

on route



LAURA SMITH

BTEC HOSPITALITY, TRAVEL AND TOURISM STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2017



Autumn roundup

Welcome to the latest edition of Coulsdon College's On Route newsletter, designed for current and prospective students and their parents or guardians, to catch up with news and views from across the College campus.

It's been another busy term at Coulsdon College and one that's seen an exciting abundance of both team and individual success stories.

The College's Careers Department has received a coveted Leader Award from the Jack Petchey Foundation in recognition of the team's dedication and commitment to supporting our students. I'd like to thank the dynamic Careers duo of Zena Hole and Tina Jones who consistently go 'the extra mile' in assisting Coulsdon College students with their progression planning (see page 5).

Continuing on the Careers theme, the

College hosted an excellent Business Conference on Friday 10th November that saw the coming together of local business leaders and subject teachers. Ensuring students leave College with the best possible Career opportunities is a key priority for us, so it's vital that we understand what business leaders want (see page 12).

With so many other success stories to report, it's hard to single out just one, but I have to mention Laura Smith, who won the National BTEC Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Student of the Year Award for 2017 (see page 6). This is an incredible achievement and is recognition of both Laura's tremendous ability and the first-rate teaching Laura received during her time at College.

Enjoy the Christmas break.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Steve Gooch'.

Steve Gooch, Head of College

Subject-led information evenings for entry 2018

Wednesday 28th February, 5pm - 7pm, Wednesday 14th March, 5pm - 7pm, and Wednesday 28th March, 5pm - 7pm.

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College students get to the heart of UK politics

The sun shone brightly over the Palace of Westminster on Friday 3rd November when 26 Upper and Lower Sixth A Level Politics students visited the Houses of Parliament.



The students were given a one-hour guided tour during which they were introduced to the workings of Parliament and had a chance to see some of its most famous sites, including the Robing room, the House of Lords and the Public Gallery of the House of Commons. Coulsdon students also had the opportunity to visit Westminster Hall and stand in the famous Central Lobby area.

Following the tour, the group took part in a lively and informative workshop, that explored the themes of representation and voting. They then worked in teams to develop and present their own party manifesto.

The visit ended with a 20-minute talk by MP for Croydon South Chris Philp on his work in the Commons and a question and answer session.

Head of Humanities at Coulsdon College, Ivan Tomb enthused, "Visiting the Houses of Parliament always feels like something very special and it really helps bring the subject alive."

Out and about



New students given warm welcome at Coulsdon College

New students hit the ground running with a busy start to the academic year. Induction Days were held for Level 2 and Lower Sixth Level 3 students on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th September respectively, during which they were welcomed to the College, given their timetables and introduced to the various IT systems. With 'business' completed, students then took part in a series of fun team-building activities

on the back field. Challenges included walking along planks of wood to cover a vast distance and picking up a bucket without touching it, while using only ropes for assistance!

The Freshers' Fair was held on Wednesday 13th September, with the Students' Union on hand to put everyone at their ease, offer advice and introduce some of the many extra-curricular activities the College has to offer. Christel Hartland, Associate Principal, commented: "We are delighted with the start this year's cohort of students have made and wish them every success during their time at the College and beyond."

Free schools debate

A Level Sociology and Politics students have been debating free schools and their place in the UK education system.

To aid them in their thinking, they were visited on Wednesday 8th November by journalist and free school advocate Toby Young.

During his visit, Toby gave a fascinating and thought-provoking talk about his life, including his rather unorthodox route through



education and the creation of free schools.

Students were challenged to think critically about the issues involved and to ask questions, resulting in some healthy political debate.



Another great set of results



L-R Samekah Howard (left), Oliver Barlin and De'Vonai Dwyer

Springboard to a successful future

Coulsdon College is celebrating its fourth year with a 99% pass rate at A Level and 100% at BTEC.

Head of College Steve Gooch was delighted with this summer's results commenting, "The hard work of both students and staff has shone through yet again with these results."

The students' excellent results show that those who join us enjoy their time and work hard to ensure they reach their full potential. I want to wish all our graduating students well and I'm especially pleased at the growing numbers heading off to excellent universities and higher apprenticeships."

Especially pleasing is the increase in students gaining top grades. A Level successes include:

Bleu Samms achieved an A* in English Literature, A* in Psychology and an A* in Sociology. Bleu accepted a place at Cambridge University where she has now started a degree in Psychology and Behavioural Science.

Oliver Barlin got an A* in History, A in English Language & Literature and an A in

Sociology and has decided to take a gap year and will also be applying for a place at Cambridge.

De'Vonai Dwyer achieved an A* in Mathematics, B in Biology, B in Chemistry, and a C in Physics, plus she took an AS in Mathematics (Further) and got an A. De'Vonai is now enrolled at Sussex University and is studying Medical Neuroscience.

BTEC successes include **Laura Smith**, who amazingly received the overall National BTEC Award for Travel & Tourism. Her Travel & Tourism teacher Donna Hollick said, "I'm so proud of Laura and everything she's achieved. It was a difficult category but her outstanding work really shone through".

Samekah Howard was on a 'mix and match' programme, where she combined BTECs and A Levels. In BTEC Computing she gained a triple Distinction* and a C in A Level Computer Science. She was given an unconditional place to study Computer Science at Bath University.

Steve Gooch added, "This has been yet another fantastic year at Coulsdon College;

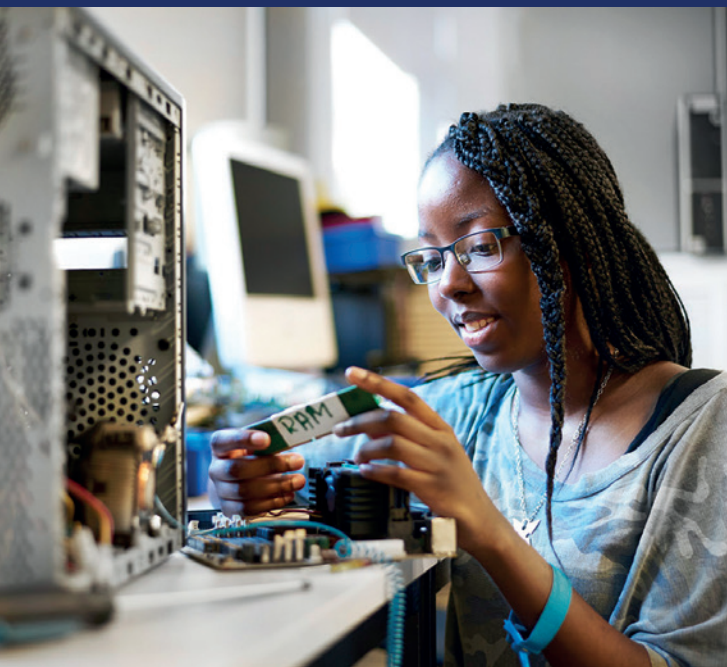
I couldn't be more pleased with this year's results."

It is my firm belief that students benefit hugely from being taught in a specialist sixth form college, by staff who teach A Levels and BTEC Level 3 courses all day every day. It's no surprise then that our staff all become specialists in their given fields and achieve such good results.

Our students respond extremely well to being in a more adult environment, which in essence has the feel of a 'mini-university'. They recognise early on, that their success is largely dependent on them taking responsibility for their own learning, while making sure they tap into the extensive range of additional support services available to them at College – from course tutors, catch-up sessions and revision courses, to learning facilitators and counsellors, to name just some of them.

"This summer's results were proof of just how hard our staff and students work, when united in the same goal of achieving great results. It is results, after all, that become the springboard to a successful future."

Why it's good to 'Mix and Match' A Levels with BTECs



BTEC Level 3s are now the UK's fastest growing route into higher education, with almost a quarter of university entrants having taken at least one BTEC.

Rod Bristow, President of Pearson UK, explains the reasons behind the growth: "BTEC provides a proven pathway, not just to a job, but to a career – whether that be directly, or via university."

National surveys of thousands of Advanced Level students show that there is a pattern between their GCSE scores and the results they achieve on A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses.

Many students find that doing all BTEC Level 3 Level courses, rather than all A Levels, or a 'Mix and Match' of BTECs with A Levels, gives them the best chance of attaining the UCAS points they need to progress to university. It comes as a surprise to lots of students (and parents) to learn how many UCAS points BTECs can count for (see table right).

It's usually preferable for students to do a combination of two BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diplomas and one A Level and achieve Distinction* in these BTECs, than it is for them to do three A Levels and achieve low grades in some of them (Ds or Es).

Most students who keep up with the demands of BTEC Level 3 coursework and are committed to doing well, are capable of achieving Distinctions or higher on BTEC Level 3 courses.

Samekah Howard

Previous School: St Andrew's C of E School
BTEC Information Technology and A Level Computer Science

Now studying Computer Science at University of Bath

Stephen Gooch

Previous School: Edenham High School (now Orchard High School)
BTEC Creative Media Production and BTEC Information Technology
Now on an Apprenticeship with Goldman Sachs while studying at Queen Mary University of London for a degree in Technical Solutions

Sophia Carey

Previous School: De Stafford
BTEC Business and A Level Graphic Design, English and Media Studies
Now studying Graphic Design at Media City in Salford

Comparison of A Level and BTEC UCAS Points 2017

GCE Qualifications		UCAS Tariff Points	BTEC Level 3 Nationals (QCF)				
AS	A Level		Extended Diploma 180	Diploma 120	90 Credit Diploma	Subsidiary Diploma 60	Certificate 30
		168	D*D*D*				
		160	D*D*D				
		152	D*DD				
		144	DDD				
		128	DDM				
		112	DMM	D*D*			
		104		D*D			
		96	MMM	DD			
		84			D*D*		
		80	MMP	DM			
		78			D*D		
		72			DD		
		64	MPP	MM			
		60			DM	D*	
	A*	56				D	
	A	48	PPP	MP	MM		
	B	40				M	
	C	32		PP			
		36			MP		
		28					D*
	D	24			PP		D
	E	16				P	M
A		20					
B		16					
C		12					
D		10					
		8					P
E		6					

D*=Distinction Starred, D=Distinction, M=Merit, P=Pass. The Tariff pages of the UCAS website have been updated to incorporate published points. Please see: <https://www.ucas.com/sites/default/files/new-tariff-tables.pdf>

Coulsdon's Careers team recognised with Jack Petchey Award



The College's Careers Department

In 1999, Sir Jack Petchey CBE founded the Jack Petchey Foundation to provide a way of recognising and rewarding the positive contributions young people make to society. Their major programme, the Achievement Awards, is a peer-recognition scheme which operates in some 2,000 education establishments, uniformed organisations, youth clubs and youth organisations in London and Essex.

Sir Jack Petchey CBE explained, "We do it because we want to help young people raise their aspirations, believe in themselves and make a contribution to their society."

Along with the Achievement Award Scheme, the Jack Petchey Foundation also operates a Leader Award giving young people the opportunity to nominate the dedication and commitment of staff and volunteers, particularly those who go 'the extra mile' in their support of young people.

Coulsdon College's Students' Union nominated the College's Careers staff for a Leader Award, in recognition of the enormous amount of help and support they give to students, 'above and beyond the call of duty'. And the result? A £750 award to spend on additional resources from the Jack Petchey Foundation.

The work of the Careers staff includes:

- advising and supporting students through the university application process (UCAS)
- helping with applications to specialist colleges such as Art and Performing Arts colleges
- providing information about Gap Year opportunities
- helping with work-experience placements
- advising on job and apprenticeship opportunities
- assisting with job applications, CV writing and mock interviews
- giving individual advice and guidance to students
- producing a monthly careers bulletin for all students

In addition, Careers staff also organise trips to universities, UCAS conventions and run an outside speaker programme, where experts in specific fields come in to College to talk to students about a range of higher education and career opportunities.

Zena Hole, from the College Careers Department said, "We were touched to have even been nominated. We strive to help every student reach their potential,"

and her colleague Tina Jones added, "It's been overwhelming to have won the award. It's lovely to be appreciated."

Along with other winners from the Croydon area, Zena and Tina were invited to attend the Awards Ceremony on 6th December at The Open Door in Crystal Palace where they were presented with their certificates. They plan to spend the money on additional Careers resources for Coulsdon students.

The Careers Resource Centre is situated in Room 166 and is open Monday to Thursday during term-time, from 9.30am to 3pm. Students can receive advice on their next steps, whether that's university, apprenticeships or employment, and are guaranteed a warm welcome from the friendly qualified team.

Other Jack Petchey Awards

A number of College students have also received Jack Petchey Foundation Achievement Awards:

- Michelle Maguire
- Roberta Gavin
- Adam Picton
- Jasmine James



Above: Michelle Maguire and Roberta Gavin
Below: Adam Picton
Bottom: Jasmine James



Outstanding success at the National BTEC Awards

LAURA SMITH

BTEC HOSPITALITY, TRAVEL AND TOURISM STUDENT OF THE YEAR 2017

BTEC AWARDS



Former student Laura Smith has been named as Outstanding BTEC Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Student of the Year 2017 at the National BTEC Awards.

Laura joined Coulsdon College from Stanley Park High School in Carshalton. Like many students, she was attracted by the College's 'mix and match' programme, as she explained in a special feature in the Sutton Guardian: "I knew I wanted to go to Coulsdon College because it offered the courses in Travel & Tourism which I couldn't do at school."

She opted to study A Level Sociology and BTECs in Travel & Tourism and Law.

As a result of her hard work and commitment during her two years at the College, teacher Donna Hollick nominated her for the national BTEC Awards. Some thousand applications for the 22 awards were received, from which Laura was chosen as the Outstanding Hospitality, Travel & Tourism Student of the Year 2017.

Despite Laura's surprise at winning, Donna Hollick believes her success was thoroughly deserved: "I'm so proud of Laura and everything she's achieved. It was a difficult category but her

outstanding work really shone through."

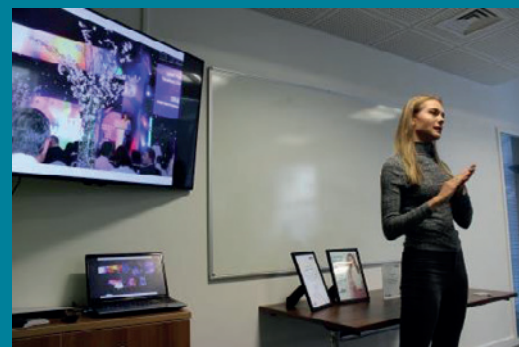
Along with winners in the other categories, Laura was invited to attend the National BTEC Awards Ceremony on Thursday 6th July 2017 at the Royal Horticultural Halls in London. Earlier in the day, she was also a guest at a lunch reception in Parliament where she had the opportunity to meet MPs from across the political spectrum.

The ceremony itself was hosted by TV presenter and journalist Steph McGovern, with a range of special education and business leaders to present the awards, including Peter Jones from BBC TV's *Dragon's Den* and Richard Atkins CBE, the Government's Further Education Commissioner. There was also a performance from the winners of this year's BTEC Awards Showstopper Challenge.

Describing the day, Rod Bristow, President of Pearson UK commented: "The fantastic winners being celebrating at today's award ceremony exemplify the dedicated students across the country who have been helped to make progress in their lives and careers through BTEC



Above: Laura with teachers Donna Hollick (left) and Sarita Lightfoot-Taylor (right).
Below: with Tom Brake MP (left) and Steve Gooch, Head of College (right)



and I am delighted to congratulate them on their well-earned success."

In recognition of her achievement, Coulsdon College hosted a special event in October where Laura was presented with a certificate by her local MP for Carshalton and Wallington, Tom Brake. He later tweeted about the event: "Fantastic to meet Laura Smith from Carshalton Beeches, ex Coulsdon College, the best BTEC student in her subject in the country!"

Laura said, "I've benefitted hugely from the support and resources at College. Donna Hollick is a great teacher and the College's close link with the No1 Lounge at Gatwick Airport is a huge bonus."

Laura plans to continue her career in the travel industry, with her sights set on becoming a member of Virgin's cabin crew before a possible move to Border Force Control. She's recently secured a permanent job working at Gatwick's prestigious No1 Lounge.

Union matters >>

Coulsdon College's Students' Union: autumn roundup



Round up: Autumn 2017

Citizens UK

Supported by Citizens UK, the College's Students' Union (SU) has been collaborating on a student listening campaign. The research has revealed that students consider the main issues facing them, both now and in future, to be housing, jobs, university, and mental health funding.

As a result, the SU has decided to focus this year's campaign efforts on youth mental health funding in the local area. This has involved starting a petition to improve government funding for mental health services: <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/202254>

Main charity for 2017-18

Tying in with the SU's campaign, the College's nominated charity for 2017-18

is Papyrus, a charity focusing on the prevention of young suicides.

Fundraising events to date

Cake sale: This raised £88 for South East Cancer Help Centre (SECHC) and Papyrus.

Bag packing: In September SU members packed bags for shoppers in Tesco in Purley, to raise money for SECHC.

Children in Need: Students wore spotty or yellow clothes as part of the BBC Children in Need campaign and raised a total of £124.

Christmas Food Bank collection: SU members have been encouraging students to donate non-perishable items for a Croydon food bank, with a prize to be awarded to the individuals and tutor groups who donate the most.

Forthcoming SU events will include a Pride month in February, Valentine's Day, Comic Relief and more.

Equality and Diversity

Following feedback from students, the Equality and Diversity team is looking into the possibility of establishing a multi-faith prayer room.

E&D SU officers Annalise and Orion will also be liaising with the events and charity teams to promote BAME (Black and Minority Ethnic) and LGBTQ+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning, and other) issues within events. More details to be announced.

Who's who on the SU this year

President	Shawn Boothe-Ewerse
Vice President	Connor Hull
Charities Officer	Michelle Maguire
Creative Officer	Josephine Miller
Creative Team	Rebecca James
Activities Officer	Vanessa Kityo
Environment Officer	Zoe Spencer
Equality & Diversity Officer	Annalise Reid
Events Officer	Esther Gordon
Events Team	Katie Morley, Emily Murphy
Liaison Team	William Storey
Liaison Team/Media Deputy	Maya Harnett
Finance Officer	Malisha Patel
Welfare Officer	Miracle Okeke
LGBTQ Officer	Orion Hall-Turner
Media & Comms Officer	Oliver King
Sports Officer	Roberta Gavin

Visual and Performing Arts



Clean sweep in the Rotary Club of Croydon Annual Photography Competition

Coulsdon College swept the board in the over-17 age category at the 2017 Rotary Club of Croydon Photography Competition, winning first prize, runner-up and the people's choice award.

This annual competition is an amazing opportunity to showcase the work of the College's photography students, and images from both BTEC and A

Level Photography students have been on display in the Click Clock Gallery in Croydon.

This year's theme was 'My kind of town' which inspired some truly breath-taking images. First prize of a day out with a professional photographer went to Isabella Warnham for her exciting street photography. Dhunveer Luckputtya was runner-up with his beautiful observations of India, and Rhianna Clack was the resounding winner of the public vote for her photographs of life at sea.

Photography teacher Neal Vaughan was over the moon with the results: "I'm



so proud of them all; the entries were outstanding and truly reflect the diversity of expression they have achieved in photography this year."

Top left: Rhianna Clark's Boats.
Top: Isabella Warnham's The kind of Town I live in.
Above: Dhunveer Luckputtya's India

Fast forward to Fashion at Buckinghamshire University

Lower Sixth and Upper Sixth Fashion students gained a glimpse of a university Fashion course when they visited Buckinghamshire New University's Fashion department on Wednesday 1st November.

During the trip, the students received a tour of the building and had the chance to chat with course tutors and students.

They took part in an exciting two-hour workshop, in which they created a series of experimental mixed media samples using heat-fusing techniques. Using these as their basis, they then produced a series of collage fashion illustrations, which will contribute towards their current projects.

The trip was a huge success and resulted in some really outstanding work.



Tilgate Park proves inspirational for Art & Design students

Students from the BTEC Diploma in Art & Design visited the beautiful setting of Tilgate Park in Crawley on Thursday 28th September, to spend time drawing and photographing the surrounding countryside.

Their resulting artwork has served as primary influences to inform their studies for six units of their BTEC courses, across both Upper and Lower years.

One student commented, "Being outside the classroom helped us explore different ways of drawing and gave us so many options in terms of photography."



IKEA shares design tips with Graphic Design students

On Thursday 21st September 2017, A Level Graphic Design students visited IKEA where they were treated to a host of talks and workshops run by the IKEA in-house design team. Having to get to grips with topics such as 'customer experience' and 'product promotion' gave students the chance to consider the impact and importance of design in a real-life, commercial setting.



Working in groups, they explored a series of rooms and thought about which market segment each room might be designed for. This involved considering the style of the room, property type and possible demographics. Teacher Helena Vaughan said, "The trip was a really important exercise in Design. Students got to see how the shop is designed to give visitors the best possible experience and they also had the opportunity to have their worked critiqued by the designers who offered valuable feedback."

Having picked up some excellent tips, the group rounded off the day with a delicious breakfast in the staff canteen with the design team!

Rai-Elle stars on X Factor

The College community threw its support behind Rai-Elle Williams on her journey through this year's X Factor live shows.



One of only three girls to be selected by Sharon Osbourne in the highly competitive 'Judge's Houses' round, Rai-Elle soon won huge numbers of fans, and sailed through the first few rounds of the live shows. Her performances, which included some of her own material, gained her ecstatic praise from the judges and a standing ovation on at least one occasion.

Rai-Elle's X Factor journey finally came to an end in the quarter finals when she was voted out in the double elimination round.

Former student Number 5 in the charts

Congratulations to former student Michael Dapaah on the success of his alter-ego MC Big Shaq – now currently number 5 in the charts with "Man's Not Hot".

Steve Gooch, Head of College said, "Michael did very well in his A levels but Drama and Comedy were always his passion".



In the spotlight >>

Meet Redhill Football Academy player, Mehul Patel



Mehul Patel joined Coulsdon College from Royal Russell School in Croydon. He is studying Applied Science (Engineering) and Business. He talks to On Route about his passion for football and his involvement with the Redhill Football Academy.

What made you apply to Coulsdon College?

I wanted to do Engineering with Maths and Physics, but I didn't get the grades to complete this pathway at school. I did some research into

Engineering courses and Coulsdon College came up. It had some great reviews so I decided to apply.

Tell me about the process of joining the Redhill Football Academy?

I've always been into football, so when

I joined the College, I signed up to do football as part of the College's Activities Programme. I was asked about trialling for one of the College's two Football Academies and decided I wanted to try

out for Redhill. I was really happy when I was successful.

How long have you played football?

I started playing when I was about five or six years old. I started in small leagues and progressed up through these as I gained in experience. I've recently been playing in a Sunday league but for now I'm just concentrating on the Redhill Academy.

What are the benefits of being in the Academy?

We get six hours of free football coaching every week and the opportunity to play for Redhill Football Club's under 18s side and in the Surrey Sixth Form League.

How are you finding it so far?

It's been a brilliant way of helping me develop my game. I'm learning new tactics and skills which I can use to impact my play. The Academy allows us to play to our strengths with the support of Coach Dan Smith. He has really changed the way I play. We train twice a week with a game on Wednesdays. We have had quite a few new team players this term so we are learning to gel as a team.

Both the College and Dan really support me, whether that be in my game or in my education.

What are your plans once you leave College?

I want to study Mechanical Engineering either at Sussex, Lancaster or Brighton University. I've always loved Engineering, especially looking at how cars and robots work, so Mechanical Engineering should suit me really well.

What advice would you give students looking to join the Academy?

Go for it! There are so many opportunities here at Coulsdon College. Being part of the Redhill Football Academy has been a great experience and I've loved being able to combine my football with my studies. The teachers are so supportive and I often use the lunchtime 'drop-in' sessions to get help with work.

Record numbers sign up for Duke of Edinburgh's Award

This year's Lower Sixth students have signed up for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award in record numbers.

Following an introductory talk about the scheme by the College's DoFE Award co-ordinator Greg Saunders, students are now busy working towards the various sections.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is recognised throughout the world as the leading youth achievement scheme for 14 – 25 year-olds. Comprising four complementary sections – volunteering, skills, physical and expedition – it gives participants the opportunity to develop their own interests and skills, and is highly regarded by employers and universities alike.

Greg Saunders commented on this year's take up: "The fact that so many College students have chosen to take part in the DoFE Award demonstrates their strong commitment and engagement with extra-curricular activities. I'm sure they will all find it a thoroughly worthwhile experience."

Preparation for this year's expeditions, one of the highlights of the programme, will begin in the spring.



Coach Talk >>

by Dan Smith, Redhill Academy

Despite a challenging start to the season, players in the Redhill Academy have been coming on in leaps and bounds, culminating in a very impressive 7-1 win in the quarter final of the Surrey Sixth Form Cup. This was a highly deserved victory and was testament to the team's tremendous resilience and willingness to improve, even when early results in the season didn't go their way.

Many of the players were new to football this year, yet demonstrated terrific attitude and application in training from day one.

Stand-out performers include Luke Foli-Lapompe, who has played in a number of positions when asked and has done an outstanding job in all of them.

Selected players are now being invited to train with the senior side at Redhill

Football Club. If selected, this will give them a fantastic opportunity to impress in the forthcoming Reserve Team fixtures in the Suburban Football League.



Activities Programme

Thanks to all the staff who contribute to the College's thriving Activities Programme. There are over 40 activities for students to get involved in – from Archery to Programming; there really is something for everyone!

If you haven't yet taken advantage of it then check out the programme for the Spring Term – details will be emailed in early January.

As part of the Activities Programme there are a variety of volunteering opportunities to get involved in, including becoming a Student Ambassador. To find out more, email David Allan, David.Allan@coulsdon.ac.uk

What businesses want

On Friday 10th November, local business leaders, from a variety of sectors, joined Coulsdon College course teachers at one of the College's in-house Business Conferences.

The rationale behind these conferences is for business leaders to partner with subject teachers to develop course materials that best equip students with the skills and experiences employers are looking for.



The businesses represented included Croydon NHS Trust (partnered with the College's Health & Social Care course), De Vere Selsdon Estate (partnered with Travel & Hospitality) and Gatwick Airport (partnered with Engineering).

Head of College Steve Gooch, who ran the Conference, commented on the success of the event, "Ensuring students leave College with the best possible career opportunities is a key priority for us, so it's incredibly important that we understand what business leaders want. Their input into our teaching methods will ensure students are better prepared and equipped for their future employment."



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Diary dates >>

From December 2017

What	When	Where
'Dis-Ability' Concert	Wednesday 6th December 2017	Boxpark Croydon
Panto - Dick Whittington	Thursday 14th December, 10.30am and 7.30pm	Bonsier Theatre, Coulsdon College
End of Term	Wednesday 20th December 2017	
Spring Term starts	Monday 8th January 2018	
UCAS external application deadline	Monday 15th January 2018	
Auditions for Performing Arts and Music courses	January to March 2018	Students will be invited in by letter
Shakespeare Re-Imagined	Thursday 11th January 2018	Bonsier Theatre, Coulsdon College
Information Evening for prospective students and parents (subject led – please see web site for details)	Wednesday 28th February 2018 5pm – 7pm	Atrium, Coulsdon College
Progression Fair	Tuesday 13th March 2018	Atrium, Coulsdon College
Information Evening for prospective students and parents (subject led – please see web site for details)	Wednesday 14th March 2018 5pm – 7pm	Atrium, Coulsdon College
Information Evening for prospective students and parents (subject led – please see web site for details)	Wednesday 28th March 2018 5pm – 7pm	Atrium, Coulsdon College
Open Event For prospective students in Year 10 and 11 and their parents.	Wednesday 20th June 2018 Time TBA	Atrium, Coulsdon College

Public Services students hold Remembrance ceremony

In commemoration of Armistice Day, BTEC Diploma Public Services students held a small Remembrance ceremony in the College on Friday 10th November. They were joined by representatives of the local Army Reserves.

College students Abigail O'Reilly and Lauren Palmer laid a wreath by the College remembrance plaque before Lauren and fellow student, Tommy Skinner, read poems to mark the occasion.

This was followed a two-minute silence in honour of the fallen, during which 200 poppies were released. The ceremony concluded with students pinning the poppies to a board of remembrance alongside their own personal messages to those who lost their lives.

