful and inspiring event.



## BRIGHTER DAYS FOR CHARTWELL CHILDREN

Thank you to everyone who supported our 'Brighter Days for Chartwell Children' event. The funds raised will go towards providing colouring materials for children at Croydon University Hospital.

For more information visit <https://chartwellcancertrust.co.uk/>

## DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

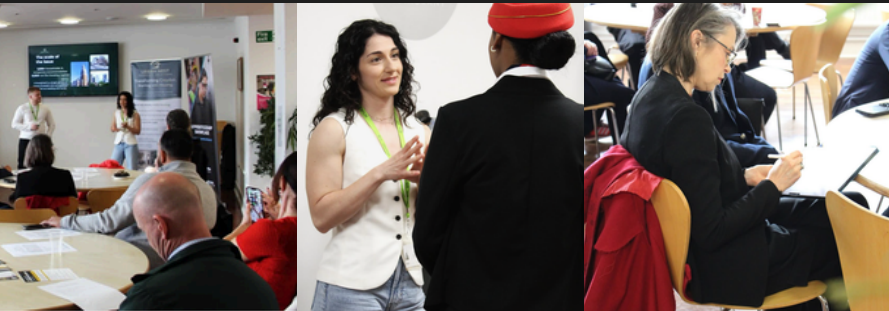
This month, the college marked Deaf Awareness Week with a range of interactive activities including a Deaf Café in Better Brews where students and staff ordered drinks using sign language.

Students also took part in a workshop exploring communication tips, fingerspelling, and a word search challenge.

A special thank you to Marketing for organising the event.



# COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



## SUPPORTING POSITIVE CHANGE IN CROYDON

This term, the school was pleased to host a productive and insightful talk led by **Urban Nest**.

Ben and Silvia delivered an engaging discussion focused on changing perceptions, breaking negative cycles, and improving the lives of Croydon residents through housing, education, and employment opportunities.

The event also featured guest speakers from the Metropolitan Police and Croydon Smile, helping to create an open and supportive space for meaningful conversations.

A huge thank you goes to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussion.

## HERSANA WORKSHOP

A huge thank you to Hope from Hersana, an organisation that supports women affected by gender based violence, for delivering an informative and engaging session to students.

During the workshop students learnt about bystander intervention and explored how to respond safely and appropriately in different situations.

The session provided valuable knowledge and encouraged important conversations around support, safety, and awareness.



## ART STUDENTS' COLLABORATE WITH ATMA STUDIO

Art students have recently begun an exciting new project in partnership with **ATMA Studio**.

During the first session students were introduced to the project and began designing a pavement mural inspired by the architecture of Croydon.

Using shapes, patterns, and creative design ideas, students explored both the opportunities and challenges presented by the space outside the college.

The project has already sparked plenty of creativity.



At Croydon College Mental Health Awareness Week was marked by encouraging staff and students to check in with one another and prioritise wellbeing.

To show support and raise awareness the College community took part in **Wear It Green Day**, helping to spark important conversations about mental health across the campus.

## COMMITTEE OF SOUTH LONDON PRINCIPALS AWARDS

It was a real privilege to attend the **Committee of South London Principals Awards** afternoon at the House of Lords and see our teachers and students recognised for all their hard work and achievements.

Congratulations to all of the award recipients on this success.



Students then teamed up with historian and author **John Grindrod**. Through exploring Croydon's architecture students helped inspire the designs for a large-scale floor mural coming soon.

Watch this space!!



# COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

## ADOBE WORKSHOP EMPOWERS STUDENTS



A big thank you to the Adobe team for delivering an exciting workshop for Photography, Art & Design, and Esports students.

It was fantastic to see students engaging with industry-standard tools, asking great questions, and exploring new creative possibilities.

**The Croydon Youth Awards** celebrate the achievements, resilience, creativity, and leadership of young people across our community. By recognising positive contributions and inspiring stories, the awards highlight the impact young people are making today.

We are inviting you all to submit nominations and help us uncover the inspiring stories happening across the borough. With 12 award categories, there are many ways to be recognised, whether you or somebody you know have overcome challenges, supported others, or made a positive contribution to their community.

To submit a nomination and find out more about CYA 2026, please visit:  
[www.croydon.ac.uk/croydon-youth-awards](http://www.croydon.ac.uk/croydon-youth-awards)



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!



## SKILLBUILD REGIONALS

Huge congratulations to apprentice carpenters Maxime and Ryan, who secured 1st and 3rd place in the SkillBuild Regional Heats.

Competing against students from across London, they demonstrated outstanding skill and professionalism.

A fantastic achievement and a proud moment. Best of luck to both as they progress to the next stage.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!



A new partnership is bringing tennis and padel to communities across the Croydon borough.

Students and staff have the opportunity to support the delivery of sessions in local parks, with training provided by professional coaches from **Purley Sports Club**. No prior experience is needed.

If you are interested in getting involved you can find out more by scanning the QR code below.



## STUDENTS CREATE SOCIAL MEDIA CAMPAIGNS...

Business, Travel, and IT students recently took part in a challenge to plan and deliver a realistic social media campaign for a local event.

Students created engaging digital content and designed their own websites developing valuable skills. A special thank you to **Forbidden Planet** for supporting this exciting opportunity.



# SPOTLIGHT

## ESPORTS SUCCESS

Congratulations to our Esports students who were crowned **South Regional Champions** after an impressive victory over St Dunstan's College.

Their success has secured a place in the National Finals. A fantastic achievement for the team. Wishing them the very best of luck in the next stage of the competition.



Image taken by student Sophia Jarvis @sophography1

## 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

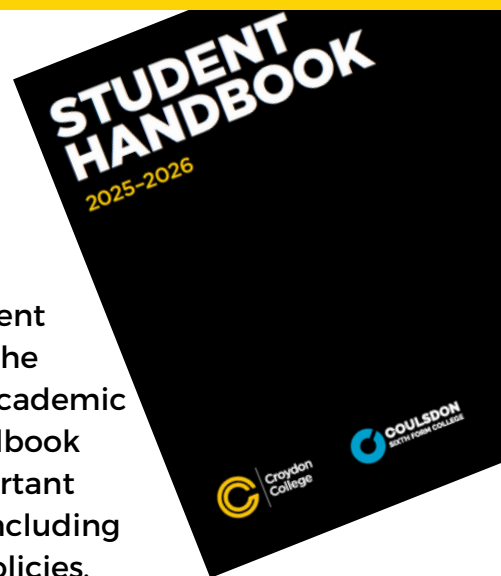
All students receive a Student Handbook at the start of each academic year. The handbook contains important information, including key student policies, safeguarding guidance, and details of available support to help students succeed throughout the year.

To view the full handbook please visit:

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

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

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



# 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 24/7 resources and mental health support for young people from trained practitioners whenever you need: [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com)

### Shout

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

### Childline

Call 0800 1111 or access online support [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

### 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](http://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 [www.papyrus-uk.org](http://www.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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.metengage.co.uk)  
Health Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency : 111 Website: [www.111.nhs.uk](http://www.111.nhs.uk)



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# 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](mailto:hayley.stenning@croydon.ac.uk)**



## WISHING OUR STUDENTS THE BEST OF LUCK IN THEIR EXAMS

Good luck to all our students taking exams. Your hard work and dedication have brought you to this point, and everyone at the college is incredibly proud of your efforts. Stay focused and do your best.

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**MONDAY 1ST JUNE 2026**

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