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STAY SAFE

Protect yourself and others by wearing a face mask in all common areas



With the safety and wellbeing of our students being top priority, we have put a variety of COVID-19 measures in place at our colleges.

We are asking everyone to wear a face covering in communal areas inside our buildings and have introduced a one-way system with floormats indicating the required social distance.

Dedicated hand sanitisers are in place and class sizes have been reduced with rooms laid out to ensure the required distance.

Lifts are out of use unless you have mobility issues.

Transport for London has also introduced dedicated buses for students to make it easier and safer to travel to college.

Our message is clear, your future is safe at Croydon and Coulsdon Colleges.

To watch the safety videos for Croydon college or Coulsdon college, scan the correct QR code below.

Croydon College
Safety Video



Coulsdon College
Safety Video



WELCOME



CAIREEN MITCHELL
Principal & CEO
Croydon College

As we head towards the Christmas break, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank all of our students and staff who have overcome many challenges during this difficult year resulting in many successes.

As you will see from the content of this newsletter, a lot of great things have happened and more people in our community are now choosing to study with us across both campuses with a huge uptake in Health and Care, Construction and Engineering related courses and ESOL. It is so heartening in these times to see so many people investing in their futures through education and training.

Despite the pandemic, I'm delighted we have been able to continue to invest in our courses and facilities and

the recent renaming of our Higher Education offer to the Croydon University Centre, coupled with a new partnership with the University of Roehampton means we are expanding our range of Degree Courses.

We are particularly excited to be able to offer our community a Degree in Adult Nursing starting in September next year, and you will shortly see work starting on a new Nursing Suite to be located on the third floor of the Croydon Campus to support this course.

I would like to congratulate our whole College community for making this year such a success and wish you all a happy, healthy Christmas and a successful New Year.

NEW FACE AT COULSDON

Coulsdon Sixth Form College bid a fond farewell to retiring principal Richard Beales, and welcomed Odette Carew to the helm.



Richard, who spent ten years at the College, said: "I am delighted to leave it in good hands and in a really strong position as part of Croydon College."

"It has been a privilege to work with, and more recently lead, the teachers, support staff and managers who, day after day, are committed to

and passionate about seeing young people develop, achieve their qualifications and move on to their next steps in education, employment and adult life. I believe our success has been built on a commitment to teamwork and hard work, creating a supportive and inclusive community for the young people who come here. For me, it has been a great place to work and I'm certainly going to miss it."



Odette has spent her career in education and was previously Director of Curriculum at Newham College, joining Coulsdon because it has "great potential" and "can go further".

"It has always been my mission to work and give back to the community by helping and supporting young people - particularly in the London area because of the needs," Odette said.

"I want to make Coulsdon College a first-choice institution for young people. Their time here is valuable, both in terms of achievement at the highest level and we will support them in that, and also in terms of holistic development and as people who make a contribution to a society. Enrichment is important."



NEWS & VIEWS



REMEMBRANCE DAY 2020



Staff and students across both Colleges paid their respects on Remembrance Day.

Coulsdon Sixth Form College Public Services students, Ben Roberts and Jamie Wilson, were nominated to lay a traditional poppy wreath at the

memorial situated at the front of the College.

At Croydon College, Public Services students hosted a special Remembrance Day assembly in front of their peers to educate them on the day's importance.

NEW HEAD OF GOVERNORS



TONY STEVENSON



GORDON SMITH

Professor Tony Stevenson has been appointed as the new Chair of the Colleges Governing Body.

The Board made the decision following a rigorous search and competitive interview process. Tony has recently retired as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at Newcastle University. He was brought up in Croydon and has now returned to the area.

Tony will be replacing Gordon Smith, who has been a Governor at Croydon College since January 2004 and served as both Vice-Chair and Chair.

As Chief Executive of The Collegiate Trust, a multi-academy trust covering the Croydon and Crawley area, Gordon used his considerable experience of leadership in London schools and his wider links in the Croydon area to great effect. Gordon oversaw the appointment of the current Croydon College Principal & CEO, Caileen Mitchell, and the merger with Coulsdon College in February 2019.

Our thanks go to Gordon for his support, encouragement and commitment to the future of Croydon College and our students. He will be missed by his board colleagues, the Executive Team and staff within the College.

COMMUNITIES TOGETHER AT CHRISTMAS APPEAL

The College community supported CVA's 'Communities Together at Christmas' campaign to prevent people going hungry or feeling isolated during the Christmas period.

CVA (Croydon Voluntary Action) asked our amazing staff and students to donate toiletry items that students then sorted into 100 gift bags, which were sent to CVA and then delivered to vulnerable families across the borough.

Coulsdon College Student Union Executives, Abigail Azirou and Kiara Miller, attended CVA's Christmas switch-on event on 3 December, which enabled vulnerable families who do not have the luxury of putting up their own Christmas decorations at home, to do so at the Resource Centre in London Road.

Thank you to all of our wonderful staff and students who donated to the appeal and supported our local community!



LONDON MAYOR AWARDS COLLEGE CONSTRUCTION SKILLS

Croydon College has once again been awarded the London Mayor's Construction Academy Quality Mark.

The Quality Mark sets a high bar for construction skills training provision in London. It recognises organisations that demonstrate they are addressing industry skills' needs, ensuring quality in their curriculum, and providing routes into employment along with links to employers.

It is a fantastic acknowledgment of our efforts in training our students for the skills they need to achieve their ambitions.



PREVENT AWARENESS WEEK 2020

A counter-terrorism awareness week gave students advice on safeguarding themselves and their communities from the threat of terrorism.

Students took part in expert talks, interactive sessions and a competition based on Prevent, part of the government's counter terrorism strategy. One lucky winner and a runner-up were awarded a JD Sports and a restaurant voucher for their excellent work.

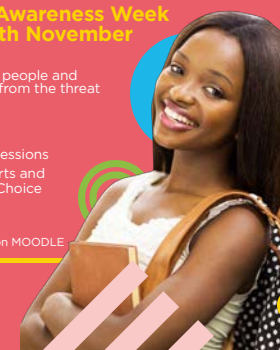
PREJUDICE TO KINDNESS

Prevent Awareness Week 9th to 13th November

Safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism.

- Expert talks
- Interactive sessions
- Win JD Sports and Restaurant Choice Vouchers

Further details on MOODLE



Croydon College COULSDON Student Support SERVICES WE WILL LISTEN

Help us help the planet

Our College community has a sustainability strategy to take us up to 2024.

We want to boost our recycling, water and energy-saving efforts, reduce waste and encourage walking and cycling to college.

The Student Voice will also take the lead on an annual project - ideas welcome!

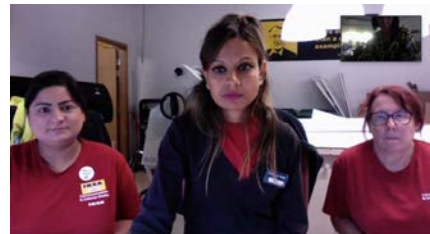


NEWS & VIEWS



STUDENTS GAIN EXPERIENCE FROM IKEA

Coulsdon College Visual Arts students worked with IKEA to display images of Croydon street scenes in the new in-store room displays.



Members of IKEA Croydon's in-house design team spoke with students via Zoom and explained the team's role of producing printed graphics, visual merchandising displays and room sets for customers.

The arts department has worked with IKEA Croydon for the last six years to provide graphics' students with first-hand industry experience.



VODAFONE'S SCHOOLS. CONNECTED PLAN

Vodafone's schools.connected plan provides free SIM cards to students falling behind in their studies because of their home broadband connectivity.

Croydon College Principal and CEO, Caireen Mitchell, successfully applied for 200 free SIMs for Croydon College students. We'd like to say a huge thank you to Vodafone!

STUDENTS AWARDED VOUCHERS FOR WEARING FACE COVERINGS

Croydon College students have been awarded vouchers by Duty Managers as a thank you for wearing their face coverings and protecting the College Community.



JACK STRANGE



HAMIDULLAH SALIK



SAMANTHA ALFRED

BLACK HISTORY MONTH B:M2020

Staff and students celebrated Black History Month through a variety of different activities such as wearing traditional homeland outfits, tasting different cultural dishes, and attending debates and workshops.

ART STUDENTS BORROW HORNIMAN MUSEUM OBJECTS



Art students were delighted to borrow 13 West African and BAME cultural objects from the Horniman Museum for their 'Taking Things Apart' project.

Croydon College Level 3 Year 2 Art & Design learners have taken the time to draw, photograph or research the objects to deconstruct their meaning and representations.

The museum loan was made possible because of Croydon College Art Department's National Skills Academy membership.

MAYOR OF ENFIELD WEBINAR

Croydon University Centre students heard from one of London's inspirational mayors, Councillor Kate Anolue, Mayor of Enfield, during HE Enrichment week. Cllr Anolue provided an insightful and inspiring account of her career journey where she started off as a trader in

Nigeria during the civil war, to then moving to England and achieving a degree in Law.

Using her Law Degree, Cllr Anolue went to the council and became a member of the Labour Party. She later became the only African woman to become mayor of the same authority twice.

Commenting on what has helped her do the things she has done, Cllr Anolue said self-love, self-discipline, determination and self-trust were all key qualities.

BEN NETWORK FOR STAFF

Staff have begun putting into practice the newly-formed Black and Ethnic Network (BEN).

BEN aims to promote racial equality, provide a safe environment for conversations and concerns to be raised around the issue, as well as identify and address areas of underrepresentation of staff from Black and ethnic backgrounds.

The network is co-ordinated by Croydon College lecturers, Samuel Uwadiae and Delmena Doyley, and championed by Human Resources.

NEWS & VIEWS

STUDENT FOCUS ON STUDY IMPROVEMENTS

Students have taken part in focus groups in various areas across the Croydon Campus to help make even greater improvements to their study programmes.

The responses have shown an increase in learner satisfaction in many areas across the college, with learners showing English and Maths is being fully embraced across all their curricula activities. Within Business, Community and Access, learners have been

participating in 'reading ahead' and 'distinction challenge' activities in order to aim for high grades in their qualifications. Students in engineering have been starting to work on individual projects, leading up to an electric car build in the new year.

At the Coulsdon Campus learners have been getting to grips with interactive technologies as part of their remote learning sessions such as neopod, spark and prez. Creative



arts students have also participated in an online Ikea workshop to showcase their graphics skills.

Croydon University Centre CrimSoc Event

On 26 November, Dr Adam Elliot Cooper, Criminology Society Speaker, gave a lecture to Croydon University Centre CPSJ students on colonial-style policing in the UK.

The virtual event provided an interesting account on policing in the UK, preparing students for real-life work in the industry.

STUDENTS LEARN SIGN LANGUAGE

Coulsdon College students studying Travel and Tourism and Hospitality chose to learn British Sign Language to enhance their customer service skills.

The Level 3 students have two periods of extended studies per week and wanted to learn something during that time which would give them an edge when applying for jobs in the sector.

Since many of these roles are customer facing, the students decided to study a British Sign Language course so they could communicate with deaf and hearing-impaired clients.

£1,500 Scholarships

**The University of Roehampton
Croydon College and Coulsdon
Sixth Form College Scholarship**

The University of Roehampton is offering up to ten cash scholarships worth £1,500 per year of undergraduate study to Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College Students.

Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form Colleges will nominate up to ten students for this scholarship.

To be eligible you must meet certain criteria. To find out more and express an interest in the scholarship please email admissions@croydon.ac.uk or drop by the Admissions office, Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm.



COLLEGE ALUMNI

Former students inspire others

From Croydon College to The Crown, one of our former students is causing a sensation with her work on the blockbusting Netflix drama about the monarchy.



EMMY-nominated costume designer Amy Roberts, who started her career by doing a fashion course at Croydon, has worked on Seasons three and four of The Crown. Her work includes a replica of Princess Diana's wedding dress.



Meanwhile, Daniel Potter, who graduated from Croydon College in 1997 with a BA Hons in Graphic Design, has been impressing crowds at Guns N' Roses concerts and at Tottenham Hotspur FC games.

He is co-founder and creative director at

Creative Works, which specialises in creating high-impact content for live events, broadcast and social media.

→ **Watch out for an opportunity to hear more from both Amy and Daniel in the New Year when we will be inviting them to take part in one of our Inspiring Careers webinars.**

Three high-flyers who became friends at Coulsdon College and are still in touch more than a decade later, will be 'Inspiring Career Choices' at a college-run webinar on 12 January.

The event is an opportunity to hear about the career paths taken by the trio who met in 2007 and the impact studying at Coulsdon had on their friendships and lives.

Rajen Jotangia is a producer at BBC Radio 1Xtra and Asian Network, for presenters including Charlie Sloth, MistaJam and Trevor Nelson.



Mohammed Sheikh is E-Commerce Finance Manager for Reckitt Benckiser (FTSE 100) which owns brands such as Dettol and Durex. His own company, Uplifting Travel, offers "life-changing experiences through travel".

Yusuf Ahmet, a chartered accountant and senior manager in consultancy, was named among the 'Top 100 Young Chartered Accountants'.

Yusuf said: "Studying at sixth form/college is one of the most pivotal moments of your life and will have a long-lasting impact on your



professional career. It can also be a stressful time where you may not be sure exactly what career you wish to pursue. Twelve years on, I feel sharing my experiences will help people navigate through the options."

↓ **INSPIRING CAREERS WEBINAR 2021**

**12 JANUARY - 10.20 - 11.20am
ON ZOOM (afterwards on video)**

**To book your space email:
careers@coulsdon.ac.uk**

VIRTUAL EVENTS

GOING VIRTUAL

We are always finding ways to meet potential students and even business partners who help us do what we do best. Even during these unprecedented times, there was no stopping us from reaching out to students and employers, but this year it was a little different. Here's what we got up to this term...

TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR

Since in-person Campus Tours are currently unavailable to students, why not take a look at our fantastic Colleges and University Centre using our Interactive Virtual Tour on our websites.

Discover our state-of-the-art facilities and get a feel for student life from the comfort of your own home.

Croydon College
Virtual Tour



Coulsdon College
Virtual Tour



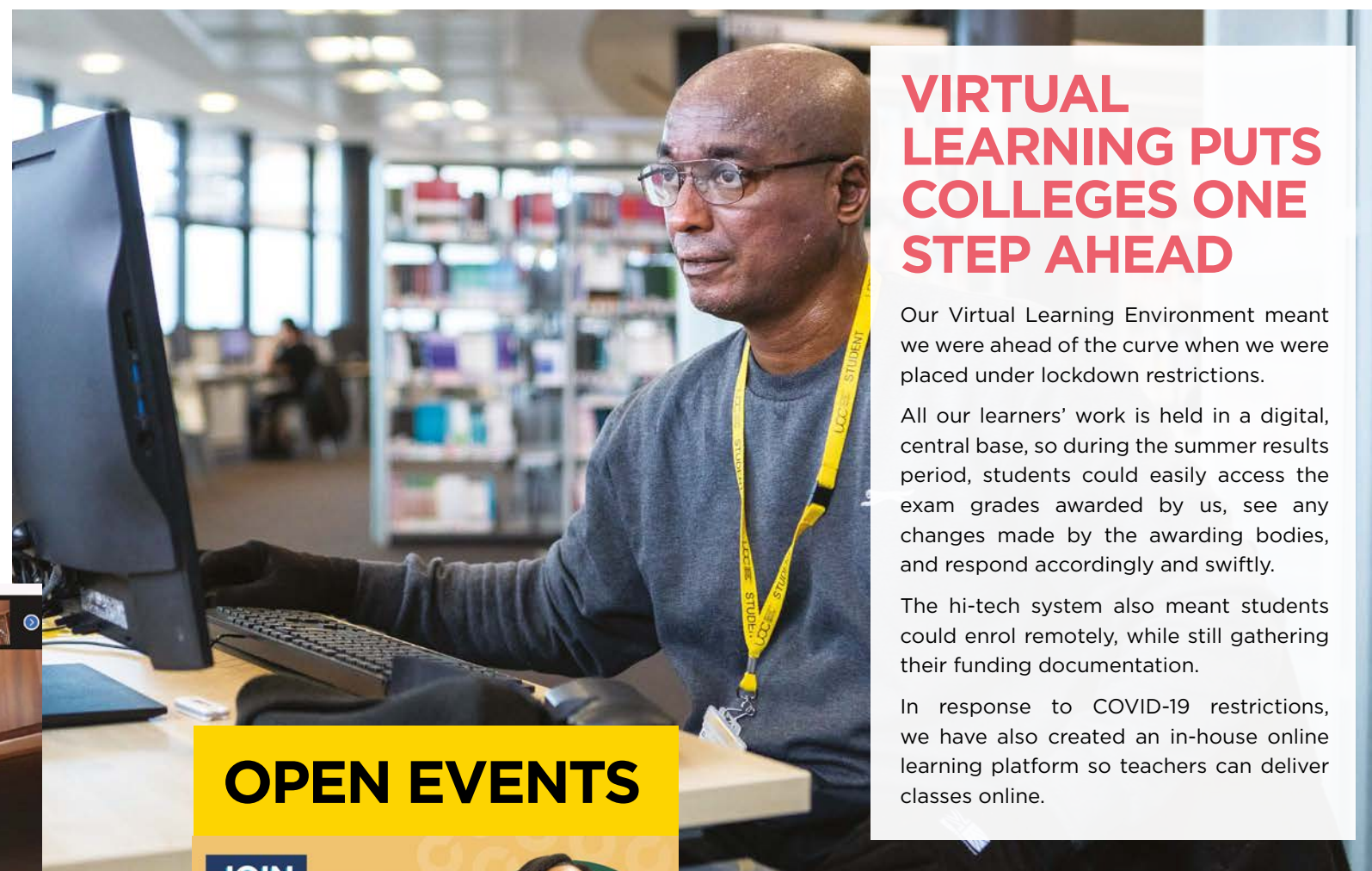
STUDENTS ZOOM TO SOCIETY FUNCTION

Croydon University Centre students attended a Zoom session called 'Being Part of the Edmund Burke Society', hosted by Judge Ian Morley.

Judge Morley, whose chambers are in Antigua and Barbuda in the Caribbean Court of Justice, openly discussed cases he had judged including money laundering and turf wars.

Programme Leader for BA (Hons) Business and Management/Law, Aliya Mullani, and Lecturer Chris Reeve were present alongside students Shyam Pillai, Andrea Ilca, and Damien Van Zyl.

Aliya said: "It was an honour to attend such an event and hear from the author of the 'Devil's Advocate'."



VIRTUAL LEARNING PUTS COLLEGES ONE STEP AHEAD

Our Virtual Learning Environment meant we were ahead of the curve when we were placed under lockdown restrictions.

All our learners' work is held in a digital, central base, so during the summer results period, students could easily access the exam grades awarded by us, see any changes made by the awarding bodies, and respond accordingly and swiftly.

The hi-tech system also meant students could enrol remotely, while still gathering their funding documentation.

In response to COVID-19 restrictions, we have also created an in-house online learning platform so teachers can deliver classes online.

OPEN EVENTS

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL OPEN EVENTS

Thursday 19 November
5.30pm - 8pm

Wednesday 3 March 2021
5.30pm - 7.30pm

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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE



All our Open Events moved online using the virtual platform Zoom.

They were a fantastic opportunity to discover our courses and learn about our great facilities.

If you missed the event, watch it here: www.croydon.ac.uk/events

You can also hear directly from teaching staff at: www.croydon.ac.uk/course-videos

CEO TALKS SKILLS AT DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

Croydon College's Principal and CEO, Caireen Mitchell, joined an online debate at the Develop Croydon Conference. Caireen joined the panel debate in the Education Foundations session, which saw an interesting discussion on the next steps for Croydon's skills sector.

The half-day virtual conference featured keynote and panel discussions focusing on the



recovery and future growth of Croydon.

Topics also included Building for the Future and Creating a Sustainable Transport Network. Having hosted the launch of Croydon's Climate Commission, Croydon College is committed to Croydon's green ambitions and to delivering the skills needed to sustain the borough's future workforce.

LOVE OUR COLLEGE'S WEEK

'WE LOVE OUR COLLEGES'

Our students submitted 60-second videos praising their Colleges as part of a Love our Colleges Week competition.

CEO Caireen Mitchell chose a group of Coulsdon College students as the overall winner and they were awarded a £100 voucher.

Spencer Rochford, Megan Hierons and Kellie Figueiredo creatively captured the meaning of Love our Colleges Week.

Caireen said: "We are always so impressed with our students when they are set a task or challenge, and the Love our Colleges Competition is a perfect example of how our College Community embrace these opportunities."



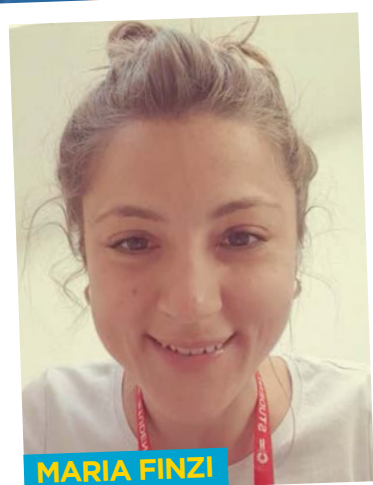
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MARIA FINZI



JOYCE ASARE BEDIAKO

MEET OUR STUDENTS

SPENCER ROCHFORD

BTEC Performing Arts & A Level English Literature and Language, Coulsdon College



Spencer has a strong passion for performing arts and has been in many theatre groups since he was eight-years-old.

When he heard about the Love our Colleges competition, Spencer asked his friends, Megan and Kellie, if they'd like to join him in taking part. They all really enjoy their subjects and love being students at Coulsdon College so wanted to share this love with their College community.

ADELLE ISTEAD

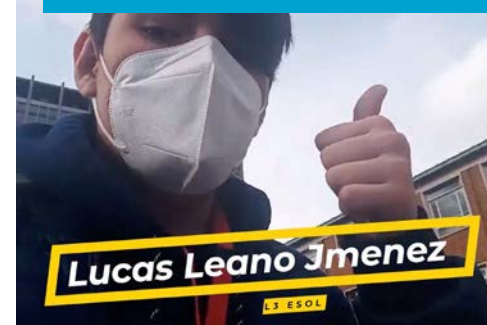
Level 3 Art and Design, Croydon College



Adelle has a big interest in art, musical theatre, video games, animation, film making and video editing. She is also in the early stages of setting up her own art business that is heavily influenced by musical theatre and Disney. Adelle believes you should not be afraid to run with an idea no matter how big, small or outrageous as it may end up being some of your best work. She followed her own advice for the student competition and created her video inspired by The Sims 3 and edited using Adobe Premier Pro.

LUCAS LEAÑO JIMÉNEZ

Entry 3 ESOL, Croydon College



Lucas moved to London from Bolivia earlier this year to kick-start his career in actuation. To reach his dream goal, Lucas is studying to help him better understand the English language and skills needed to work in the UK.

He entered the Love our Colleges competition as he saw it as a great opportunity to push himself and show his peers how far he's come since arriving in the UK.

ZEINAB MOHAMED

BA (hons) Early Childhood Studies, Croydon University Centre



Zeinab is a proud mother of two young university students who both encourage her to study. She is in her last year at Croydon University Centre and aims to work in schools.

Zeinab believes she has been extremely fortunate in getting a second chance at education. It has opened new doors and enabled her to reach goals she never thought she'd meet. The Love our Colleges competition gave Zeinab the chance to thank Croydon University Centre, which she describes as her second home.



WHERE CAREERS ARE MADE



YOUR SUCCESS STARTS HERE

If you're thinking of studying for a degree or higher education course in September 2021, look no further than your own doorstep. Croydon University Centre is conveniently located within Croydon College and we offer a range of higher education courses from three-year degrees to one-year diplomas and certificates.

Our higher education courses, based right here in Croydon, empower you to own your own career and future, close to home.

Amidst the uncertainty of COVID-19, Croydon University Centre offers a safe and secure place to study, with minimum travel time. Our course fees are highly competitive compared to other universities, and quality assured by one of London's top universities, the University of Roehampton.

We have a great team of academics, ready to share their knowledge and challenge your skills and outlook. Our lecturers are subject experts and some have many years of industry experience. You will also have access to a personal tutor to support you through your journey with us.

By combining top quality university education with a supportive and inclusive learning environment, Croydon University Centre offers you the opportunity to enhance your career ambitions by equipping you with high-level job skills and a can-do attitude to give you the edge in your future career.

Your success starts here.

Scan the QR code to Watch the YouTube link for more details:



MIEMIE NEETHLING-TAYLOR
Head of Higher Education



Shyam Pillai

Student Executive Officer 2020/21 & final year business student

JOIN OUR VIRTUAL OPEN EVENT

January 7th 2021, 4.30-6.30pm

Our Virtual Open Events are a fantastic opportunity to discover our courses, learn about our great facilities and meet with lecturers and students about studying at Croydon University Centre.

Our next Virtual Open Event is on 7 January 2021, 4:30pm-6:30pm. Scan the QR code to register your place.



SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Ten cash scholarships worth £1,500 per year of undergraduate study are on offer to Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth Form College students who enrol at the University of Roehampton in September 2021.

Email admissions@croydon.ac.uk or drop by the Admissions office, Monday to Friday, 9am-5pm to learn more.



KEEPING YOU SAFE

With all the pandemic uncertainty, students currently studying at the main University of Roehampton campus will be able to study in Croydon.

The University of Roehampton Study Centre opened at Croydon College in September, which means Croydon students can reduce their travel and study closer to home through a remote learning programme.





WHERE CAREERS ARE MADE



HIGHER EDUCATION HAS A NEW LOOK



Here at Croydon's higher education centre, we're celebrating our tenth birthday in a big way!

We have a new name - **Croydon University Centre** - to really spread the message that you can study for a degree or similar qualification close to home.

Our partnership with University of Roehampton means we have new degree courses from 2021, and from September all of our courses will be validated by the University of Roehampton.



[Click here to view our 2021/22 prospectus online >>](#)

We also have new career-focused courses starting in January 2021 including HNC Business and Management, L5 Diploma in Education & Training and HNC Construction.

University Centre launches Adult Nursing BSc in Croydon

From September next year, our hi-tech, brand-new, £1 million Nursing Suite at Croydon University Centre, will help you practise all the skills you need for community and hospital settings.

Under the guidance of experienced clinical and academic staff from the University of Roehampton, you'll be confident and well-skilled when you head out to placements at Croydon Health Services NHS Trust and other local health providers.

APPLY NOW →
For the new BSc in Adult Nursing course for 2021 at www.ucas.com

MORE DEGREES FOR CROYDON STUDENTS →

Our new partnership with University of Roehampton - one of London's top ten universities - means more opportunities for the Croydon students to study in Croydon.

Apply now through UCAS www.ucas.com for courses starting in September 2021. They include degrees in Adult Nursing, Business and Management, Criminology, Psychology and Social Justice, Early Childhood Studies, Public Health and Social Care.



APPRENTICESHIPS

Skills Webinars

Croydon College's Apprenticeship Team hosted a series of Apprenticeship Skills Webinars in July that went into detail about different sectors, giving individuals an idea of what to expect.

Scan the QR code to View:



Online Apprenticeships Skills Webinars

9 July, 4pm - 5pm

Digital & IT

Register Now

A New World. A New Future.



APPRENTICESHIP AWARDS SUCCESS

We were delighted to learn Croydon Council won two awards at the prestigious London Borough Apprenticeship Awards 2020.

The council won Best Work with the Supply Chain and Local Businesses to Create New Apprenticeships for its 100 in 100 campaign, and council apprentice Nazifa Chowdhury won Best Progression by an Apprentice Award.

Croydon College played a major part in the 100 Apprenticeships in 100 Days programme, offering more than 50% of the apprenticeships in the initiative - 62 in total.

Croydon Council worked with Croydon College to create new and exciting apprenticeships for residents of all ages and backgrounds over the course of 100 days. More than 120 new apprenticeship opportunities were created with more than 40 upskilling opportunities.



The National Apprenticeship Show

Croydon College's Apprenticeship Team were delighted to attend and host a stand at the virtual National Apprenticeship Show.

This year's show on 2 December was held

online and gave individuals the chance to chat to the College virtually, download useful information and view online content. In addition to the show, we hosted a series of free webinars that

took a deeper look at our apprenticeships.

Scan the QR code to View:



VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

We wanted to make sure our students didn't miss out on work-based learning opportunities because of the pandemic.

So, we partnered with Changing Education, the UK's largest Education Business Partner, to deliver virtual work experience opportunities for our students.

The partnership enabled students to gain insights and attend live sessions from a range of great employers including SportCheer England, Barclays, the BBC, Wilson Browne Solicitors and many more!

Victoria Adebayo

Victoria Adebayo, Human Resources Administrator Apprentice at Mighty Men of Valour/Valour Youth. Victoria was a finalist in the prestigious BAME Apprenticeship Awards 2020 in the Charity, Voluntary and Public Services category.

"For anyone looking to do an Apprenticeship I'd say ABSOLUTELY GO FOR IT. My journey has been incredible. It helped me find direction into what I wanted to study and now I'm a first-year undergraduate at the University of Exeter.

"I worked in a fantastic organisation and met the most dedicated individuals. My experiences have been excellent, with good-quality training, both through my employer and through my learning provider, who have both been incredibly supportive."

"It was an incredible moment when I was nominated for an award. It was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate all my achievements accomplished in my apprenticeship and it really boosted my confidence."

Victoria's apprenticeship involved posting new vacancies, screening, interviewing, and shortlisting candidates. During COVID-19, she created a more efficient recruitment process after interviews moved onto Zoom.

Pharmacy Assistant Apprentice Success

Croydon College's first ever Pharmacy Assistant Apprentice, Lukasz Grotowski, recently passed his End Point Assessment at Croydon University Hospital after being assessed by Highfields.

Congratulations Lucasz and thank you to all staff involved who helped Lucasz achieve his qualification. If you'd like to find out more about our Apprenticeships, please contact our Apprenticeships Team on 020 8686 5700.

STAFF PROFILES



Dr Pauline Aweto, Programme Lead, Public Health & Social Care



Pauline received her PhD in Philosophy from the Pontifical Salesian University Rome. She went on to write extensively in her areas of interest and has published four books including 'The Sound of

Silence' and 'The Changing Landscape of Christianity in Africa'.

Kim Meyler-Vincent, Higher Education Coordinator



During her 16 years at the College, Kim has taken on various roles across the different college departments allowing her to broaden her knowledge and upskill. Earlier this year, she was appointed HE Coordinator for Croydon University Centre.

Neal Vaughan, Course Leader for A Level Visual Arts, Coulsdon Sixth Form College



Neal has been working within the creative industry for more than 25 years and been part of the Coulsdon College community for ten years. After completing his Fine Art degree, Neal started off in broadcast media, progressing onto visual arts as an artist, teacher and project manager/events

organiser. He has exhibited with the Royal Society of British Artists, Chelsea Art Society, United Artists, Croydon Art Society and Tadworth Art Group.

Dan Hicks, Music Technician, Coulsdon Sixth Form College



Dan's band, Caine, was considered for GRAMMY nominations by the Recording Academy. Their latest single 'Another Light' was up for five categories: Song of the Year, Best Rock Song, Best Metal Performance, Best Record and Producer of the Year.

Caine mix metal, pop rock and hip-hop. Dan plays the guitar, sings backing vocals and is the principal songwriter.

Aliya Mullani, Programme Lead, Business & Management Programmes



Aliya is a postgraduate in Strategic Business Management and a member of the Chartered Management Institute. Her particular research interests are consumers' increased use of social media platforms and its effects on business.

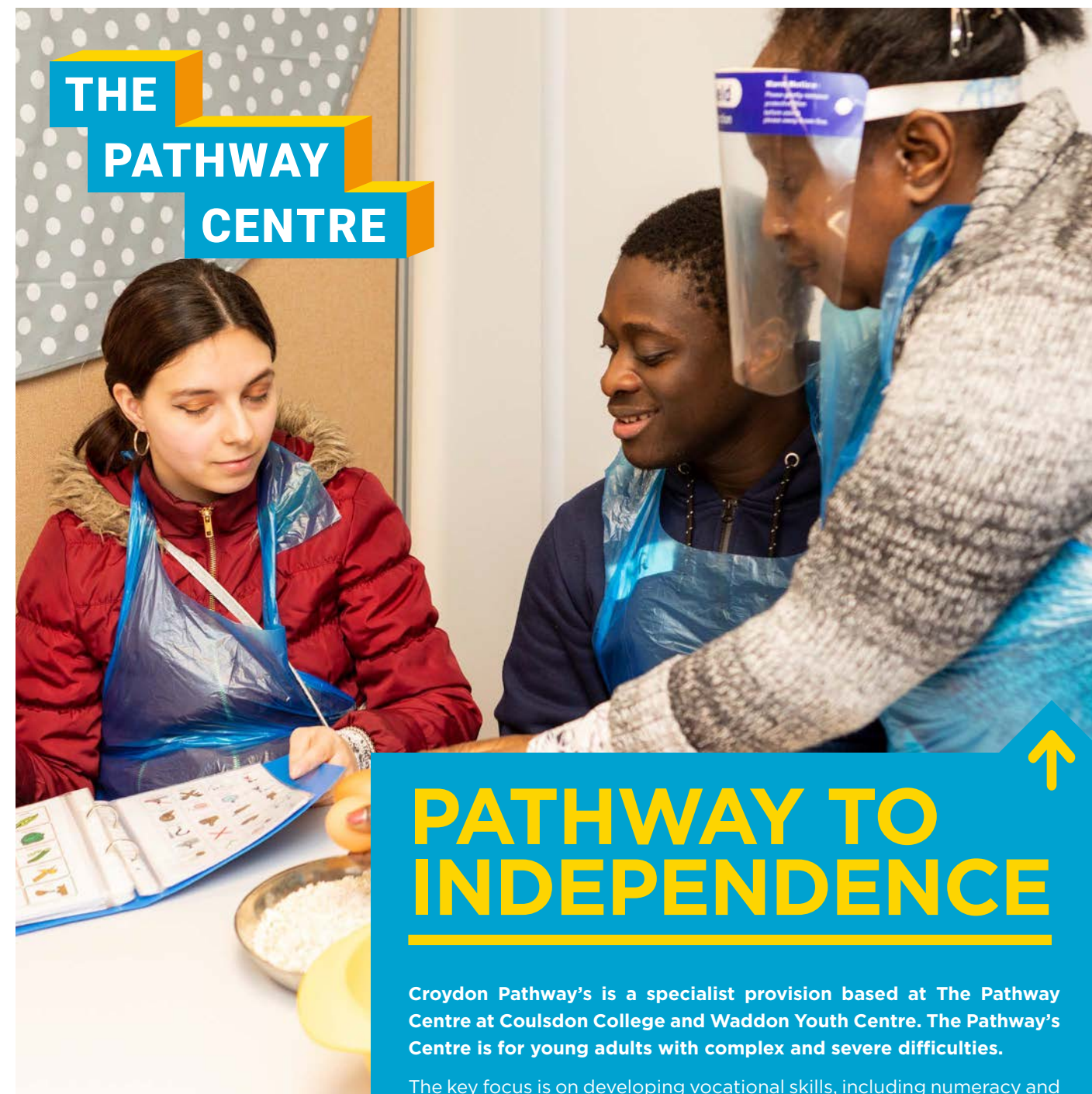
Paul Tornbohm, Course Leader for Music, Coulsdon Sixth Form College



Paul is a songwriter and musician, releasing solo and band recordings. He studied Literature and Linguistics at the University of Portsmouth before gaining his PGCE teaching certificate. In addition to Grade 8 Guitar, Paul has music qualifications in piano and music theory. He has

an MMus (Distinction) in the Production of Popular Music from Kingston University.

THE PATHWAY CENTRE



PATHWAY TO INDEPENDENCE

Croydon Pathway's is a specialist provision based at The Pathway Centre at Coulsdon College and Waddon Youth Centre. The Pathway's Centre is for young adults with complex and severe difficulties.

The key focus is on developing vocational skills, including numeracy and literacy, arts and music, and social and life skills. There is also provision for taking part in supported activities in the local community, such as swimming and supported work placements.

Staff are skilled in communicating using augmentative and alternative communication techniques. Croydon Sensory Support Service also offers specialist teaching support for the young people who have hearing or vision needs. Specialist teachers will provide advice and support to the wider Pathway's team to ensure the best resources are in place for these students.

To find out more about our supported education course and to apply, please visit <https://coulsdon.ac.uk/send>

THE CROYDON MAKE OVER



Croydon College's reception area got a makeover this term and is now full of amazing student artwork.

We wanted to make the entrance to our College brighter, more airy, more colourful, more fun and more welcoming for our students and guests.

3BM, which led the refurbishment project, came up with a concept that is a "playful nod" to our roots as a School of Art, way back in 1868. What better way to do that than display our current students incredible work?



Fuel up at Urban Deli

Hungry? Need some energy? Or just fancy a snack? Make Urban Deli your first stop.

Croydon College's brand-new café is open from 8.30am every morning offering real barista coffee, fresh pastries, Jamaican patties and savoury eats.

Lunch gets underway from 11.30am and includes many tasty options from BBQ wings and ribs to a variety of curries, from pizza and pasta to sandwiches and desserts. Gluten-free and vegan-friendly options are available.

Why not load up funds to your

student/staff ID card as one of the payment options?

Peter Hudson, Catering Supervisor, said: "Welcome to your new Urban Deli! We have sourced, and introduced some great products, and are delighted to share them with you."



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DIARY DATES 2021



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EVENT

DATE

Applicants invited for an interview	January - August 2021
Open Event	Thursday 25 March 2021
Welcome Day	Tuesday 29 June 2021
Early Enrolment (ESOL ONLY)	Monday 9 - Friday 13 August 2021
Main Enrolment	W/C Monday 23 August 2021
GCSE Results Day	Friday 27 August 2021
Open Enrolment	Thursday 2 - Friday 3 September 2021
*Late Enrolment	Monday 6 - Friday 10 September 2021



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HE Open Event	Thursday 7 January 2021
HE Open Event	Thursday 11 March 2021
HE Taster Week	Monday 10 - Thursday 13 May 2021
HE Open Event	Wednesday 30 June 2021



COULSDON
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

EVENT

DATE

Applicants invited for an interview	January - August 2021
Inspiring Career Choices Webinar An opportunity to meet with Yusuf, Rajen and Mohammed and hear more about their career paths and the impact studying at Coulsdon had on their friendships and lives.	Tuesday 12 January 2021, 10.20- 11.20am (For more info: careers@coulsdon.ac.uk)
Pathway Events	Wednesday 3 March 2021 Wednesday 10 March 2021 Wednesday 17 March 2021
Welcome Day	Wednesday 30 June 2021
A Level Results Day	Tuesday 24 August 2021
GCSE Results Day	Friday 27 August 2021
Main Enrolment	Friday 27 August - Wednesday 1 September 2021
Open Enrolment	Thursday 2 - Friday 3 September 2021
*Late Enrolment	Monday 6 - Friday 10 September 2021



*LATE ENROLMENT
DATES ARE SUBJECT TO
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EXTENDED DEPENDING
ON ENROLMENT
NUMBERS

