

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE



I hope this finds you and your loved ones in good health, and that you have something to look forward to over the half term.

This has been an exceptionally busy term. Well done again to everyone involved in the organisation and smooth running of the GCSE exams that have taken place so far. Yet again, with staff from across the college working together, we have risen to the challenge and provided a well-planned and organised exam experience for our students. Thank you to everyone who contributed and especially to the GCSE team, MIS team and Exams Team.

We have so many wonderful events to celebrate this term, and I'm genuinely looking forward to all that we have planned for the summer term ahead. It promises to be a fantastic season of learning, growth, and shared experiences.

Finally, I have been reflecting on just how far we have come in the last year. We're confident in our predictions of student outcomes and we are truly student focused, we continue to be a safe haven for our students, and student aspirations are continuing to increase. We've all contributed to these successes.

Wishing you a fantastic restful half term.

CAIREN 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, Coulston Sixth Form 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.

OPEN EVENTS

Our Open Events are a fantastic opportunity to discover our courses, view our facilities and meet with current students, teachers and staff. You can also find out more about about the application process, finance and student services.

CROYDON COLLEGE
TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025 | 5PM-7PM

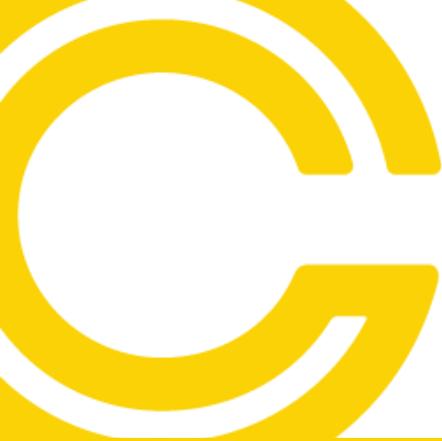


COULSDON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE
TUESDAY 24TH JUNE 2025 | 5PM-7PM



CROYDON UNIVERSITY CENTRE
TUESDAY 17TH JUNE 2025 | 5PM-7PM





EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

WOMEN IN CONSTRUCTION

Today we welcomed students from Oxted School, Harris Academy Morden and Harris Invictus Academy Croydon for taster sessions as part of women in construction. Partnered with Gallaway Construction, we facilitated sessions for young women in Plumbing, Carpentry, Electrical, Interior Design and Brickwork. The sessions were an overwhelming success with students enjoying the sessions and asking questions about careers in these disciplines.

We would like to thank everyone who took part in this unique event.

CELEBRATING SHAKESPEARE

The College recognised Shakespeare's birthday by organising a quiz and a free book giveaway in our Wellbeing Centre. Congratulations to our quiz winner and thank you to everyone who participated! Our ESOL students delivered impressive recitations of Shakespeare's timeless sonnets. A special thank you to our LRC team for their hard work in organising such a fun and engaging event.



CROYDON SCHOOL OF ART

END OF YEAR SHOW 2025

Booking for our end of year show is officially live and the private viewing is scheduled for the 18th of June at 5pm. Come and explore the work of our talented students with a range of media on offer including photography, fashion, performances, music and Esports. General viewing is from the 19th-25th June 2025.

Tickets are available via Eventbrite.

Illuminate

CROYDON COLLEGE END OF YEAR SHOW 2025



PERFORMANCES BY MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS

VIDEO GAMING BY GAMES & ANIMATION AND ESPORTS

ART & DESIGN

FASHION SHOW

PHOTOGRAPHY

OPENING
18 JUNE
5-8PM

CROYDON COLLEGE, COLLEGE ROAD, CR9 1DX

OPEN
19-25 JUNE
WEEKDAYS
10AM-5PM

TICKETS AVAILBALE VIA EVENTBRITE



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SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

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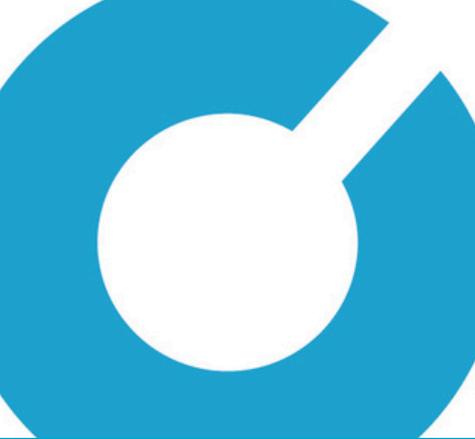
We offer a range of initiatives, including workshops, assembly talks, career events, taster sessions, and campus tours, all designed to help students explore the various options available to them.

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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WICKED! A TRIP TO THE APOLLO

Earlier this week, 17 students from Coulsdon Music, Performing Arts, Media and English visited the Apollo Victoria Theatre to see Wicked.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the show and it was a great opportunity to see a West End production live.

CELEBRATING THE GIRL'S FOOTBALL TEAM

Our Coulsdon girls took to the pitch for their first ever game together and brought great energy from the start. They held off a strong Reigate side for a solid 20 minutes – until our rock-solid defender had to come off. That moment shifted the momentum and Reigate went on to take the win 7-3. But Coulsdon got on the scoresheet, showed determination and played with real spirit.

A massive well done to all the girls involved – you did yourselves and the Sixth Form proud.



FRYLANDS WOOD

Business students organised a trip to Frylands Wood Outdoor Centre where they undertook a range of activities in regards to Team building where our learners were using Barrel Carts. They had to make a vehicle and test it by ensuring it can take the weight of a fellow passenger. In addition, the students also learnt new skills in Orienteering where they had to navigate their way through the forest.



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COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



UP THE PALACE!

HUGE CONGRATULATIONS TO CRYSTAL PALACE FC ON WINNING THE FA CUP - THE CLUB'S FIRST EVER MAJOR TROPHY - WITH A STUNNING VICTORY OVER MANCHESTER CITY THIS PAST WEEKEND!

AS OUR LOCAL TEAM, EVERYONE HERE AT CROYDON COLLEGE COULDN'T BE PROUDER OF THIS INCREDIBLE ACHIEVEMENT. YOU'VE MADE THE WHOLE COMMUNITY BEAM WITH PRIDE - A TRULY HISTORIC MOMENT FOR SOUTH LONDON!



Our Year 11 ESOL class visited the local fire station in Croydon this term. Students explored careers in the fire service, learnt how to prevent fires and even got the chance to use the hose!

The fire station team created a positive and impactful experience for our students - informative, engaging and full of real-world learning.



CROYDON CULINARY SCHOOL

This term, as part of their work experience assignment, our Culinary Skills students put their skills to the test by preparing a variety of impressive dishes – all tasted and judged by our staff and special guests from Fern, Croydon.

This was a brilliant opportunity to gain real-world feedback and showcase their creativity in the kitchen. Huge well done to our students!



INSPIRING MONTH

Black Leadership Group



To close out an inspiring month, our managers and FREDIE Committee took part in a powerful workshop led by The Black Leadership Group (BLG), focused on turning intention into action on anti-racism.

With expert guidance from the BLG, we created space for courageous conversations, explored complex and often uncomfortable truths and worked collaboratively to identify three strategic priorities that we are determined to take forward with urgency and purpose.

A huge thank you to everyone who showed up with openness and commitment. This was more than a workshop – it was a step forward in building a workplace where equality, inclusion and respect are more than values. They're everyday practice.

CELEBRATING OUR STAFF AT THE ROYAL GARDEN PARTY

Five members of staff from Croydon College were recognised for their amazing work with an exclusive invitation to a royal garden party hosted by King Charles and Queen Camilla at Buckingham Palace. The Education and Skills Garden Party recognises those working in education across the country with round 7,000 industry representatives attending.

The party took place in the beautiful gardens at the back of the Palace, where guests were treated to sandwiches, cake and tea as well as having the Yeoman of the Guard looking after them and a band for entertainment. King Charles and Queen Camilla arrived and talked to guests and had tea.

We hope all those who attended had a wonderful day,



Royal Garden Parties 2025



KNIFE CRIME AWARENESS WEEK

This week, we welcomed students, staff, community groups and Council reps to our Wellbeing Centre for a powerful conversation during Knife Crime Awareness Week.

With BBC, ITV and Sky News covering the event, it was incredible to see our students speak with such passion about creating a safer, more supportive community.

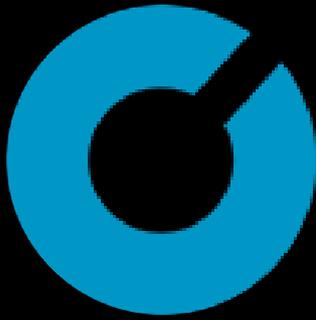
A huge thank you to Anthony King for leading the discussion with such insight.

What came through loud and clear: Croydon College is a safe space – a place where young people feel heard, guided and inspired to make positive choices.

We're proud to play our part in shaping lives and futures.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT



Yvonne Crowhurst - Catering Manager

“ Today you will retire,
And a new life will begin.
May you have the time to do all you want,
And may you feel the joy within ”

We would like to wish Yvonne Crowhurst from the Coulsdon Campus a very happy retirement. Yvonne has been nourishing the students and staff of Coulsdon Campus for 30 years; thousands of students and staff have benefited from Yvonne's leadership in the refectory. Croydon staff have always been welcomed by Yvonne when visiting the campus. Thank you, Yvonne, I hope that in your retirement you never need to cater for so many people at lunchtime again.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

(FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

Apply for your chosen course:

We have a wide range of courses at both our Coulsdon and Croydon campuses. 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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COURSES**



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COLLEGE POLICIES AND REMINDERS

Food Waste Bins

Starting March 31, food waste bins will be 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

Continue to live by the values of FREDIE (Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion, and Empowerment) in all we do.

Mental Health Awareness Month

May was Mental Health Awareness Month, encouraging us to focus on our well-being and providing all students and staff with the support they need for any concerns they may have.



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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!