



COULSDON
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

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PROSPECTUS 2020/21

OPEN EVENTS

Open Day

Saturday 12th October 2019, 10am - 1pm

Open Evening

Thursday 7th November 2019, 5.30pm - 8pm

Pathway Events

Wednesday 4th March, Wednesday 11th March
and Wednesday 18th March 2020, 5.30 - 7.30pm

For the latest information see:
www.coulsdon.ac.uk/events



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I am delighted to welcome you to Coulsdon Sixth Form College's prospectus for students looking to join us in September 2020.

Coulsdon Sixth Form College is a great place for young people to study. We are highly experienced and successful in guiding our students to achieve their qualifications and move on to the next step of their lives - whether that is university, an apprenticeship or employment.

We offer a wide range of subjects and programmes. This means you can choose to study just A Levels or just BTECs or mix A Levels with BTECs. We have found this offers students much more choice and flexibility when it comes to creating their own personalised timetable. All our teachers and support staff are specialists in educating and supporting sixth form students; coupled with our state-of-the-art facilities, we will support you to achieve your goals.

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This prospectus has been created to give an overview of the College but our Open Events are the best place to get a feel of the College. You will have a chance to chat to staff and students, ask questions about courses and arm yourself with all the information you need to make an informed choice post-16.

I and all the staff here look forward to meeting you at one of our events throughout the year and welcoming you to the College as a student in September 2020.

RICHARD BEALES / PRINCIPAL

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WHY CHOOSE COULSDON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE?

BRILLIANT CHOICE AND COMBINATION OF SUBJECTS

As a specialist Sixth Form College, not only do we offer a wider choice of A Level subjects and vocational programmes compared to school sixth forms, students can also 'mix and match' these to suit their specific interests, abilities and aspirations. Plus with the added course offering at Croydon College, we can now cater for even more vocational choices.

SPECIALIST SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

As well as excellent academic support from teachers, every student has a dedicated personal tutor and access to learning support, careers advice, financial advice and counselling. All our staff are specialists in working with 16-19 year olds and are committed to helping each and every student to achieve their potential.



EXCELLENT 'EXTRA-CURRICULAR' ACTIVITIES

As part of our Coulsdon Plus Programme, students take part in activities such as: a range of sports including competitive teams; volunteering; fundraising for charities; running the Students' Union; completing an EPQ (Extended Project Qualification) and so much more. There really are plenty of opportunities for students to get together and have some fun!

GREAT RESULTS AND DESTINATIONS FOR STUDENTS

With a 99% pass rate in the last five years, students make excellent progress, enabling them to go to the university of their choice, direct into employment or an Apprenticeship.

PATHWAYS INTO HIGHER EDUCATION

Now partnered with Croydon College, students can access Higher Education courses including degrees, apprenticeships and vocational short courses. With many students nowadays looking to live at home and reduce living costs, University Centre Croydon (UCC) offers a great place to continue your education after College.



YOUR STUDY PROGRAMME

Coulsdon Sixth Form College offers a wide range of courses designed to develop students' interests and skills, allowing for a smooth progression into employment or onto higher education.

LEVEL 3 PROGRAMME OF STUDY

This is a two year programme where students study A Level subjects or BTEC National courses and, if necessary, re-take Maths or English if they have not yet achieved Grade 4 at GCSE.

WHAT IS THE 'MIX AND MATCH' OFFER?

Unlike many school sixth forms, students at Coulsdon Sixth Form College have the option to 'mix and match' A Levels with BTEC Level 3 courses, or opt to study all A Levels or all BTECs. This means students have the flexibility to tailor-make their study programmes to best suit their interests, learning styles, abilities and aspirations.

WHAT ARE THE ENTRY QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LEVEL 3 COURSES?

Students wishing to study Level 3 programmes need to achieve at least four GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above. Students wishing to include A Levels in their programmes need to achieve at least five GCSE passes at Grade 4 or above. In addition to these general entry requirements, some courses have specific entry requirements. Please visit our website for course specific information.

HOW MANY UNITS ARE STUDENTS EXPECTED TO TAKE?

The majority of students are encouraged to create a programme which incorporates three 'units' in their first year where one unit is the equivalent to one A Level. See the table which shows the various sizes of BTEC qualifications and their equivalence to A Level sizes.

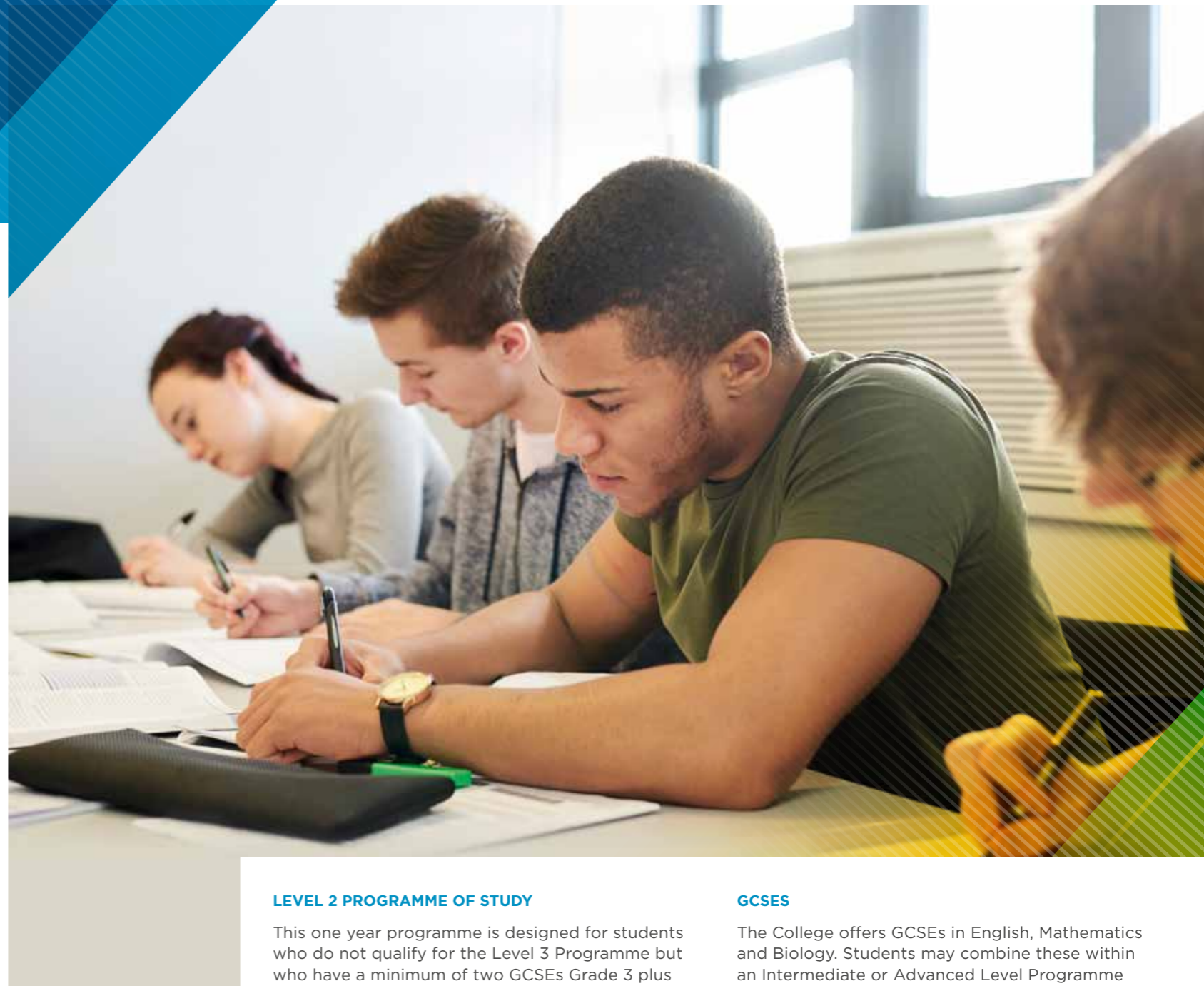
HOW DO I DECIDE BETWEEN A LEVELS AND BTECS?

A Levels: If students enjoy an intellectual challenge and are good at understanding concepts and applying them, they will probably be suited to A Level study. Most A Levels are not directly job related and, because of this, it is possible for students to keep their options open about career and higher education choices.

BTECs: BTEC Level 3 courses are practical, work-related courses that are assessed mainly through coursework although several of those offered at Coulsdon now have some external assessments. BTECs are recognised by universities and employers alike as suitable entry qualifications for university courses, apprenticeships and graduate training programmes.

HOW ARE THE BTEC QUALIFICATIONS STRUCTURED?

	YEAR 1	YEAR 2
1 A Level	Certificate	Extended Certificate or Subsidiary Diploma
2 A Level	Extended Certificate or Subsidiary Diploma	Diploma
3 A Level	Foundation Diploma or 90 Credit	Extended Diploma



LEVEL 2 PROGRAMME OF STUDY

This one year programme is designed for students who do not qualify for the Level 3 Programme but who have a minimum of two GCSEs Grade 3 plus three GCSEs at Grade 2, these must include English Language and Mathematics.

Students who successfully complete the Level 2 Programme can stay on at College to do BTEC Level 3 courses (for a further two years) or progress to Croydon College's courses or Apprenticeships.

BTEC LEVEL 2 AWARDS

These are practical, work-related courses that introduce learners to their chosen employment area and provide a good basis to go on to a more advanced work-related qualification, or directly into employment. The BTEC Level 2 Award is equivalent to one GCSE (Grade 9 - 4) and is assessed via a combination of coursework and external assessment.

GCSES

The College offers GCSEs in English, Mathematics and Biology. Students may combine these within an Intermediate or Advanced Level Programme of study. The Government requires that students who have not achieved a Grade 4 in GCSE English Language and Mathematics retake these qualifications during their time at College.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Once applications are received, students are invited to an interview to discuss the courses they are interested in studying and their suitability for them (based on their predicted GCSE grades).

Most students delay making a final decision about their Programme of Study until they have received their GCSE results in August.



FACILITIES & RESOURCES

Coulsdon Sixth Form College has exceptional facilities. Housed in a stunning three storey building, the College provides students with outstanding learning facilities across all subject areas.

Light, contemporary classrooms are complemented by superb learning resource centres, enabling students to work independently in their area between lessons. Specialist classrooms for areas including Science, Visual Arts, Music and Media all have the latest equipment and resources, keeping students up-to-date with professional standards.

The Independent Learning Centre (ILC) on the ground floor has a suite of over 100 computers. This provides a quiet area for learning, reading and silent study.

The Refectory, on the ground floor, has glass doors leading to a covered courtyard – a perfect outside space to eat and mix with friends throughout the year.

The Sport and Performance Centre (SPC) is home to Sport, Public Services and Performing Arts. Here you'll find the College's theatre, sports hall and gym. Outside there are netball and tennis courts, an all-weather pitch, extensive playing fields and landscaped gardens.



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Students and staff have their own user area on the College network with email, internet and Moodle access across campus. The College has almost 1,000 computers, equipped with industry-standard software and specialist educational programmes.

Macs are available for all Art, Music and Media students who are required to use specialist packages for their courses, which in turn prepares them for the world of work.

In addition to the latest devices, the College has a number of iPads available for student use and students can also connect their own devices to the College's internet should they need to, saving their work to the cloud.

The College seeks to use technology both to enhance and enrich students' learning experiences and prepare them for modern day working life. The College places strong emphasis on staff training and development and constantly reviews and updates its facilities so that students can benefit from both new ways of accessing materials and advances in learning support materials.



The College has great facilities. The editing tools in the media suites are used by professionals, so I know I'm preparing for the workplace.



JACK STONE, 2019

PASTORAL & SUPPORT

TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

Every student has a Personal Tutor who is responsible for providing the support and guidance all students need, at some stage, during their time at College. To guarantee regular contact, the tutor also teaches the student. Senior Tutors are responsible for the organisation of the pastoral side of College life. Together with the student's Personal Tutor, they monitor progress and offer additional advice and guidance with regards to achievement and future ambitions.

Tutors are the main point of contact between the College and parents, with the aim that both parties feel free to contact each other about any problems affecting a student's work.

ACADEMIC MONITORING AND REPORTING

Students are monitored closely by their teachers and are issued with an individual learning plan, which includes targets relating to attendance, effort and achievement; this plan is updated and monitored on a regular basis. This means that each student's welfare and academic progress is under constant review. The College puts great emphasis on developing close links with the home and parents are always welcome in the College.

Reports are sent to parents four times a year and consultation evenings allow parents to discuss progress with the relevant subject staff.

LEARNING SUPPORT

We are committed to an inclusive education and set out to ensure every student is given the opportunity to make the most of their individual skills and abilities. Support and advice is provided by both teaching staff and tutors, with extra, specialist support provided where needed.

Coulsdon Sixth Form College has a friendly and non-judgemental approach to Learning Support. Students' needs are assessed at every opportunity, from their initial interview and throughout their College life. When a school, family or individual student tells us about their situation we will work together to plan how their support needs will be met,

whether these are learning, physical or sensory. Students can also be supported if they have literacy, language or numeracy needs. Support can come in the form of in-class adjustments, examination concessions such as extra time or a reader, in class support, out of class support or specific resources to help with study. Once the support has been agreed, students will study alongside their classmates in the normal way. We have a big team of trained Learning Facilitators to provide support in and out of class.

The Learning Support room is a large area with resources for students to use. The environment is very welcoming and you will find one to one support or students just working in the quiet environment throughout the day.

INDEPENDENT LEARNING

As at university and school, all students are expected to carry out several hours of independent study a week, to build on lesson 'contact' time. Students will not do well unless they commit to doing this right from the start of their courses. The College sets out to encourage and develop independent learning skills and strongly recommends that students make full use of the Independent Learning Centre (ILC), where staff are always on hand to offer advice and assistance.

The ILC houses a suite of 100 computers that gives students the opportunity to complete independent study during College hours.

The College has a virtual learning environment (Moodle) which can be accessed from a home computer, as well as from the College network. This is an interactive system enabling students to access online course material and e-books, to support their studies and contains assessments and independent learning activities. It forms a vital basis of support for all students outside lessons and contains a variety of media to make learning more enjoyable.

The ILC is also home to LIP (Learner Improvement Programme), where a dedicated area has been set up for students to attend timetabled sessions to catch-up on work or complete tasks under supervision.



STUDENT PROFILE

NAME

Prince Reid

PREVIOUS SCHOOL

Riddlesdown Collegiate

SUBJECTS

Business, Sport

Why did you decide that Coulsdon Sixth Form College was the place for you?

It's local to me and felt more suitable compared to other Colleges. I've got Asperger's and so the small compact feel was perfect for me. Plus, I was selected for the Fulham Foundation football Academy.

What is your favourite subject?

It has to be Sport. I've more in-depth knowledge because it is more practical. There is more action in practical sessions and more fun too! Football sessions are great fun too.

You are part of the Fulham Foundation FC. How did that come about?

I went for trials while in year 11. Once I was accepted, it swayed me to come to College. Training is most days either here or at Fulham's training grounds. I really enjoyed playing and was also Man of the Match once.

Athletics is another skill of yours. How long have you been running?

I've been running all my life but started with the Croydon Harriers when I was 8 years old. My favourite distance is 800 metres. I run every day and really enjoy it. Running is a great mix of speed, endurance, power and stamina. On the track I need mental strength and discipline. When I'm in the run up to a competition, I stick to a strict diet and do miss donuts and waffles!

How many titles do you hold currently?

I've a few indoor ones but I'm most proud of the outdoor ones which are English Ambulant U20 400m champion, Surrey Ambulant 400m Champion and I also hold the T20 record for the 1000m with a speed of 2.42.

How have you found the support here with your Asperger's?

It has been good. Crowds can be overwhelming at times so I know I can go room 5. Music also helps me. I find coming to College has meant I've got to be disciplined with work and sport. Time discipline is key for me.

Do you have any advice for students coming to study here?

Work hard and be confident.

COUNSELLING

Although tutors are always happy to discuss problems, sometimes it is easier to talk things over with someone who can offer more objective advice. The College employs a qualified counsellor and welfare officer who can provide confidential advice on a range of issues and can refer students to other sources of support. The College has policies and procedures that are in line with the Croydon Safeguarding Children Board to ensure the safety of all students.

FINANCE

The government's 16-19 Bursary Fund is available to students who might be experiencing financial difficulties. More details and an application form will be available at enrolment, along with any help which may be available from the Local Authorities.

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAMME

High performing students have the opportunity to attend weekly Enhancement Tutorials where individual advice and guidance is available.

These additional Tutorials are designed to develop the skills required to gain entry to the top universities, including the ability to think clearly and rationally and to engage in reflective and independent study.

Within the Enhancement Programme, students have the option of studying for an additional Extended Project Qualification (EPQ).

Students accepted onto the Enhancement Programme are encouraged to make use of the following opportunities:

- Access to guest speakers and management training workshops from a range of specialist tutors and industry-leading experts
- Additional tutorials, including specific tutorials for the most able Grade 8 and 9 students and those considering Oxbridge or Medicine
- The opportunity to gain additional qualifications
- Access to specialist Careers Advisors and in-depth interview practice
- Industry-specific work placements, mentoring and work shadowing



STUDENT PROFILE

NAME

Lavina Owusu-Ansah

PREVIOUS SCHOOL

Norbury Manor

SUBJECTS

English, History, Law

What enticed you to come to Coulsdon for your studies?

I loved the environment on the Open Day. There was such a friendly atmosphere plus the course offering was broad and diverse.

You've been offered a place at Cambridge University, congratulations!

Thank you. I never thought I would get an interview let alone secure a place. I will be studying Theology, Religion and Philosophy of Religion. The process was really over-whelming. The support from College has been really helpful, from application, to interview and finally the exam. I found out in January (2019) and am looking forward to studying there. I've always been interested in Religion and Cambridge will allow me to investigate the institutions further and in more detail.

What would you say to other students thinking of applying to Cambridge?

Go ahead! Don't let school or your background be a barrier to your education. Make sure you get the support from College, family and friends.

What has been your favourite subject here at College?

English. I love the creative aspect of the subject. Even though we study different texts, I can use my own creative interpretations of the books which is really important.

Have you been involved in extra-curricular clubs?

I was part of the College magazine and wrote a few articles. I'm hoping to join the tennis club during my exam period to help relax.

What have you enjoyed most about being at College?

The environment, support and the subjects. It's great meeting people from different backgrounds.

Do you have any advice for prospective students?

Make sure you focus on your education. The teachers are there to help, so just ask. The support systems are in place to help you succeed, for example, the Careers Team has been really helpful when it came to the Cambridge application. I've really enjoyed my time here.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS, ACTIVITIES, TRIPS & VISITS

CLUBS AND ACTIVITIES

In an increasingly competitive world, the College recognises the importance of offering students the chance to enhance their CVs with activities outside their academic studies.

Universities and employers are attracted to students who have additional skills and qualities, rather than just good grades. The College aims to offer a wide range of cultural, community and sporting activities to help develop these skills and qualities, whilst providing enjoyment along the way!

ENRICHMENT PROGRAMME

Students are encouraged to take part in the College Enrichment Programme. This is a fantastic programme offering students the chance to get involved in a huge variety of extra-curricular clubs and activities that take place during timetabled 'enrichment periods' during or after the College day throughout the week.

The list of activities changes each term, but usually includes a mix of skill-based activities, recreational sports and career orientated clubs. Involvement in the programme can help students become more attractive to higher education institutions, apprenticeships and employers, but above all, taking part is a great way of meeting new people, learning some new skills and having fun!

“As President of the SU, I think we made a difference to the students.”

AKUA, SU PRESIDENT 2016



PROGRESSION DAYS

Progression days occur in late June early July, when Lower Sixth students take a break from timetabled lessons to take part in an action-packed few days of activities. The days are to ensure progression plans are in place for all Lower Sixth students and activities include help with career planning. It provides a chance for everyone involved to experience new situations and acquire new skills.

It can also include trips and visits to theatres and places of historic interest, or opportunities to take part in outdoor pursuits, personal fitness sessions and creative workshops.

DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

At Coulsdon Sixth Form College students have the opportunity to sign up for the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze and Silver Awards. Designed for young people aged 16-25 years of age, Students can do the Silver Award without having done the Bronze Award. Completing the Silver Award requires a great deal of commitment for between 12 and 18 months, but when completed results in a great sense of personal achievement.

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award is a nationally recognised qualification for young people in the UK. It involves a challenging programme of activities designed to encourage students to learn new skills, help others and experience adventure. Employers and universities see the award as evidence of a student's positive qualities and commitment. It is therefore no surprise that the College is an enthusiastic provider of the scheme.

TRIPS AND VISITS

The College is keen to enhance students' classroom learning via a variety of trips and visits, covering most subject areas. These have recently included a Humanities trip to China, Travel & Tourism Trip to Corfu, a Politics trip to the House of Lords and Parliament, a Geography Field trip to FSC Juniper Hall Field Centre, Art trips to both Tate Britain and Tate Modern and several BTEC Sport trips including a visit to St Mary's University, Brighton University and an assault course at Take Shape in Bletchingley.

STUDENTS' UNION

The SU serves as the main link between the College's senior management team and the student body. The SU is elected annually, by fellow students.

A nationally recognised organisation, the SU allows students to become involved in activities and events in and outside of College, throughout the academic year. Students are also expected to act as Student Ambassadors for open events at the College.



EXTRA-CURRICULAR SPORT, MUSIC & PERFORMING ARTS



SPORT

Coulsdon Sixth Form College holds a strong belief that physical activity should be embedded in the culture of the College and students should be encouraged to participate at the highest level.

Its excellent 'on site' sports facilities are a big draw to students considering studying Sport and those wanting to get involved in competitive or recreational sport. Facilities include:

- A fully equipped Sports Hall (with all year cricket nets) used for playing 5-a-side football, badminton, volleyball, netball, basketball and cricket
- A state-of-the-art gym
- An all-weather pitch which is used for a multitude of sports and physical activity including football and rush hockey
- Extensive 'on site' playing fields for team sports such as rugby, football and rounders
- Tennis and netball courts

Coulsdon has excellent links with a number of external clubs, including Fulham Football Club. A number of other sports are also played at a competitive level including basketball (Surrey Colleges League), Football (Surrey Colleges League), Rugby 7's (RFU), Tennis (LTA Senior Schools) and Cricket (Surrey Cricket Board).

The College's Enrichment Programme includes a variety of recreational sports which allow all students, whatever their ability or previous experience, to take part in Sport while they're a Coulsdon student. These activities are as diverse as yoga and badminton.

SPORTS AMBASSADORS

Students are given the opportunity to become Sports Ambassadors while they're at College. This gives them the chance to gain valuable experience in running both internal and external sporting events and recruiting students for sports teams and sessions offered through the Enrichment Programme. Specific roles would typically include: managing sports equipment, recording participation data, coaching local primary school children, officiating competitions and monitoring Intra-College competitions.

FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Any full time student, on ANY course at Coulsdon Sixth Form College can apply to join the Football Academy. The Academy is run in partnership with Fulham FC. Academy players receive six hours of football coaching in addition to their main courses at College. Players are also eligible to play for the Fulham Representative Team. Academy places are offered following an individual assessment which includes a series of trials and interviews. Students can join the Academy at any point of their College life, as long as they meet the College and the Academy's requirements.

MUSIC

As well as practice and rehearsal rooms, the Music Department has two brilliantly-equipped recording studios running industry-standard software.

Students have the chance to get involved in a variety of musical events throughout the year – either through performance, working behind the scenes or promotion. These events include informal lunchtime gigs in College, external gigs, Winter and Spring Concerts.

DRAMA

The College has a professionally fitted theatre for accommodating larger audiences.

Students benefit from a variety of performance opportunities. At least one production a year is open to students from any subject discipline (facilitated through the Enrichment Programme) and others are offered to students on specific Performing Arts courses.

CAREERS & PROGRESSION

The College takes comprehensive careers guidance very seriously. There is a well-resourced Careers Centre with staff on hand to help students carry out research and offer advice on making the right choices. Students are encouraged to think about their future from the moment they enrol to the point that they leave College.

Planning for university or employment is seen as crucial for each student and the College aims to give individual advice to help each student develop their chosen career path. This may involve helping to organise work experience or encouraging students to pursue individual interests and develop skills that will make them more marketable in a competitive environment. The comprehensive Enrichment Programme is in place to ensure each student has the opportunity to appear as attractive and marketable as possible.

UNIVERSITY AND HIGHER EDUCATION

Students will benefit from the excellent links that Coulsdon Sixth Form College has with the business community and leading universities, including Oxford and Cambridge, plus colleges offering specialist further education such as Croydon College. Career events are staged throughout the year, including talks on a range of career opportunities and a careers fair attended by universities, employers and gap year organisations.

Students are also encouraged to take advantage of the Guest Speaker Programme, where representatives from employers and universities come in to talk about a range of subjects linked to future opportunities.

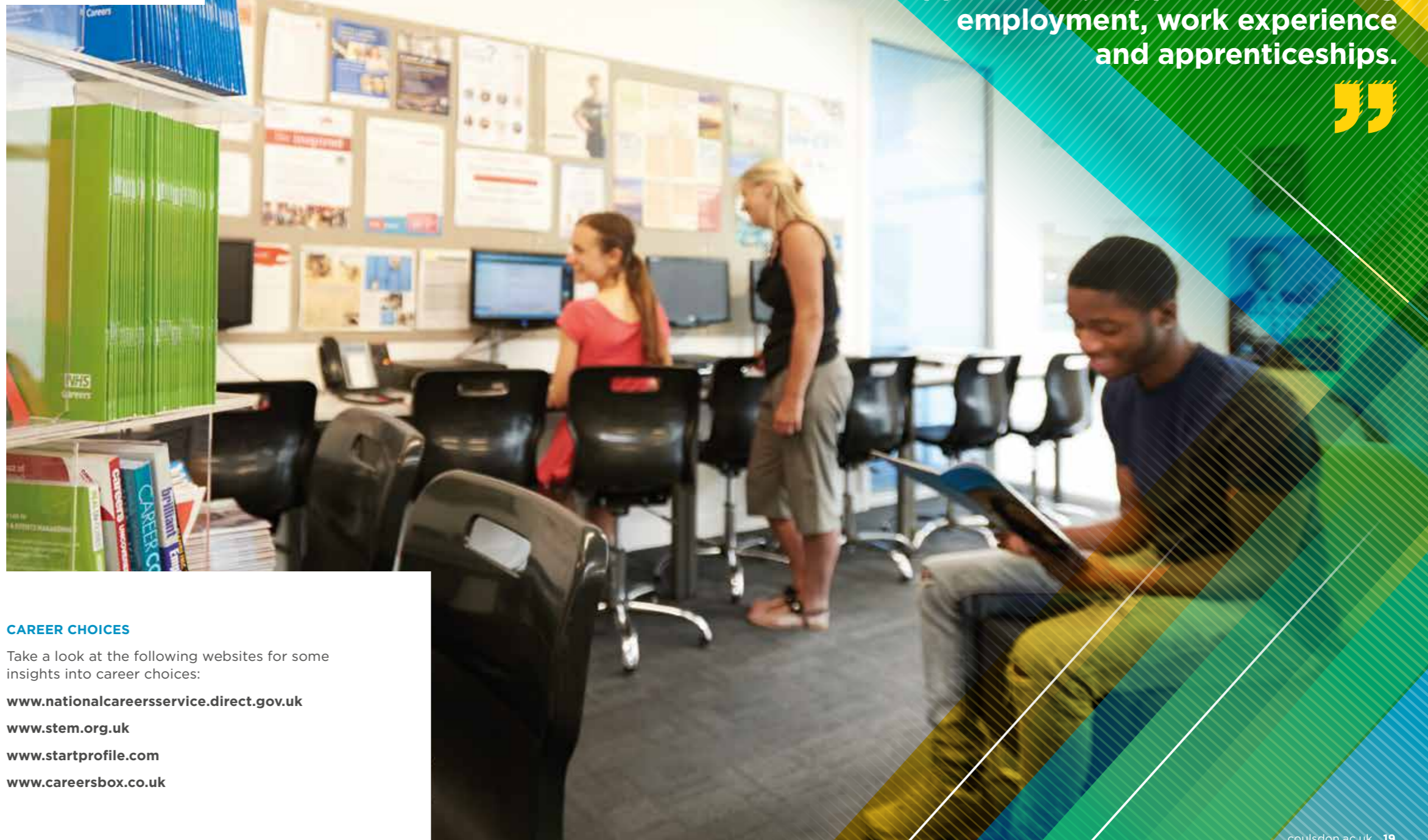
UNIVERSITY COURSE CHOICES

Trying to decide which courses to study at university and where to go can be difficult.

The following websites offer some useful insights:

www.russellgroup.ac.uk

www.ucas.com



CAREER CHOICES

Take a look at the following websites for some insights into career choices:

www.nationalcareersservice.direct.gov.uk

www.stem.org.uk

www.startprofile.com

www.careersbox.co.uk

“ The College has an on-site Careers Team who offer support with your pathway after College. Every student is different so their path is unique. The Careers team ensure they assist with university applications, support with finding employment, work experience and apprenticeships. ”

EMPLOYABILITY SKILLS

How does the College prepare students for employment?

With the workplace being more competitive than ever, it's important for students to develop their employability skills and understand exactly what employers from particular sectors will be looking for.

With this in mind the College has diverted extensive resources to assisting students develop these skills and understanding how they're applied in the workplace.

ADMISSIONS AND ENROLMENT INTERVIEWS

These are used to discuss career plans and help students choose the right programme to help them along their preferred path.

TUTORIAL PROGRAMME

All students follow a weekly tutorial programme that covers employability skills - from CV and personal statement writing, to presentation and interview skills.



APPLICATION OF LEARNING

Whenever possible teachers flag where learning is relevant to, or can be applied in the world of work. Students learn about the importance of meeting deadlines, working in a team and appreciating the needs of others.

WORK PLACEMENTS

Students are given the opportunity to enhance their workplace skills through work placements. The College has a dedicated Work Placement Co-ordinator who works closely with businesses to place students into relevant industry areas.

MEETING EMPLOYERS

Students are given opportunities to meet employers through the College's visiting speaker events, apprenticeship and employment fairs and external visits.

The College has good relationships with a number of employers, for example: Croydon University Hospital, Gatwick Airport, Fulham Football Club, the Hilton Group, Chequers and VideoBloggers.com.

PROGRESSION DAYS

These provide time and opportunities for students to reflect on their achievements and plan for the future.

CAREERS DEPARTMENT SUPPORT

A well-resourced Careers Department offers ad hoc support throughout the year.

In 2018, 80% of students went into Higher Education or Apprenticeships.



COURSES

BUSINESS & LAW

BUSINESS

Have you ever wanted to start your own business or become the next 'Apprentice'?

If so, then Business Studies is for you. Business is an extremely relevant and exciting subject that will give students an insight into the world of work and current affairs and provide them with key life skills. It will help them understand how organisations and markets operate and prepare them for work in any organisation.

LAW

Why have our rights to free advice and representation been eroded? Why are the prisons overcrowded?

In the Law department, students will be introduced to aspects of English Law and the answers to the question above. Students will have the opportunity to take part in a mock trial and will be expected to participate in debates and discussions relating to contemporary legal issues. Law allows for debate, sometimes heated, as we study the Legal System and its many complexities and problems. Importantly, students will gain an insight into what it is like to study Law and pursue as a profession.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Business
- A Level Law
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Business
- BTEC Diploma Business
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Law

Level 2

- BTEC Award Business

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THESE COURSES?

- IT/Computing
- Maths
- Languages
- Politics
- Psychology
- Travel & Tourism



COURSES

COMPUTING & IT

COMPUTING

Computing is an established academic discipline that deals primarily with programming and how computers work. Areas covered will be valuable to students interested in Engineering, Electronics and Mathematics, as well as those with a straightforward interest in computers. This course should not be confused with Information Technology, which tends to deal with what computers are used for. Computing is highly regarded by top university departments.

The department offers vocational industry standard courses. There are a number of specially equipped classrooms and every student has their own computer to use in class. The courses use a range of industry or university standard software for programming and website design. There is also a room equipped for work on hardware in the BTEC courses.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Computing
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Computing
- BTEC Diploma Computing

Level 2

- BTEC Award in IT

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THIS COURSE?

- Maths
- Media
- Science
- Design

FURTHER INFORMATION

For full course entry requirements, visit coulsdon.ac.uk

All the information is correct at the time of going to print. Course information is subject to change. Please visit the website for the latest information.

COURSES

ENGLISH & MFL

ENGLISH

An A Level in English is desirable for many degree courses and is welcomed by employers.

English is seen as a key subject for students to develop their analytical skills through reading and writing. These skills are highly valued across all academic areas and this, in conjunction with the interesting and stimulating texts studied, leads to high student satisfaction levels and outstanding achievements.

SPANISH

'El mundo es un pañuelo' - 'it's a small world'

Spanish is the second most spoken language in the world after English, the second most used on Twitter, and the third most popular Internet language - that's why it is so important to speak it well. By studying Spanish at A Level students will develop their skills in communication, an ability highly prized by employers.

Students will use the latest multimedia technology to practice their language skills and learn more about Spain and other Spanish speaking countries, as they study a range of topics from historical perspectives to the present day. In addition they will have extra sessions in small groups with a Foreign Language Assistant to build their confidence in speaking.

There is no substitute for spending time in the country where the language is spoken. We offer a study trip to Spain, where students live with host families and participate in small group classes and other cultural activities, allowing them to experience life in Spain at first hand, and immerse themselves in the language.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level English Language & Literature
- A Level English Literature
- A Level Spanish

Level 2

- GCSE English

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THESE COURSES?

- Everything

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COURSES

HEALTH & SOCIAL CARE

Health and Social Care is a fascinating and growing area.

Health and Social Care Workers have to deal with a diverse group of people including children, young adults, the elderly and people with mental health problems and learning difficulties. They work in a variety of settings such as hospitals, care homes and people's own homes. Now is an exciting time to be a Care Worker because reforms are creating new jobs and flexible ways of working meaning there is huge scope for career progression.

This is an interesting and practical course that is directly related to the vibrant, exciting and rapidly expanding Health and Social Care sector. Students will study a wide range of Health and Care related topics in a practical and work related environments.

Students are actively involved in local community events as well as their work experience placements in a range of settings such as nurseries, schools, playgroups and homes for the elderly.

COURSES

Level 3

- BTEC Extended Diploma Health & Social Care
- BTEC Diploma Health & Social Care
- BTEC Extended Certificate Health & Social Care

Level 2

- BTEC Award Health & Social Care

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THIS COURSE?

- Psychology
- Sociology
- Sport
- English
- Biology
- Science
- Business
- Public Services



COURSES

HUMANITIES

Humanities cover a collection of subjects which investigate the human experience. They are academic disciplines looking at areas of humans and their roles in society, culture and education. This can be from History, Sociology, Politics and many others. Universities welcome a humanity subject for progression onto many degree courses.

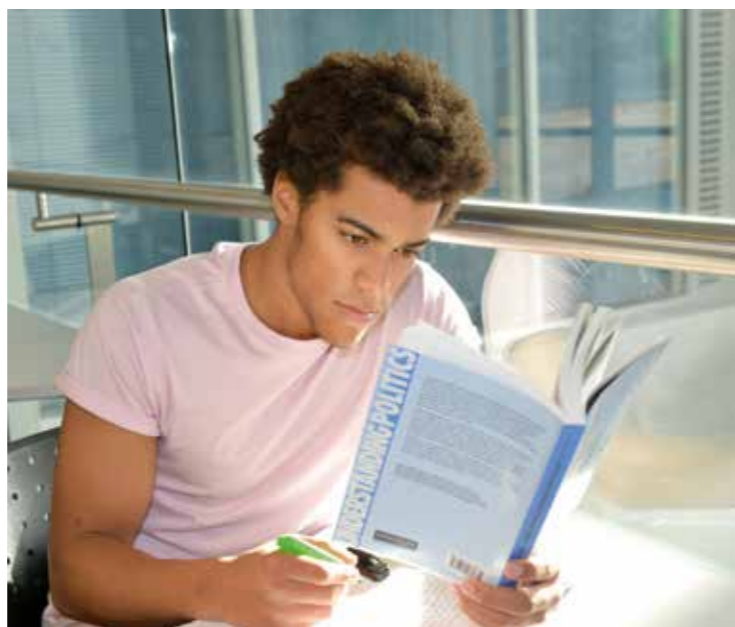
COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Geography
- A Level History
- A Level Politics
- A Level Sociology

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THIS COURSE?

- English
- Maths
- Science
- All the Humanity subjects work well together



FURTHER INFORMATION

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COURSES

MATHEMATICS

Why study Mathematics?

Mathematics is a subject which has been around for thousands of years, yet it is still a vital and developing subject. It forms part of every aspect of modern life, for example in Science, Technology, Business and Commerce. Providing you with essential skills for dealing with

everyday problems, Mathematics offers students techniques for understanding and solving problems through encouraging the development of logical and enquiring minds. Knowledge of advance mathematics will give students a distinct advantage over other students on a wide variety of university courses.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Mathematics
- A Level Mathematics (Further)
- Core Maths (AS equivalent)

Level 2

- GCSE Mathematics

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THIS COURSE?

- Everything



COURSES

MEDIA & FILM

MEDIA

Media is a creative industry with many avenues for possible careers. The media department at Coulsdon Sixth Form College offers a lively and modern range of courses for students to learn using professional standard equipment. Students will develop skills in research, creative and production. Students will cover subject areas such as radio, television, advertising, music videos and print production. The course provides a useful background for academic or vocational courses at university, apprenticeships or employment.

FILM

Interested in films? Would you like to spend more time finding out about them?

If so, Film Studies could be the A Level for you.

This subject focuses on the study of film within aesthetic, institutional and social contexts.

Students will be expected to analyse film texts of different genres, by a range of directors and representing a variety of cultures. They will also have the opportunity to make their own short film sequence in the first year and complete a short film in the second year.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Film Studies
- A Level Media Studies
- BTEC Diploma Creative Media Production

Level 2

- BTEC Award Media

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THIS COURSE?

- English
- Performing Arts
- Art
- Graphic Design
- History
- Business
- Photography
- Music

FURTHER INFORMATION

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COURSES

PERFORMING ARTS & MUSIC

PERFORMING ARTS

The Performing Arts Department is a lively and thriving area where the main emphasis is on performing to a variety of different audiences.

The vast majority of students achieve their ambition to pursue their interest in the subject at degree level. During the course students will be required to produce high quality audition pieces and build a portfolio of the work they have produced during their studies.

MUSIC

Is music an important part of your life? Are you interested in performing professionally, writing music commercially, teaching music or aiming for some other involvement in the performing arts world? The courses offered at Coulsdon Sixth Form College give students the opportunity to explore and develop their potential in these areas, as well as providing a good foundation for moving forward in whatever musical direction they wish after College. More generally the study of Music will reveal some fascinating insights into cultures, history and societies.



COURSES

Level 3

- BTEC Diploma Performing Arts (Acting)
- BTEC Extended Certificate (Acting)
- BTEC Diploma Music (Performance)
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Music (Performance)
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Music (Technology)

Level 2

- BTEC Award Performing Arts

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THIS COURSE?

- English
- Psychology
- History
- Mathematics
- Photography
- Media Studies
- Film Studies
- Business



COURSES

PSYCHOLOGY

Psychology analyses the actions and thought processes of other people with the aim of understanding and predicting likely behaviours.

Students will benefit from this insight enormously, regardless of their future occupation. On these courses, students will develop a wide range of study skills, with particular emphasis on analytical, descriptive and organisational skills.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Psychology
- BTEC Extended Certificate Psychology

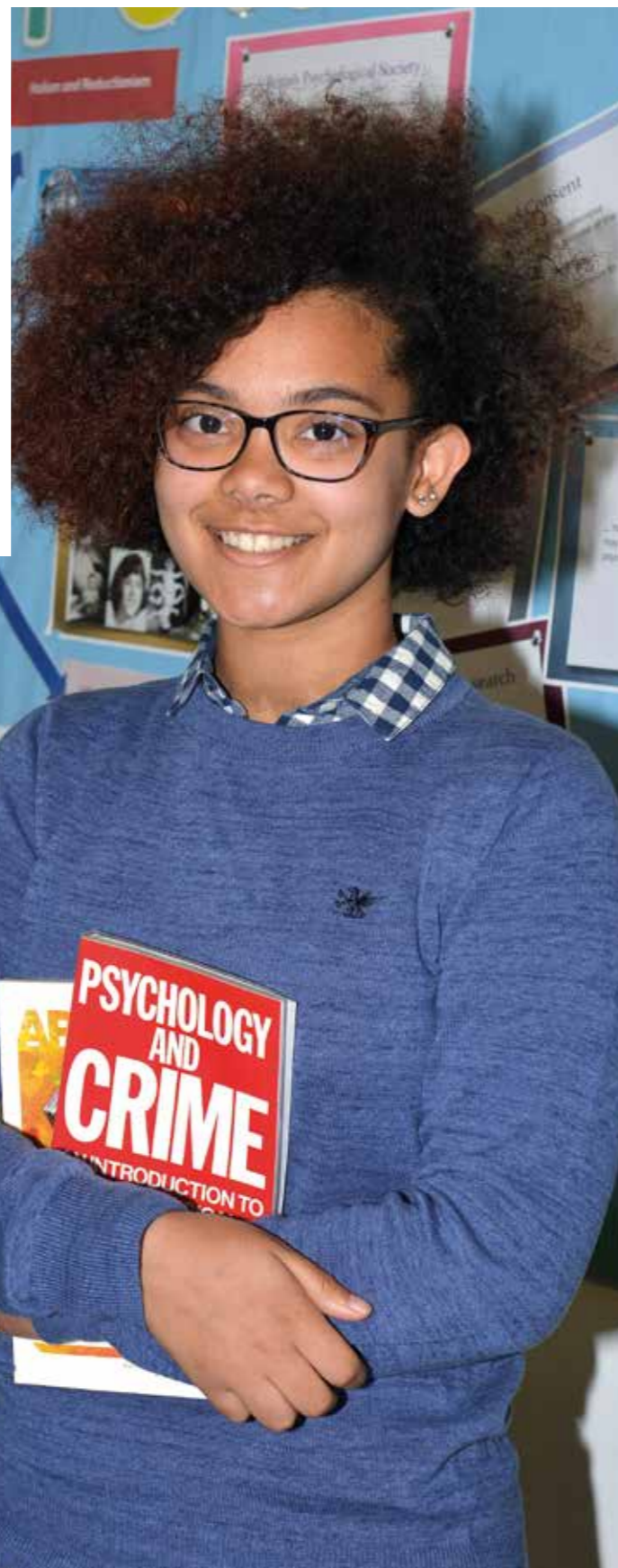
WHAT GOES WELL WITH THIS COURSE?

- Law
- Sociology
- Sport
- Health & Social Care
- English
- Art
- Science
- History
- Politics

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COURSES

SCIENCE

SCIENCE

Science courses cover a range of disciplines. At Coulsdon Sixth Form College you can study Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Engineering and Medical Science.

APPLIED SCIENCE

We offer Applied Science in three areas – Science, Engineering and Medical. The courses aim to develop an appreciation of the competencies, skills and knowledge required for higher education and employment in Science based careers.

BIOLOGY

Biology allows students to see the impact of Biology in their daily lives. The course moves from the microscopic to the whole-planet view of organisms.

CHEMISTRY

Students will study Chemists and the role they play in a variety of relevant and current technologies, such as the development of new medicines and materials, climate change and alternative fuels.

PHYSICS

Physics is a fundamental science that lies at the heart of modern engineering, technology and medicine.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Biology
- A Level Chemistry
- A Level Physics
- BTEC Extended Certificate Applied Science
- BTEC Diploma Applied Science (Engineering)
- BTEC Extended Diploma Applied Science (Medical)

Level 2

- GCSE Biology

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THESE COURSES?

- Mathematics
- Psychology
- Geography
- Sociology



COURSES

SPORT & PUBLIC SERVICES

SPORT

Our Sport courses are dynamic and varied and reflect the depth of career opportunity in the Sports industry.

The College's Sport Department aims to promote and encourage the enjoyment of all sport and physical recreation both through academic studies and participation in practical activities. In addition, the Department regularly organises both trips and visits plus presentations and workshops to enable classroom learning to be brought to life.

PUBLIC SERVICES

Public Services is a fast growing area of study and attracts students who are seeking a career in one of the Forces – Police, Fire Brigade, Armed Services and Ambulance Service.

Within the practical elements of the course, students will participate in different kinds of fitness training, take part in a number of different team building activities and participate in land and water based activities.

We offer distinct courses that reflect the scope and dynamism of the Public Services. Coulsdon Sixth Form College is also part of the British Army Further Education Bursary Scheme.



COURSES

Level 3

- BTEC Diploma Sport
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Sport
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Public Services

Level 2

- BTEC Award Sport
- BTEC Award Public Services

WHAT GOES WELL WITH THE COURSES?

- Health & Social Care
- Psychology
- Politics
- Sociology

COURSES

TRAVEL & TOURISM

TRAVEL & TOURISM

Travel and Tourism is a dynamic, fast moving industry which has seen a significant growth in the number of Travel and Tourism organisations in the UK.

The industry has had to constantly shape and re-align itself in order to meet the needs of today's customers and the preparation of students to become part of this is one of the key objectives for the Travel and Tourism course. Our students learn vital Travel and Tourism skills such as customer focus, teamwork, communication, management and problem solving.

Employers like people who can close sales and sell for profit and who work to improve on their presentation skills. Units such as Event Management, Adventure Tourism and Roles and Responsibilities of Holiday Representatives allow such skills to develop whilst delivering a great deal of enjoyment for students.

HOSPITALITY

This course has been designed to help students acquire the necessary skills and qualifications for a career in the Travel and Tourism Industry.

Students will learn about the hospitality industry as a whole, the different sectors, how they operate and link together and how individual hospitality businesses work.

COURSES

Level 3

- BTEC Diploma Travel & Tourism
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Travel & Tourism
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Hospitality

Level 2

- BTEC Award Travel & Tourism
- NCFE Cabin Crew



FURTHER INFORMATION

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COURSES

VISUAL ARTS

Are you enthusiastic and self-motivated with good creative and practical skills?

There are a wide range of Art related academic and vocational courses available at Coulsdon Sixth Form College and the art team is happy to help students choose the most appropriate programme.

The Visual Arts areas are well resourced and set up for a variety of media including print making and textiles, photography and graphic design. There are also dedicated resource areas equipped with Apple iMac Computers.

ART & DESIGN

The course equips students with in-depth knowledge from a wide selection of areas within the creative fields of Fine Art, Design and Textiles. The course structure can allow the qualification to be flexible to meet learners' interests, abilities and aspirations.

FASHION

The course encourages experimental approaches to Art & Design with an emphasis on Fashion. Students will explore different aspects of fashion and textiles including focussing on specialist areas such as fashion or costume design, fashion accessories or surface pattern design.

FINE ART

This is a practical Fine Art course giving students the opportunity to develop an appreciation of the visual world and to respond to it in a personal and creative way. Emphasis is placed on developing visual language skills through drawing, painting and printmaking and much of the work is based directly on observation. We also have many students who take Fine Art for their own interest and as a balance to their more academic subjects.



GRAPHICS

Are you interested in how ideas are communicated visually?

Graphics is a highly practical subject where students combine traditional graphic techniques with digital technology to produce their own work.

The main areas of the course cover Advertising, Branding, Illustration, Packaging and Typography. Students are encouraged to see their practice in the context of contemporary visual culture.

PHOTOGRAPHY

Are you interested in developing creative and innovative methods to express your personal vision?

Photography is largely a practical subject and is all about visual communication skills. Students will use a variety of black and white photographic techniques and experiment with digital media, as well as analysing and researching the work of other photographers, designers and artists. Students are also lucky to have access to a dark room to produce their photos onsite here at College.

COURSES

Level 3

- A Level Fine Art
- A Level Graphics
- A Level Photography
- BTEC Diploma Art & Design
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Art & Design
- BTEC Subsidiary Diploma Fashion and Textiles

Level 2

- BTEC Award Art & Design

FURTHER INFORMATION
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PERSONAL DETAILS
Please complete every section of the application form below in BLOCK CAPITALS

Surname of applicant: _____

Forenames: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age on 01/09/2020: _____

Female Male (please tick)

Home tel: _____ Student Mobile: _____

Email:

Country of normal residence: _____

Nationality: _____

Have you been resident in the UK / EU for the past 3 years? Yes No (please tick)

If no. date of entry to the UK: _____

Address: _____

Postcode: _____

Details of Parents or Guardians

Father's or Guardian's title: _____ Name: _____

Address (if different from Student): _____

Home tel: _____ Mobile: _____ Postcode: _____

Email:

Mother's or Guardian's title: _____ Name: _____

Address (if different from Student): _____

Home tel: _____ Mobile: _____ Postcode: _____

Email:

APPLYING TO COULSDON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

ADMISSIONS POLICY

Coulsdon Sixth Form College currently accepts students from a range of schools from the local area and further afield.

It seeks to exercise an open and fair admissions process, in accordance with its agreed admissions policy (details of which can be found on the College's website www.coulsdon.ac.uk).



APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1 Come to an Open Event

Prospective students accompanied by their parents or guardians are invited to attend one of the College's open events (see page 39) to discuss specific courses with staff and have a first-hand look at the College's superb facilities.

The latest information about events is available at www.coulsdon.ac.uk/events

2 Complete and return an application form

All prospective students are required to complete the College's application form. You can either complete online at www.coulsdon.ac.uk/apply or see the attached form which should be completed and returned to - Admissions, Coulsdon Sixth Form College, Placehouse Lane, Old Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 1YA.

3 Find out more at interview

Upon receipt of a completed application form, the College will write to the prospective student's school or employer for a reference. Once the College has received a satisfactory reference, both student and parents (or guardians) will be invited to attend an interview. The interview is seen as an opportunity for all parties to discuss a student's prospective Study Programme and for students and parents to find out more about the College.

4 Auditions

If you are applying for a Music or Performing Arts course, you will be required to attend an audition.

5 Offer Letter

Once you receive your offer letter, be sure to send the acceptance form back to secure your place.

6 Come along to Introductory Day

Successful applicants are invited to the College for an Introductory Day (see page 39).

7 Enrol

Enjoy your time as a Coulsdon Sixth Form College student!

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Admission number	
Offer type	
Offer date	Acceptance date

I would like correspondence relating to my progress to be sent to (please tick box as appropriate)

Mother or Guardian Father or Guardian Both

Present or most recent school

Present / previous school / college name: _____

Town / City: _____ Postcode: _____

Start date at current / last school / college: _____

Date finished / finishing school / college: _____

If already left school / college give brief details of current situation: _____

List of Qualifications

Type of course - GCSE, AS, BTEC etc	Subject / course currently studying / or have previously studied	Predicted grade	Grade (if known)	Month / Year taken
	English Language			
	Maths			

Subjects requested to study at College - list up to 4 in order of preference

1.	2.
3.	4.

Additional Learning Support Needs

Do you have any support needs / disabilities / learning difficulties? Yes No (Please tick)
 If yes, please give details: _____
 Do you have an Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) or Statement? Yes No (Please tick)

Career plans, other interests and experience?

Career / University aims: _____

 Work experience: _____

 Other exams / achievements / interests - e.g. sport, music, dance, Duke of Edinburgh, hobbies: _____

Which subjects do you like the most?	Which subjects are you best at?	Do you prefer coursework / exams / both?

For office use only

Interview notes and specific educational requirements	Learning support required? <input type="checkbox"/>	School report seen? <input type="checkbox"/>	Careers advice given? <input type="checkbox"/>
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Provisional offer:	Conditional offer:	Interviewer's initials:	Date:
Subjects: 1	2	3	4
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Please return completed applications to the Admissions Office, Coulsdon Sixth Form College, Placehouse Lane, Old Coulsdon, Surrey CR5 1YA

Applications to other colleges

Are you applying for a place at another college, school, training or full-time employment? If yes please state which: _____

Disability / Learning difficulty

The College is committed to meeting the needs of people who are disabled or who have learning difficulties. Specialist staff and facilities are available for all students to ensure that individual needs are catered for. Individual requirements can be discussed at interview, however if you would like to discuss these earlier, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Office.

Student declaration

Coulsdon College and the Education and Skills Funding Agency (ESFA) are registered under the Data Protection Act 1998. The information you provide on this form will be passed to the ESFA to meet its statutory responsibilities, including under the Apprenticeships, Skills, Children and Learning Act 2009 and to create and maintain a unique learner number (ULN) and a personal learning record (PLR). Your information will be securely destroyed after it is no longer required for these purposes. Your information may be used for education, training, employment and well-being related purposes, including for research. The DfE and the English European Social Fund (ESF) Managing Authority (or agents acting on their behalf) may contact you in order for them to carry out research and evaluation to inform the effectiveness of training. Your information may also be shared with other third parties for the above purposes, but only where the law allows it and the sharing is in compliance with data protection legislation. I agree to the processing and use of such data for any purpose connected with my studies or my health and safety or for any other legitimate reason.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____
 Signature of Parent / Guardian / Carer: _____ Date: _____

Return to: The Admissions Office, Coulsdon Sixth Form College, Placehouse Lane, Old Coulsdon CR5 1YA
 Tel: 01737 551176 www.coulsdon.ac.uk email: admissions@coulsdon.ac.uk

ADMISSIONS TIMETABLE 2019/20

For entry September 2020

DATE	EVENT
Monday 23 rd September 2019	Admissions open for entry September 2020. You can apply online at www.coulsdon.ac.uk/apply or use the attached application form.
Saturday 12 th October 2019	Open Day for students and their parents between 10am - 1pm.
Thursday 7 th November 2019	Open Evening for students and their parents between 5.30pm - 8pm
November 2019 - March 2020	Applicants and parents/guardians are invited in for interview.
January 2020 - March 2020	Auditions for Music and Performing Arts applicants
Thursday 2 nd July 2020	Introductory Day. Students who have accepted an offer are invited (via letter) to an Introductory Day in College.
Friday 21 st , Tuesday 25 th and Wednesday 26 th August 2020	Enrolment. Students have an individual consultation with an experienced member of staff to ensure that an appropriate programme of study is agreed. If there are any particular learning needs, these should be raised during Enrolment (unless they have been previously).

HOW TO FIND US

BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The 60 and 466 buses stop right outside the College. The nearest rails stations are Coulsdon South and Coulsdon Town. Please visit www.tfl.gov.uk for detailed information.

BY CAR

Coulsdon Sixth Form College is located just south of Croydon off the A23. Turn off the A23 at Stoats Nest Road and follow the road up into Old Coulsdon. Then turn right into Placehouse Lane where you will find Coulsdon Sixth Form College on the left.

Coulsdon Sixth Form College

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 Fax 01737 551282
 Email admissions@coulsdon.ac.uk

OPEN EVENTS

Open Day
 Saturday 12th October 2019, 10am - 1pm

Open Evening
 Thursday 7th November 2019, 5.30pm - 8pm

Pathway Events
 Wednesday 4th March, Wednesday 11th March and Wednesday 18th March 2020, 5.30 - 7.30pm

For the latest information see: www.coulsdon.ac.uk/events





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