



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This year has been one of the exceptional achievements for Croydon College. More students than ever before are on track to achieve their qualifications and progress to their chosen next steps, whether that be higher education, apprenticeships or employment.

We have also strengthened our partnerships with employers, creating more opportunities for students to gain valuable industry experience through work placements and develop the skills needed for future success.

We have been delighted to celebrate student accomplishments throughout the year, including recognition at the Croydon Youth Awards, where our learners' talent, resilience and positive contribution to the local community were proudly showcased. Their success reflects the ambition and determination that define our student body.

At the heart of everything we do are our values of being caring, collaborative, courageous and creative. These values shape our culture, guide our decisions and underpin the support we provide to students and our wider community. They are what make Croydon College a place of hope, opportunity and aspiration.

As we look ahead to the new academic year, I would like to thank our students, staff, families and partners for their continued support and dedication. Together, we are creating brighter futures and ensuring every learner has the opportunity to thrive.

I wish you all a restful and enjoyable summer break.

CAIREEN MITCHELL

Principal & CEO
Croydon College Group



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Welcome to the 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 gives you the opportunity to enrol directly onto any of the available courses at Croydon College, without the need to submit an application. Open Enrolment runs from **24th August to 4th September**.

During this period, you are welcome to visit the college to speak with our staff about your preferred courses and complete your enrolment.

croydon.ac.uk/apply



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



FRAMESTORE STUDIO VISIT

Our Level 3 BTEC Digital Media and Animation learners recently visited Framestore, where they gained valuable insight into the creative and technical processes behind blockbuster films and award-winning animations.

A special thank you to Ian for providing an inspiring behind the scenes tour.

The experience left learners motivated and excited about their future career pathways.

HAIR AND BEAUTY SHOWCASE



Congratulations to our Hair and Beauty students who recently showcased their final creative projects.

Drawing inspiration from ocean, aquatic, and fantasy-themed mood boards, students transformed their models into a variety of striking and imaginative characters. Each look reflected the students' creativity and individuality, bringing their unique interpretations of the themes to life through innovative hair, makeup and styling techniques.

Students presented the finished looks to a panel of judges, who were highly impressed by the quality of work on display. The showcase was a fantastic celebration of achievements and a testament to the talent within our Hair and Beauty department.



SHOWCASING CREATIVITY THROUGH COLLABORATION

Photography students recently worked with Fashion students to showcase a collection of garments designed and created as part of their studies.

Students from Business and Art also took part, stepping into the role of models for the photoshoot.

The project brought together learners from different subject areas and provided an enjoyable opportunity to collaborate while celebrating their creativity and talent.



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Supported Internship Programme Success



Learners on the Supported Internship Programme were recognised at the Croydon University Hospital Estates and Facilities Day.

Throughout the year, students worked alongside ISS Facilities in departments including pharmacy, cleaning, laundry and transport, gaining valuable workplace experience and developing new skills.

The event celebrated their hard work and commitment during the programme.

Well done to all!



CLASS OF 2026

The SEND department celebrated the end of the academic year with a graduation ceremony attended by students, parents, carers and staff.

Sixteen students graduated this year and are now moving on to the next stage of their education or employment journey.

The event also featured a singing performance by Fabrice Davis-Murphy, which was enjoyed by all.

The ceremony was a fitting celebration of the achievements and progress made by students throughout the year.

Celebrating Creativity at the Croydon School of Art End of Year Show...

Visitors and student's enjoyed inspiring Final Major Projects, a vibrant fashion runway and live music performances making the event a true celebration of student achievement.

Made possible through the collaborative efforts of teaching staff, technicians and ALS teams, the show highlighted the exceptional quality of work produced and celebrated learners as they prepare to take the next exciting steps in their creative journeys.



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BUSINESS STUDENTS IMPRESS THE DRAGONS

Level 1 Business students completed a Dragons' Den style project, researching a business idea, analysing the market and preparing a persuasive pitch.



They presented their idea, logo, and strapline to a panel of "investors," answering questions and demonstrating an understanding of real-world entrepreneurship.

Well done to everyone involved!

BRIGHTER DAYS FOR CHARTWELL CHILDREN

Students from the Access Level 1 programme have been fundraising for **Chartwell Children's Cancer Trust**, helping to provide games and activities for children receiving treatment at Croydon University Hospital.

Well done for supporting such a worthwhile cause and making a positive difference in the local community.



CELEBRATING HARD WORK IN MATHS AND ENGLISH

Congratulations to all of the students recognised for their outstanding achievements in English and Maths.

Award winners were selected by their teachers, highlighting not only academic success but also growth and dedication in their studies.



OPEN EVENT

SAT 10 OCT
10AM - 12PM

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COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

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BUILDING CONNECTIONS: CONSTRUCTION & ENGINEERING EMPLOYER EVENT

Croydon recently co-hosted a **Construction and Engineering** Employer Event, bringing together local employers to explore apprenticeship opportunities, funding options and the support available throughout the apprenticeship journey.

The event highlighted the importance of developing skills and creating pathways into employment.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to the discussions, helping to create future opportunities for our students.



STUDENT SUCCESS!

We are incredibly proud of Art student Adam Moore, who recently presented at the Activism Academy organised by the Every Future Foundation.

Adam confidently shared his ideas for change, drawing on research and interviews he had conducted and represented the school brilliantly.

The event brought together students and industry professionals to share ideas and celebrate young people making a positive impact in their communities.

Well done Adam!

THANK A TEACHER DAY

On Thank a Teacher Day, students were invited to pick a statment and then name the teacher who fit it best.

Their responses highlighted the positive impact that teachers have through their dedication and commitment to student success.

The College extends its sincere thanks to all teaching staff for the difference they make every day, both in the classroom and beyond.



NEW ADDINGTON CARNIVAL

Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College headed to the New Addington Carnival! Held at Milne Park on June 13th and 14th, 2026, this fantastic community event brought local families together for a weekend of exciting activities, live performances, competitions, and a funfair. We were thrilled to be part of the festivities!



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CROYDON YOUTH AWARDS

Outstanding young people from across the borough were recognised at the inaugural Croydon Youth Awards this month.

Organised by Croydon College's Student Executive Team, the awards were established to challenge negative stereotypes and celebrate the achievements, resilience and positive contributions of young people across Croydon.

Young people from schools, colleges and education providers were nominated in recognition of their achievements and contributions to the community. Winners were recognised across 12 award categories, celebrating qualities including leadership, resilience, community engagement, personal achievement and academic success. Several categories were supported by local sponsors, highlighting the wider community's commitment to recognising and investing in our young people.

The awards ceremony showcased the breadth of talent, ambition and determination providing a platform for their achievements.

The awards aim to build pride and strengthen community connections, but most importantly ensure young people feel valued, recognised and celebrated for their contributions.

The success of the event highlighted the remarkable achievements of young people across the borough and reinforced the importance of recognising the next generation of leaders, innovators and changemakers.



CROYDON YOUTH AWARDS 2026 WINNERS



KINDNESS & INCLUSION

KARINA VASISTHA



DIGITAL IMPACT

KAROLINA SERHIIENKO



COMMUNITY IMPACT

JEMIMA TSHONDO



SPORT & WELLBEING

SAM ASARE



GROWTH & NEW BEGINNINGS

NATHANIEL FULLER



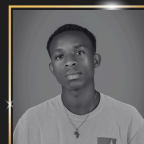
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE & PROGRESS

DANIEL CHEN



MUSICAL TALENT & COMMITMENT

FAVOUR CASSELL



YOUNG LEADER

TIMI OLORUNNISOMO



INNOVATION AND ENTERPRISE

JAYDEN AGUMA



CREATIVE EXPRESSION

KRISTIAN MICHAEL SWABY



RESILIENCE & INSPIRATION

ARIANNA GHOOS



ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

JULIANA DARKWAH

“The awards were created because we wanted young people to be recognised for who they are and the positive difference they make to our communities. It was important to us to create something that celebrates successes and inspires others to believe in what they can achieve.”

STUDENT EXECUTIVE TEAM

“We hope the awards inspire young people to continue striving for success while encouraging the wider community to celebrate their achievements.”

KIRSTIE WOODCOCK
Executive Director Student Services

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SPOTLIGHT

MARTIN SILVERWOOD

After 14 years at Croydon College, Martin Silverwood is leaving to take up the role of Principal and CEO of Shipley College.

Martin joined the College in 2012 as Curriculum Manager for Science and went on to hold a number of senior leadership roles, including Vice Principal. In 2023, he became Principal of Coulsdon College, where he led improvements in student achievement through a strong focus on teaching, learning and student progress.

As Deputy Principal, Martin played a key role in strengthening standards across the College and was instrumental in Croydon College regaining its Good Ofsted judgement in October 2025. Throughout his time at both Croydon and Coulsdon Colleges, he has been known for his thoughtful leadership, high expectations and commitment to supporting students and colleagues.

The College thanks Martin for his significant contribution over the past 14 years and wishes him every success in his new role.



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.

**CROYDON
COURSES**



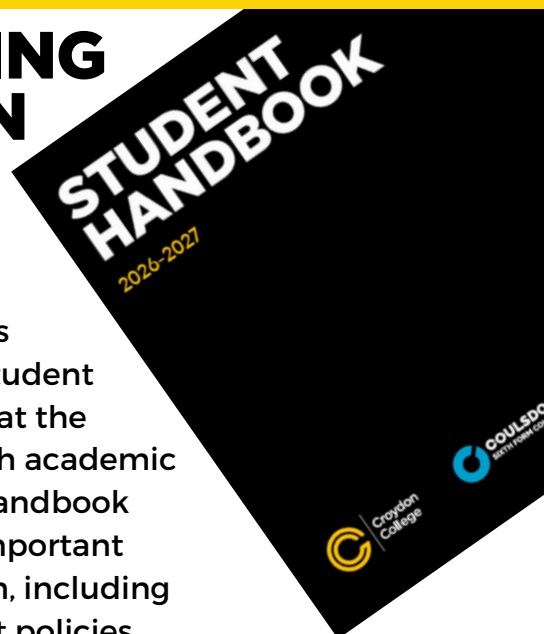
FEEDBACK SECTION

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. Your thoughts are always appreciated!

INTRODUCING... THE STUDENT HANDBOOK!

**COMING
SOON
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.

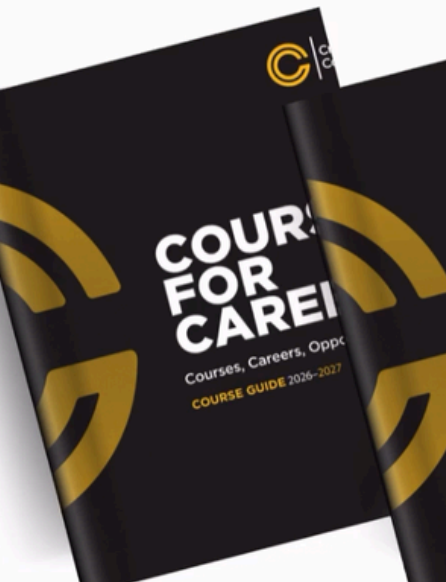
Look out for our new handbook online
croydon.ac.uk/student-handbook



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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.

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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.

2,650
YOUNG PEOPLE

GOOD
OFSTED RATING

2,700
ADULT LEARNERS

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.

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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

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

Childline

Call 0800 1111 or access online support 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

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

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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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 RECEIVING GCSE AND A LEVEL RESULTS

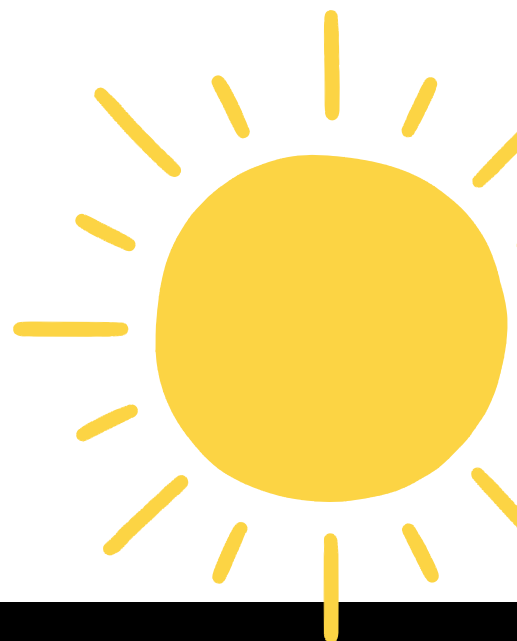
We would like to wish all our students the best of luck who will be receiving their GCSE and A Level results next month. We know they've worked incredibly hard preparing for these exams.

RESULTS DAYS

A LEVELS | THURSDAY 13 AUGUST 2026

GCSE | THURSDAY 20 AUGUST 2026

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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