



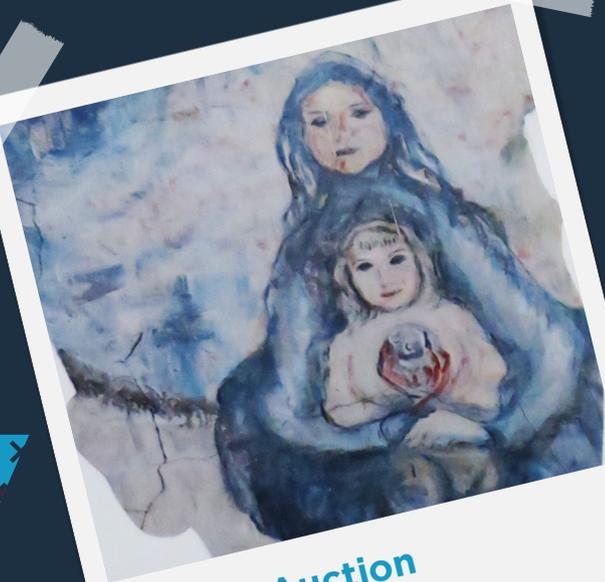
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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

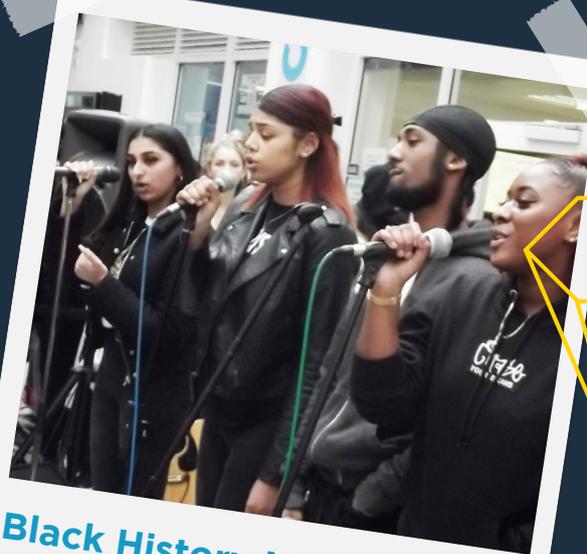
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# TRIPS & VISITS



## BROOKLANDS MUSEUM welcomes Coulsdon students

The Visual Arts department at Coulsdon Sixth Form College took BTEC Art and Design students to Brooklands Museum in September 2019.

The Museum in Weybridge recognises and celebrates the great history of aviation & motor sports, providing the students with valuable imagery and design knowledge.

Lecturer, Neal Vaughan, was pleased that all those involved enjoyed the day, particularly the students who took advantage of what was on display, in which they drew and took photographs.



## COULSDON STUDENTS welcome Thomas Cook

Coulsdon Sixth Form College's Upper Sixth students welcomed former Thomas Cook Cabin Manager, Leanna O'Brien as part of their BTEC Level 3 Travel and Tourism studies on Monday 14th October.

Students were appreciative of Leanna's visit following the collapse of the Thomas Cook group in which she lost her job. Fortunately, she has found a new role with Virgin Holidays to continue her career as Cabin Crew.

Students are currently studying unit 6 of their BTEC Travel and Tourism course which involves going through an application process for a job. Those that decided to apply for a Cabin Crew position were interviewed by Leanna, who equipped them with an experience of what it will be like in a real interview.

Leanna also gave the students a great insight into crew room duties before and after a flight. Students from both classes were then able to ask Leanna further questions about what it is like work in Cabin Crew.

## HUSTINGS

During November 2019, we held two successful hustings at both Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College ahead of the General Election in December 2019.

This provided students with an opportunity to meet party representatives from each political party to debate policies and ask questions. This gave students a chance to meet all of the local Croydon and Coulsdon representatives as well as increase their knowledge of what each party had planned for the future.

Check out the representatives below:

### Croydon College

Mario Creatura:  
Conservative Party

Sarah Jones:  
Labour Party

Simon Sprague:  
Liberal Democrats Party

Peter Underwood:  
Green Party

Peter Sonnex:  
Brexit Party

### Coulsdon Sixth Form College

Chris Philips:  
Conservative Party

Anna Jones:  
Liberal Democrat Party

Olga Fitzroy:  
Labour Party

Peter Underwood:  
Green Party

## OFF THE RECORD VISITED Croydon College



As part of World Mental Health Day, Thursday 10 October 2019, Off the Record, a UK Youth Counselling charity, offered their free services for staff and students throughout the day at Croydon College.

The Charity is based in Croydon, Merton and Sutton and offers various free services for young people that are in need. For young people in Croydon, the charity offers free and confidential counselling to young people aged 14-25 who live, work or study in Croydon, free online counselling for young people aged 11-25, a specialist mental health service supporting young people aged 11-25 who are refugees, asylum seekers or forced migrants, and free help, support and information for young people aged 7-25 who live, work or study in Croydon and are caring for a family member.

Head of Citizenship, Careers and Library at Croydon College, Georgina Bailey said, 'Having Off The Record visit us as part of World Mental Health day was important in order for students to recognise and talk about mental health'.



## CC LIVE

Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College musicians came together for a special night of music and debate for a Love Music Hate Racism celebration at Fairfield Halls, on Tuesday 26 November 2019. The talented students were joined by Drillminister and Friends, who certainly impressed the crowd.

For the first time ever, Drillminister and Save Our Souls performed 'People's Vote' live, to raise awareness of the importance of voting amongst the younger generation. There was also a live panel to discuss and debate local political issues. This provided a fantastic opportunity for the young people of Croydon to express their views on current systems, and where they would like to see change.



## THE ART AUCTION

On the evening of Thursday 28 November 2019, students hosted the annual charity Art Auction at Coulsdon Sixth Form College. The auction showcased staff, students and external artists work that was auctioned off to raise money for The Royal Marsden Charity.

The event is organised and managed by the BTEC Level 3 Business students as part of their coursework. This includes producing marketing campaigns to promote the event, as well as organising all parties involved on the night. The Business students thoroughly enjoyed the event, and learnt a lot about the key principles of business. The staff and guests enjoyed the engagement and event content provided by a selection of students from Hospitality, Performing Arts, and Music Performance.

The students raised over £350 for The Royal Marsden Charity. Senior Tutor, Denise Wilkinson was pleased with how the Business students ran the event and said 'It was a really enjoyable evening.'

Well done to everyone involved!



## MURAL

In November a few Coulsdon Sixth Form College Art students were commissioned by The Network Rail and the Local Rotary Club to create a mural on the Foot Bridge next to Coulsdon Town Station. The students took this opportunity to get very creative yet colourful using graffiti spray cans and stencils, so next time you're walking over the foot bridge appreciate the art & take a selfie!



## SIRENS PERFORMANCE at Fairfield Halls

On Sunday 20 October 2019, Croydon-based theatre company, Zoo Co, returned to Fairfield Halls to perform their award-winning show, Sirens on the Ashcroft Playhouse Stage.

Leading up to this special performance, Zoo Co worked with various local clubs, colleges and schools to create a unique production that was performed prior to the main show. Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College Performing Arts students were lucky enough to be part of this incredible opportunity.

The evening was thoroughly enjoyed by all, including the cast of the show, who said 'We were so excited to be a part of Fairfield's opening season and to bring our biggest show yet to Croydon. We had a lovely time on tour with Sirens so to be bringing it to our hometown, in our home venue meant a lot. We've been working with young people across the borough to create a response to the show too and were so excited to share the stage with them. It was a really fun evening with 2 shows for the price of one!'

Congratulations to all students involved, it was certainly a night to remember!

## BLACK HISTORY Month Concert



BTEC Music Technology and Music Performance students at Coulsdon Sixth Form College took part in a successful Music concert as part of ongoing celebrations for Black History Month.

The concert attracted crowds of staff and students across the College, in which all were extremely impressed by the talented Music students.

Paul Tornbohm, Head of Music, said

**THIS WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR STUDENTS TO PERFORM FOR THE COLLEGE, WHILST CELEBRATING BLACK HISTORY MONTH!**

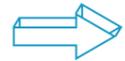
## THE ANNUAL ROTARY CLUB of Croydon Photography Awards 2019

Coulsdon Sixth Form College students once again took part in the annual Rotary Club of Croydon's Annual Photography Competition. Photography students from both BTEC and A Level courses entered from Monday 30 September 2019, with their work displayed at the Croydon Clock Tower before the awards ceremony Wednesday 26 October 2019.

We had success, with Lilliana Issacs being commended for her excellent digital work in the 16-17 category.

Photography teacher, Neal Vaughan said 'After winning most prizes for the last few years, Coulsdon's photographic department decided to be very brave this year, exhibiting a huge collection of Cyanotypes; A traditional handmade photographic process that raised many conversations and certainly answered the theme of nature under pressure.'

Congratulations to all students involved!



# DISTANCE LEARNING & SHORT COURSES

Mark Murphy is the Co-ordinator of Professional and Distance Learning based at Croydon College. Here he explains what Distance Learning and Short Courses are all about and why you should consider one.

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## What are Distance Learning and Short Courses?

Distance Learning is a provision which enables learners to complete studies from the comfort of their own home. This provides flexibility for those who have full-time jobs or are busy with childcare, but can still gain a recognised qualification. Our courses cover a range of subjects across 3 Levels which are perfect for learning new skills and gaining valuable knowledge that looks good on your CV.

Short Courses are ideal for those who want to find new hobbies. Some courses will provide a general introduction to a subject whereas others will provide more of an in-depth understanding, recognisable with an awarding body certificate upon completion.

## What are the entry requirements?

For a Distance Learning course, there are no specific entry requirements for Level 1 and 2; however, learners should have a minimum of Level 1 in literacy or equivalent. For Level 3 courses, learners are expected to hold a related Level 2 qualification. All learners must successfully complete an induction booklet. Some courses may also require you to be working in a relatable role for witness testimonies.

For a Short Course, generally there are no specific entry requirements, however some courses hold individual entry requirements but all learners are expected to hold a good level of Maths and English.

## How do they work?

Distance Learning Courses allow you to study and gain your qualification. Once enrolled you will be sent an email in which you will then have access to an e-learning platform. This provides you with lesson materials and end of unit assignments that contribute to your end qualification. There are no formal exams at the end.

Short Courses are delivered here at Croydon College and our evening study day is on a Wednesday. Throughout the course, you will be supported through practical and theory based tasks by your tutor in the classroom. You will need to successfully complete a workbook or assessment which will be presented to the awarding body for certificates to be issued.

## Why should people do this?

Both courses provide an opportunity to develop new and existing skills as well as their CVs. They also support progression into full time courses into the College or other pathways.

## Who can apply?

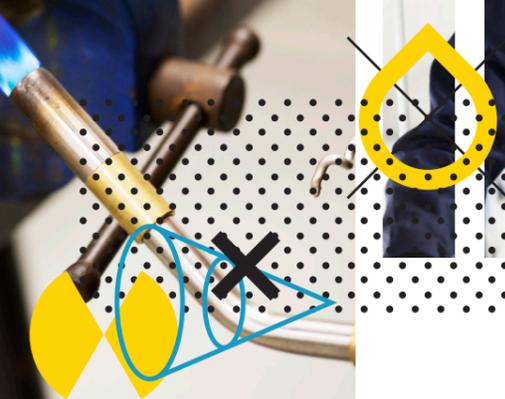
Anyone over the age of 19 and has lived in the UK for over 3 years can apply for a Distance Learning and Short Course.

## Any advice for prospective students?

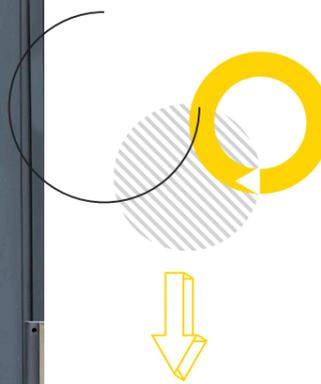
There are many different available courses for you to choose from so make sure you pick the right one. If you need advice on what course is right for you, don't hesitate to contact us, as we would be happy to help.

## What do you enjoy most about your role?

For me, I enjoy assisting learners along their journey towards their qualification and watching them achieve their end goals.



# CAREERS & EMPLOYABILITY



## COULSDON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Coulsdon Sixth Form College is committed to providing an outstanding programme of Careers Education, Information, Advice and Guidance (CEIAG) for every student.

The programme is designed to raise aspirations, challenge stereotypes and promote equality and diversity. Coulsdon Sixth Form College is in a partnership with the London Enterprise Partnership and is working towards the eight clearly defined benchmarks for higher quality careers education.

All students have access to impartial careers education, information, advice and guidance from the Careers Department which comprises of a Careers Officer and a fully qualified Careers Adviser, Zena Hole who is a member of the Careers Development Institute and the Careers Leader for the College.

### What employment opportunities are there at Coulsdon Sixth Form College?

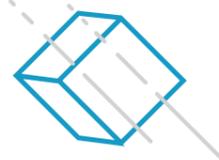
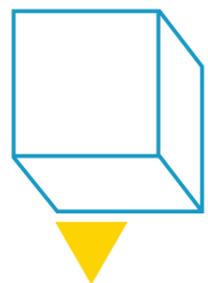
- Apprenticeships, both nationally and with local companies
- Direct entry jobs where employers are looking for candidates with level 3 qualifications
- Apprenticeship opportunities at Croydon College

The Careers Department has links with local companies and works with them to help promote employment opportunities for Coulsdon Sixth Form College students.

### Or perhaps you want to go to University?

Each year the College successfully supports around 300 students through the process of applying to university. Through the structured Tutorial Programme students will assess whether applying to university is right for them.

The College Careers Room is on the first floor, room 166 and open Monday to Friday. Drop in for advice and support.



## CROYDON COLLEGE

### The World of Work - W.O.W

Employability is at the heart of everything we do at Croydon College. Throughout your studies you'll find that the W.O.W Team are on hand to provide you with free, expert help on how to choose the right path for you.

They'll advise you on job applications and career planning as well as funding for further study, via one-to-one interviews as well as workshops and talks.

They also run various workshops on a range of topics, including UCAS applications. Please call into the Employability Hub for further information, and dates and times.

### Where are they located and what are the open times?

You can find the W.O.W team on the ground floor where the Glass Office is (opposite the café) to discuss work experience opportunities and more.

### Employability Hub Term time

Monday - Friday: 9.00am - 5.00pm

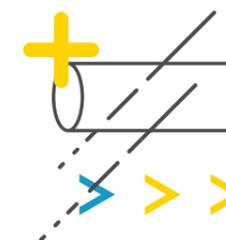
### Holidays

Monday - Friday: 10.00 - 3.00pm

### The Career Coach

In addition to the The World Of Work, Croydon College also have digital tools to ease your route to employment. There is a Career Coach Software package that is designed to help fellow students get a head start by providing up-to-date, local information about wages, employment trends, job vacancies and associated courses at Croydon College. It is the ideal tool to help you make informed decisions about your future.

Check out the Croydon College website for access to the Career Coach.





# 10 HAIR & BEAUTY TRIP TO SEVILLE

Eight Croydon College Hair & Beauty students had the opportunity of visiting Seville on the Erasmus+ Programme, keep reading to find out who, what, where, when and why they were there!

In the early morning of the 3rd of November - eight excited Croydon College students made their way to Gatwick Airport to board their flight to the southern city of Spain, Seville!

Seville is the capital of its region, Andalusia, and the cultural and financial centre of southern Spain. Upon arrival the students had their induction meeting where they were briefed on all things Seville, including their schedules for the next two weeks of their work experience. Shortly after, they went on a local tour to explore the beautiful city of Seville, to ensure they knew their way around prior to starting their placements.

After an amazing first day gallivanting around Seville, the students all headed back to the hostel, where they had their first meal together to celebrate a successful but adventurous first day in Seville.

The following day all eight students took a Spanish language class and then headed to their work placements organised by Erasmus. Interested? - Keep reading to find out how you can get on the programme!

The Erasmus Programme is a European Union student programme established in 1987 run in the UK by the British Council. Since then more than 2 Million students have studied or worked in Europe on the ERASMUS exchange programme. They also have a new programme called Erasmus+ combining all the EU's current schemes for education, training, youth & sport which was started in 2014.

Erasmus+ supports the professional development of people in vocational education and training (VET) through training periods abroad through work placements. The placements are subject to the curriculum of the participating institutions. Such as hair & beauty, customer services, sport, construction, catering and hospitality and social care amongst others.

To be eligible for an Erasmus traineeship you must be in a participating study programme or have graduated within one year. So as long as you are in higher education institution, (don't worry you don't have to be a language student) and your University or College offers Erasmus for your subject, you can apply.

Check out how the students got on.



**Students:** Ghrita and Amber

**Placement:** Professional Version Salon

Ghrita worked most of the time with Amber together in the beauty area where they practised nails, waxing, hand massages and eyebrows prior to working with customers.

Amber on the other hand, focused on observing the hairdressers to learn new techniques of hair colouring and cutting. She also served as a hair model and she got a new hairstyle.

They both acquired new skills and methods of different European techniques and how to use different instruments for beauty.



**Students:** Chen

**Placement:** Le Beaute l'Ame

Chen was shown how to thread eyebrows, manicure and sugar waxing. She practised manicures on her colleagues. Not too long after she was prompted to offer massages and pedicures which she is fantastic at. Chen's shifts were in the morning which were a little quieter than the afternoon shifts. Therefore, in the second week she worked afternoon shifts to experience a busier salon. Her manager feedback was that she was really happy with Chen and her attitude - as she is very active and a lovely young lady that frequently presented herself politely to customers and her team well.

With her free time she dived into lots activities, often by herself, such as going to Las Setas, the water gardens and general sightseeing. Plus she made the most of her time and signed up for rowing lessons throughout the trip!

**ERASMUS HAS HELPED ME TO DEVELOP PERSONALLY, PROFESSIONALLY AND ACADEMICALLY AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS, I NEVER KNEW IT EXISTED!**



**Students:** Linda and Yolanda

**Placement:** Professional Version Salon (Different Branch)

Linda did a great deal of work such as tinting, colouring, cutting and other practices. She had the opportunity to improve her Spanish and had a fun and friendly relationship with the other employees in the shop. Linda stated that she had an excellent time and expressed a keen interest to return to Seville and Professional Version.

Yolanda had an amazing in Seville and also said that one day she would like to return. Initially she struggled slightly with learning Spanish although she managed to improve and learn the basics through her work experience at the salon.

They both developed new skills with regards to European Hair Techniques, as well as both having the opportunity to improve their Spanish when dealing with customers.

It was such an amazing opportunity to introduce the eight students from Croydon College to European Salon Skills so they could learn the trends and skills relevant to their course, check out their final thoughts below on their overall experience or visit our website for more student stories on their experience with Erasmus!

**IT HAS HELPED ME TO INCREASE MY MOTIVATION TO LEARN MORE AND FOCUS MORE ON MY CURRENT COURSE**



# 12 GRADUATION

University Centre Croydon (UCC) celebrated the exceptional talent and success of its Higher Education students at its annual Graduation Ceremony on Friday 22 November 2019.

Held at the Fairfield Halls in Croydon, over 100 graduands were joined by over 450 guests. The ceremony was also attended by The Worshipful the Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Humayun Kablr, Principal and CEO of Croydon College, Caireen Mitchell, Dean of UCC Fadia Clarke, Chair of Governors Gordon Smith and Professor Kelly Coate.

Our Master of Ceremonies, Celia Delaney received a warm response from both graduands and guests. After reading Experimental Psychology at Oxford University, Celia joined Unilever's graduate scheme and went on to be HR Director of one of their factory sites. She now performs musical comedy and has had sell out shows in London and Edinburgh.



Students graduated from UCC in a variety of subjects, including Fashion Design, Graphic Design, Business, Public Health & Social Care, Law, Criminology, Early Childhood Studies and several Apprenticeship Qualifications.

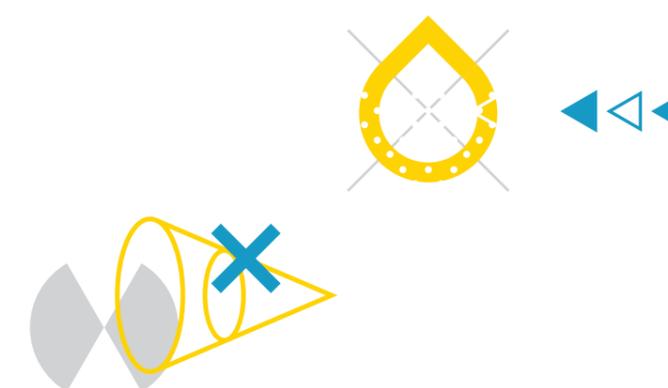
There was a total of 15 awards presented across the different cohorts. All the awards had been selected by staff and included Most Inspirational Business Student Of The Year Award, awarded to Agnes Rodeles Pangan, and The University Centre Croydon Principal's Award, which was received by John Jones-Alleyne. As well as giving the Student Speech of Thanks, Janelle Coore collected the Award for Early Childhood Studies and The Croydon College Governor's Award!

During the Ceremony, attendees were treated to the amazing talents of current students. Cherie Odunayo from Coulsdon College sang 'A Man's World' and Shelia Tatyana Ocampo Pruna and Karina Wiktoria Piechinik from Croydon College sang 'The Greatest Showman'.

After the ceremony, the graduates and their guests celebrated with selfies using the personalised UCC gif booth and took advantage of the bar inside Fairfield Halls.



Principal and CEO of Croydon College Caireen Mitchell was extremely proud of all graduates, adding 'This event provides a wonderful opportunity to formally recognise and celebrate the outstanding achievements of our Higher Education students ending their studies in the academic year 2018/19. It also allows us to recognise the ongoing success of the University Centre Croydon.'



# 14 IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Meet Sarah Msouhli – a student that chose to enrol in Mathematics, French and Hospitality at Coulsdon Sixth Form College after completing her GCSE's at Norbury Manor High School. Learn more about why she chose Coulsdon Sixth Form College and her experience throughout so far...

Why did you decide to study here at Coulsdon Sixth Form College?

I had a friend who'd applied and told me I should join her. I attended the open event and spoke to many of the friendly teachers who made me feel so welcome. From then, I knew it was the College for me.

How did you find the course you studied at Coulsdon?

I already had an idea of what I wanted to study - Maths because I thoroughly enjoyed it at GCSE, French as a result of my Moroccan background, Hospitality for my love of food and communication with people, and Spanish as I wanted to expand my knowledge of other languages.

You were selected for a Trip to America – Tell me about this.

I discovered the trip a year earlier and heard that it was a great opportunity. From then, I applied and I got accepted. The trip was in July 2019, and spread over 2 parts. For 1 week, we stayed at a summer camp in Virginia with people from various backgrounds. Whilst we were there, we took part in a range of workshops, trips and often spoke about world issues. For 2 weeks, we stayed in Chicago

where people kindly opened up their homes for us to stay. When we were there, we visited various grassroots & refugee organisations, and visited the charity After School Matters which provides high school teens opportunities to explore and develop their talents, while gaining critical skills for work, college and beyond.

What did you learn over there?

The America trip taught me a lot. One of those things is that integration is important to society as we are all social creatures. It also allowed me to open my eyes to the issues of the world and that everyone should have access to a safe environment where we can talk about these issues. I learnt how to act independently (as I had to use public transport on my own).

What are your plans after College?

I'm currently looking at Apprenticeships or internships in food journalism or other areas of hospitality.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO TAKE OPPORTUNITIES AND HAVE A POSITIVE OUTLOOK ON AS MUCH AS YOU CAN.

Have you been involved in extra-curricular activities?

Yes, I took part in the Network for Teaching and Entrepreneurship Business Camp. This was an intense workshop learning about how businesses work and how to pitch. We had the chance to go to London to show what we had learnt, where we won the local programme against other groups from London. As a result, we got to go to Budapest to compete internationally. This opportunity built my interest in business and enhanced my public speaking skills. I also volunteered as a mentor for the next year group.

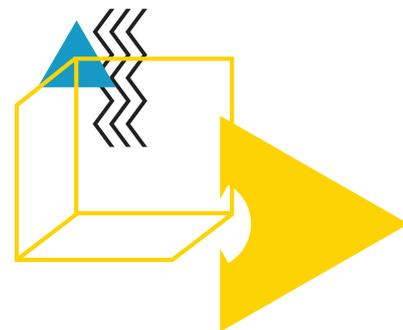
Do you have any advice for students coming to study here?

Don't be afraid to take opportunities and have a positive outlook on as much as you can. Have confidence and be kind to yourself. If you know your personal values and morals, no pressure in society will get to you, everyone has something to offer.



# DIARY DATES

FROM JANUARY 2020



## CROYDON COLLEGE

Event	Date
<b>Applicants are invited in for an interview.</b>	November 2019 - March 2020
<b>Open Evening</b> for students between 4pm - 6:30pm	Thursday 26th March 2020
<b>Open Evening</b> for students between 4pm - 6:30pm	Wednesday 1st July 2020
<b>Welcome Day.</b> Students who have accepted an offer are invited (via letter) to a Welcome Day in Croydon College.	Thursday 2nd July 2020
<b>HE Event</b>	Wednesday 22nd January 2020 5pm - 7pm
<b>Enrolment.</b> Students will be invited in for enrolment if they have accepted an offer at the College. If there are any particular learning needs, these should be raised during Enrolment (unless they have been previously).	From w/c 17th August 2020

## COULSDON SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

Event	Date
<b>Applicants and Parents/Guardians are invited in for an interview.</b>	November 2019 - March 2020
<b>Applicants are invited in Auditions</b> for Music and Performing Arts Applicants	January 2020 - March 2020
<b>Pathway Events</b>	Wednesday 4th March, Wednesday 11th March and Wednesday 18th March 2020, 5:30 - 7:30pm
<b>Introductory Day.</b> Students who have accepted an offer are invited (via letter) to an Introductory Day in Croydon College.	Thursday 2nd July 2020
<b>Enrolment.</b> 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).	From Friday 21st August 2020

