

# INSPIRING SUCCESS

Where Every Student Counts

**COURSE GUIDE** 2024-2025

# INSPIRING SUCCESS

Coulsdon Sixth Form College offers a wide range of courses designed to develop students' interests and skills, allowing for a smooth progression into Higher Education, apprenticeships and employment. We offer a wide range of courses, A Levels, BTECs and T Levels. Some courses provide a Level 2 option for those students needing to further develop their skills before progressing to Level 3.

## **We are delighted to share our new course guide for 2024/25.**

Coulsdon Sixth Form College is part of one of the largest colleges of Further Education in South London, offering a range of academic routes for students. This guide includes everything you need ahead of your journey with us, including information about our campus, exceptional industry-standard facilities, the courses available to you and enrichment opportunities on offer.

Our dedicated team of industry experts, curriculum and support staff will be with you every step of the way toward your chosen destination, whether that be progression to university, higher apprenticeships or into employment.

## **We look forward to welcoming you soon.**



**Caireen Mitchell**  
**Principal & CEO**  
**Croydon College**



**Martin Silverwood**  
**Principal**  
**Coulsdon Sixth Form College**

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# WHY CHOOSE COULSDON COLLEGE?

**Coulsdon Sixth Form College provides the young people of Coulsdon and the surrounding area with an exceptional sixth form experience:**

**Welcoming, friendly and aspirational College**

**Excellent, modern facilities**

**Industry experienced teachers**

**Incredible support for students**

**Structured and focused timetable**

**Well served by public transport**

**Wonderful green space, including sports fields**

**Diverse student enrichment programme**

**Wide range of courses, A Levels, BTECs and T Levels**

**Extended Project Qualification (EPQ) to boost UCAS points**



# SUPPORTING YOUR SUCCESS

Our Student Support teams are here to help make sure your time at Coulsdon Sixth Form College is all you want it to be. Our friendly Student Services team is your one-stop shop for help and advice to ensure you enjoy your time at college and achieve your potential. We're here to offer financial support and advice, careers guidance, support with personal or social issues, enrichment activities and much more!

## CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

Making the right career decision is important and at Coulsdon College, our Employability and Careers team will assist you in choosing the right course and help you plan your next step, be it entry into Higher Education or employment.

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

There is plenty of expert guidance and financial support available to remove any barriers to learning. For those from low household-income families, the College offers some financial support for costs associated with your course. More information is available on page 78.

# SAFEGUARDING AND WELLBEING

We know that sometimes you might need or want some extra support. The team provides a safe place to talk and offers a one-to-one, confidential service to all students. The Safeguarding team also offer a range of advice from digital safety and radicalisation, to homelessness, mental health and personal safety.

## LEARNING SUPPORT

The College is committed to providing a supportive and friendly learning environment for all students. We have a confidential student learning support service that can help students with a disability and/or learning difficulty. We welcome students with learning difficulties, disabilities and medical conditions. The Additional Learning Support (ALS) team will support you to maximise your potential and achieve your learning goals.

### WE OFFER:

- 1:1 or small group support
- Drop-in support for English, maths and vocational subjects
- Assessments for Exam Access Arrangements
- Reasonable adjustments to facilities and resources
- Access to quiet study spaces and assistive technology and equipment
- Information, advice and guidance for career progression



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# DO MORE, BE MORE!

There is a hub of activity outside the classroom, and alongside your courses, there are many opportunities for you to meet other people, learn new skills, and have fun!



## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Our very active Student Union leads our student voice on a number of issues close to the heart of young people at the College. Whether you're keen to get close to the action as an elected student leader or simply happy to enjoy the opportunities the Student Union will bring your way, you will find the activities will enrich your time at Coulsdon Sixth Form College.



## SOCIAL SPACES

The campus has great indoor and outdoor communal areas to help you unwind and grab a bite to eat between lessons. Hot and cold food is available, as well as spaces to bring your own food and relax with your friends. The Common Room is also a great space to hang out, play games, join in with activities, or just relax and have some fun.



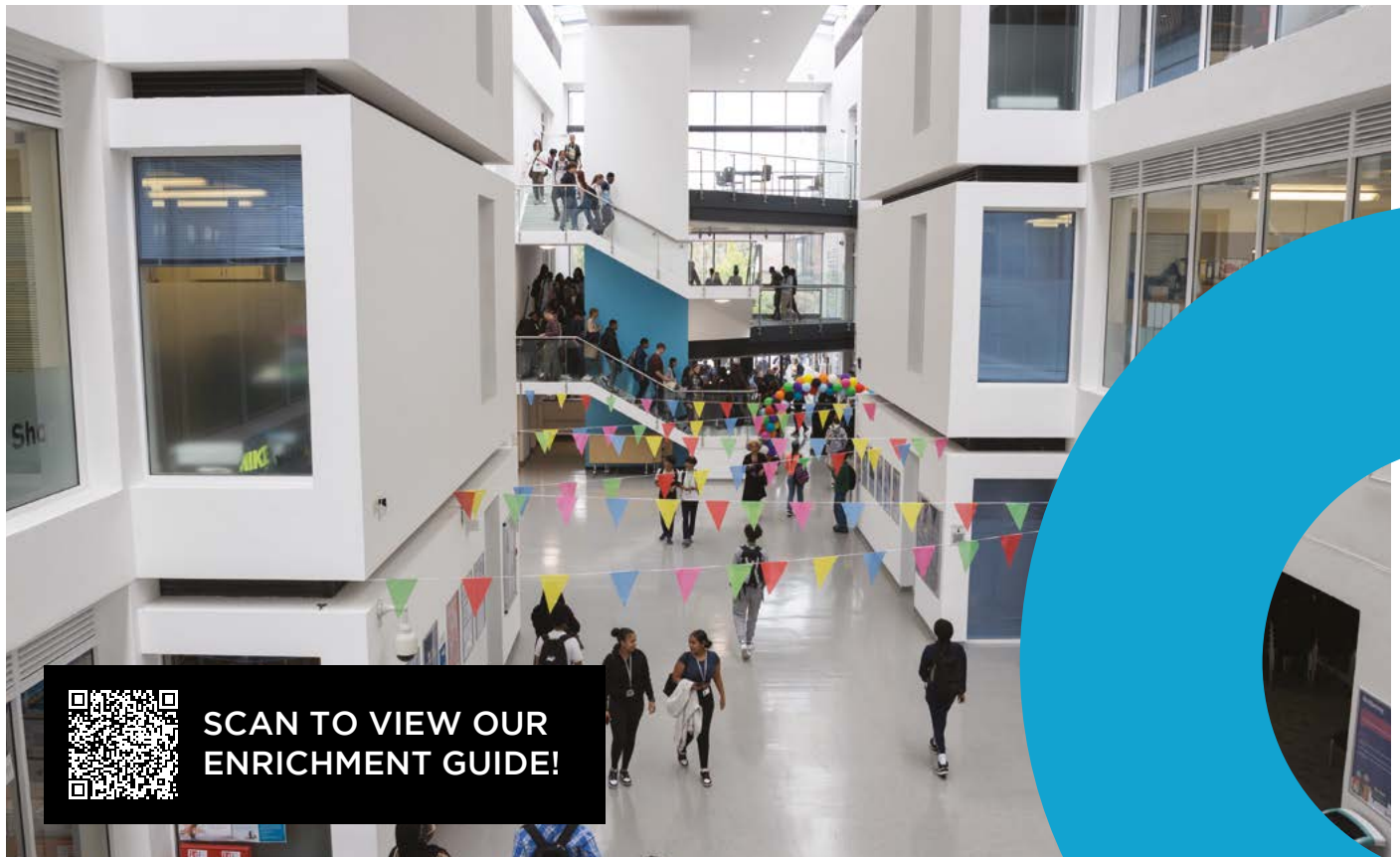
# CLUBS AND SOCIETIES

**The Student Experience team regularly organises a host of activities. There's always something to join in with, and they're all free!**

## **THESE INCLUDE:**

- Table tennis
- Football
- Yoga
- Debating club
- Songwriting
- Quiz and bingo sessions

Throughout the year we celebrate a range of awareness events and themes, giving you the opportunity to learn about and engage with social issues and causes.





# CAREERS AND EMPLOYABILITY

**Whether you're looking at university, an apprenticeship, or getting into the workplace, we are committed to helping you achieve your potential. Our careers team is always on hand to offer impartial and confidential advice and guidance on courses, careers and training.**

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As a student at Coulsdon Sixth Form College, you will have opportunities to develop skills by taking part in some of our enrichment activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh and National Citizenship schemes, which will help your CV, or university application, stand out.

Throughout the year we run talks and workshops to help you complete your UCAS application, prepare your personal statement, and be interview ready if you need it.

Our great partnership links with universities mean there are opportunities for you to meet with universities and get feedback on your personal statement before you apply.



UCAS



# SPORT AT COULSDON

## **Coulsdon College offers a full timetable of sports activities via its comprehensive Activities Programme.**

This incorporates popular sports such as Football and Basketball in addition to less mainstream sports such as Archery. The College also seeks to make sports much more accessible to its students, and has recently arranged for a series of sessions to be delivered by PGA professionals at Coulsdon Golf Club.

## **VOLUNTEERING IN SPORT AND COACH EDUCATION**

To support the Sports and Physical Activity Programme, Coulsdon College also offers students the opportunity to be Sports Ambassadors.

## **COMMUNITY SPORT**

The College works hard to foster strong connections with local sporting providers such as FTF Academy.

## **COMPETITIVE SPORT**

The College performs extremely well against other Colleges and makes it one of the very best places to play competitive sport. We have teams compete in the AOC London League in the following sports:

- Men's Football
- Ladies Football
- Netball
- Basketball

Opportunities also exist through British Colleges Sport for competing in Athletics, Table Tennis, Volleyball and Golf.

## **FOOTBALL ACADEMY**

All full-time students at Coulsdon College can apply to join the Colleges Football Academy, run in partnership with FTF Academy. This gives the lucky players football coaching in addition to their main courses at College or at the FTF training ground.

## **SPORTS FACILITIES**

The College has excellent sporting facilities including:

- A fully equipped Sports Hall, used for playing 5-a-side Football, Badminton, Volleyball, Netball and Basketball
- A state-of-the-art gym
- An all-weather pitch used for Football and Hockey
- Extensive playing fields used for a variety of team sports including Rugby and Football
- Tennis and Netball courts

The College also has arrangements with a variety of external providers to ensure students have the opportunity to train in the best specialist facilities.

**FIND OUT MORE**  
**[COULSDON.AC.UK/FTF-ACADEMY](https://coulsdon.ac.uk/ftf-academy)**

# STUDY PROGRAMME

**If you are between 16 and 18 years old, you will join a Study Programme at Coulsdon College. The programme will combine classroom study, English and maths, personal study, work experience and other activities to enrich your learning.**

English and maths retakes are available, and can be studied alongside your main programme.

## A LEVELS

We offer 26 A Level courses. You can study a number of different subject areas. These will give you the academic standing needed for university, Higher Education, employment or a higher-level apprenticeship.

## BTECS

We offer 18 BTEC courses to choose from. Either standalone qualifications, or part of a mix and match programme with A Levels. BTECs are industry-focused qualifications that combine practical and theoretical studies. BTECs are recognised by universities and employers alike as suitable entry qualifications for university courses, apprenticeships and graduate training programmes.

## MIX AND MATCH

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, alternatively you can opt to study all A Levels or all BTECs. The 'mix and match' combinations are virtually endless. This ensures your timetable is tailor-made for you, giving you the best possible chance of doing well. If you don't achieve English Language or Maths GCSE at grade 4 or above, you will also continue to study these subjects.

## PATHWAYS

Depending on your mix of subjects, students are assigned to one of the four pathways – usually this is where most of their study time takes place. The pathway structure enables us to provide every student with a bespoke package based on their needs.

**The four pathways are:**

Health and Services Industries

Creative and Cultural Studies

Business and Professional Studies

Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths

Learn more at

**[coulsdon.ac.uk/pathways](https://coulsdon.ac.uk/pathways)**

## T-LEVELS

T Levels are two-year qualifications for 16-19-year-olds. They are equivalent to A Levels and Level 3 qualifications, combining classroom theory, practical learning and substantial industry placements to make sure students have real experience of the workplace.

We're excited to offer a T Level in Laboratory Science, taught in a brand new bespoke laboratory. T Levels offer students a mixture of classroom learning and 'on-the-job' experience during an industry placement of at least 315 hours (approximately 45 days).

Find out more at

**[coulsdon.ac.uk/t-levels](https://coulsdon.ac.uk/t-levels)**

# ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

To study a standard A Level programme (three A Levels) you must have a minimum of five GCSEs grade 4 and above including English and maths. You must also meet the specific subject entry requirements. For a mixed programme of A Levels and BTEC Level 3 courses you must have five GCSEs grade 4 and above which could include one BTEC and either GCSE English or maths as appropriate for your chosen courses.





# CURRICULUM OFFERING

## LEVEL 3

**Students generally take the equivalent of three blocks or subjects and may mix BTECs with A Levels to complete a full study programme.**

### A LEVELS:

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|-----------------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| • Biology                         | • Fine Art       | • Photography |
| • Business Studies                | • Further Maths  | • Physics     |
| • Chemistry                       | • Geography      | • Politics    |
| • Computer Science                | • Graphic Design | • Psychology  |
| • English Language and Literature | • History        | • Sociology   |
| • English Literature              | • Law            | • Spanish     |
| • Fashion and Textiles            | • Maths          |               |
| • Film Studies                    | • Media Studies  |               |



## BTEC NATIONALS:

COURSES	SINGLE Equivalent to 1 A Level	DOUBLE Equivalent to 2 A Levels	TRIPLE Equivalent to 3 A Levels
Art and Design		✓	
Business	✓	✓	✓
Computer Science	✓	✓	✓
Cybersecurity	✓		
Criminology	✓		
Health and Social Care	✓	✓	✓
Law	✓		
Digital Media	✓	✓	
Music Performance	✓	✓	
Music Technology	✓	✓	
Performing Arts	✓	✓	
Psychology	✓		
Science	✓		
Sport	✓		✓
Travel and Tourism	✓	✓	

## LEVEL 2

**Students are generally required to choose two vocational award subjects plus maths and English GCSE re-sits.**

### COURSES:

- Business
- Cabin Crew
- Health and Social Care
- IT and Creative Technology
- Media
- Performing Arts
- Sport

# BUSINESS



**A career in business provides opportunities across a wide range of industry sectors and business types.**

Gain skills in business fundamentals, build core competencies and develop your business acumen, preparing you for a successful career in the business world. At Coulsdon College you will enjoy work placements and visits to businesses as well as real-world activities like running a small company.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

State-of-the-art classrooms

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Extensive library

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IT suites with fast broadband, new infrastructure and technology

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Guest lecturers

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Trips and visits

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Business Analyst

Project Manager

Human Resources Officer

Marketing Manager

Entrepreneur

Accountant







Business-related occupations in the UK is projected to **increase by 10% in the next ten years**, creating approximately 2.5 million job opportunities.

## A LEVEL BUSINESS

**A LEVEL** | Two Years

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course encourages the practical application of business concepts by exploring events in the business world and relating these to theories and practice. You will cover topics such as entrepreneurship, starting a business, marketing and human resources. You will also look at the wider influences on businesses through strategic planning, finance and the economy.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSE passes, at grade 4 or above. This includes a grade 5 in English Language and grade 6 in maths.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel



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**Coulsdon Sixth Form was my first choice and I would definitely recommend the College.**

**NAME:** Hamid Hussain

**A LEVEL BUSINESS, A LEVEL ACCOUNTING AND LEVEL 3 TRAVEL AND TOURISM**

**FUTURE PLANS:** Accountancy at London South Bank University

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## **BUSINESS**

### **BTEC LEVEL 2 | One Year**

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#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This course equips you with a wide range of knowledge, skills, and behaviours to prepare you for a Level 3 Business programme or an Apprenticeship. You will study topics such as enterprise in the business world, finance for business, marketing and customer service. You will also take part in work experience and business visits, as well as initiatives such as interview preparation and role plays.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

At least three Level 2 and two Level 3 at GCSE including English and Mathematics minimum grade 2 or equivalent qualifications (a Pass or higher at BTEC Level 2 is accepted as part of the GCSE grades).

#### **AWARDING BODY**

Pearson

## **BUSINESS**

### **BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two Years**

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#### **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This course is ideal if you have an interest in business and leadership, if you enjoy working with people, or if you would like to develop an activity or passion you already have by setting up a business. This course will prepare you for a wide variety of roles in organisations and give you the skills and insight to pursue a career that makes a difference to yourself and others.

#### **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

At least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. Additionally for Business, English minimum grade 4 and maths minimum grade 4 or equivalent qualifications.

#### **AWARDING BODY**

Pearson



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# COMPUTING AND CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY



**Prepare yourself for a future-proof qualification leading to a range of exciting professions in sectors such as software systems, cybersecurity, games development, VFX, robotics and more. Get involved in this growing industry.**

## **FACILITIES AND RESOURCES**

State-of-the-art classrooms

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IT suites with fast broadband, new infrastructure and technology

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Guest lecturers

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Trips and visits

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## **CAREER INSPIRATION**

Software Developer

App Developer

IT Technician

Network Security Architect





**The tech sector employs more than a fifth of workers in the UK's biggest cities** and digital tech is currently experiencing a boom created by the global pandemic.

## A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

Are you keen to understand how computing could change the world? If so, Computer Science is for you. It is all about designing new sets of algorithms to solve new problems. You will study programming and operating systems and conduct experiments to learn more about the natural world through software simulations.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSE passes, at grade 4 or above. In addition, students should meet the following minimum GCSE requirements, grade 6 in maths and grade 5 in English plus grade 6 in both Core and Additional Science, or grade 6 in Computer Science, if taken.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC



**My courses have been really engaging, the jump from GCSE to A Level really makes you learn more about the subjects you enjoy.**

**NAME:** Roman Chiriac

**A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE,  
A LEVEL PHYSICS, A LEVEL MATHEMATICS**

**FUTURE PLANS:** I plan to do a Degree Apprenticeship or go to University.

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## IT AND CREATIVE TECHNOLOGY

**BTEC LEVEL 2 | One Year**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

On this course you will improve your knowledge of editing software, use digital communication technologies, create an animation, design and website and learn to code and more!

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need a minimum of a grade 2 in GCSE English Language and maths. If you don't have a grade 4 in English and maths, you will be required to study for this alongside your course. Plus, you will need two additional GCSEs at grade 2 or above, or equivalent.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel

## CYBERSECURITY

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This is an exciting new course for those who would like to pursue a career in IT and cybersecurity. You will study a range of topics including: how devices communicate, designing and developing a simple computer network from a user specification, the identification and resolution of a range of threats and vulnerabilities.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need four GCSEs at grade 9-4, including English and maths.

### AWARDING BODY

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## COMPUTER SCIENCE

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will get to understand how computers work and gain practical experience in installing hardware and software. You will design, build and publish your own website and create animations using industry-standard software such as Adobe CS5. You will also develop programming skills using Visual Studio and develop your own games.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. You should have basic IT skills and be interested in the practical aspects of computers, computer science and computer systems.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson





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# CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA AND FILM



**The creative and digital media sector is incredibly diverse – there are so many opportunities open to you if you have the talent, ability and drive to succeed.**

Students studying media or multimedia at Coulsdon College will learn all the skills necessary to take a career in film and television, or interactive media to the next level. We'll immerse you in a professional and creative environment, and you'll study alongside like-minded young people all eager to succeed in this exciting industry.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

State-of-the-art equipment

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Excellent facilities

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Industry placements

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Experienced teachers

## CAREER INSPIRATION

Film Producer

Art Director

Film Editor

Marketing and Public Relations

Screenwriter





The creative industries contribute **over £100 billion to the UK economy annually**, making it one of the fastest-growing sectors.

## FILM STUDIES

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

The course will introduce you to the diverse range of film forms and film styles developed in different places throughout the history of cinema. You will explore the relationship between the film and the individual by exploring how films create meanings and produce both intellectual and emotional responses.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. In addition, you should have a grade 5 in English Language.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC



**The College is a supportive space, we're able to be our truest selves without any judgment. I've enjoyed having the freedom to express myself freely in my art and coursework.**

**NAME:** Aisha-Iman Grant

**BTEC MEDIA STUDIES, A LEVEL ART AND DESIGN (TEXTILES) A LEVEL AND MATHS GCSE**

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## MEDIA STUDIES

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will provide you with the opportunity to explore the world through important critical perspectives and take an increasingly analytical approach to media texts. You will also be able to apply your knowledge and understanding of the key concepts through the creation of your own media products. Topics include: Television in the Global Age, Changing Representations Media in the Digital Age, Video Games, Advertising and Music Video, News in the Online Age and Film Industries – from Wales to Hollywood.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSE passes grade 4 or above. In addition, you should have a grade 4 in English Language.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC

## CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is for those wishing to focus their learning on creative digital media production, with a view to progressing to a related Higher Education course, and potentially a career in the creative industries. You will develop employability skills and knowledge through contextual projects, which build their communication skills and ability to work collaboratively, as well as developing practical skills in digital media hardware, software and processes.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel

## CREATIVE DIGITAL MEDIA PRODUCTION

**BTEC LEVEL 2 | One Year**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course provides you with the opportunity to explore, develop and test your creativity within media, developing your base of skills and knowledge, while enhancing your self-confidence and revealing the potential career demands and opportunities within the sector. You will cover topics including creative media methods and skills, audio and visual production and technology and a personal project and presentation in creative media production.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need three Level 2 and two Level 3 grades at GCSE including English and maths minimum grade 2 or equivalent qualifications (a Pass or higher at BTEC Level 2 is accepted as part of the GCSE grades).

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel



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# ENGLISH



**Studying English can open up a wide range of career opportunities, as it equips you with valuable communication and critical thinking skills.**

English will help refine your writing, speaking, and comprehension skills. Which are essential to studying at A Level, as well as higher study at University and on into your chosen career.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Well equipped library and learning resource centre

Dedicated and experienced teachers

Theatre visits and trips to places of literary interest

## CAREER INSPIRATION

Teacher

Copywriter

Editor

Content Creator

Journalist





**CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT IF:** you enjoy writing and critical thinking. This subject is ideal for those passionate about literature and language.

## A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course combines a detailed study of literature with the opportunity to read more widely and independently. Throughout the course, you will be encouraged to attend theatre productions of the texts studied and to watch film versions of set and related texts. The course is divided into four components: drama, prose, poetry and coursework.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. In addition, grade 5 in English Language and grade 5 in English Literature (if taken).

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel

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**I find literature interesting, specifically the background context which influences the writing.**

**NAME:** Alexa Steel

**A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE, BTEC HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE**

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# A LEVEL ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND LITERATURE

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

## COURSE OVERVIEW

If you enjoy English but feel that you can't choose between language (looking at a wide range of techniques and language in society) and literature (reading and commenting on written texts), this is the course for you. You'll focus on spoken language and language production as well as studying a wide range of literary texts – a chance to do both aspects of English in one A Level.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least 5 GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. In addition, grade 5 in English Language and grade 5 in English Literature (if taken).

## AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel

# ENGLISH LANGUAGE

**GCSE**

## COURSE OVERVIEW

Students will study a wide range of texts from 19th, 20th and 21st centuries, including literature and literary non-fiction as well as other writing such as reviews and journalism. You will read and evaluate texts critically and make comparisons between texts, summarise and synthesise information or ideas from texts.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This course is designed to cater for students who achieved a grade 3 and need to improve their grade to a grade 4.

## AWARDING BODY

AQA





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# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE



**A career in health care is one of the most rewarding, providing tremendous personal and career satisfaction. Our courses will provide you with a range of skills and the knowledge needed to work in the health and social care sector.**

Whether you want to work with adults with disabilities or health problems, or those needing other types of support, studying health and social care can open up a wide range of career opportunities that allow you to make a positive impact on individuals and communities.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Industry experienced tutors

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Trips and visits

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Work experience opportunities

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Guest speakers

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Nurse

Social Worker

Health Educator

Occupational Therapist

Counsellor





**Health and Social Care providers are among the biggest UK employers, meaning jobs are a plenty around the country.**

## HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This is an exciting course that gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of the Health and Social Care sector. Topics include Human Lifespan Development, Working in Health and Social Care, Anatomy and Physiology, Enquires into Research and Public Health Infection Control and Hygiene. There will be 100 hours of compulsory work experience which will be incorporated into the course.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above with English and maths at a minimum of grade 4. In addition, you should have a grade 4 in English Language. You will also need to have DBS check.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson



**Studying at Coulsdon has given me lots of new opportunities and experiences.**

**NAME:** Shanael Ono

**LEVEL 3 IN HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE,  
LEVEL 2 SPORT**

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# HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

**BTEC LEVEL 2 | One Year**

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

This course gives students the opportunity to gain knowledge and understanding of Health and Social Care and to develop skills in the sector. It also gives students the potential opportunity to gain employment within the Health and Social Care sector. Successful completion of the course can lead to progression on to the BTEC Level 3 Health and Social Care course and/ or employment or an apprenticeship.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will require a minimum of three Level 2 and two Level 3 grades at GCSE.

## AWARDING BODY

Pearson





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**The teachers are fun and interactive and the quality of learning is good.**



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# HUMANITIES AND LAW



**Studying humanities subjects can open up a wide range of career opportunities, as these fields provide valuable skills in critical thinking, communication, research, and cultural understanding.**

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Experienced tutors

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Trips and visits

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Guest speakers

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Work experience opportunities

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Teacher

Writer

PR and Marketing Manager

Lawyer

HR Officer



**CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT IF:** you're interested in cultural understanding and social issues. You'll gain great critical thinking and research skills.

## GEOGRAPHY

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

Geography encourages students to understand their own lives in an increasingly globalised world and to understand vital, complex and inter-related issues such as global systems and governance, natural hazards and their impact on people, and changing places. Topics will include water and carbon cycles, hazards, coastal systems and landscapes, global systems and global governance, changing places and contemporary urban environments.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs grade 4 or above. In addition, a grade 5 in English Language and grade 5 in maths, plus grade 4 in both Core and Additional Science and grade 5 in Geography, if taken.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel



**The class sizes have been really good, and the staff are supportive. I am taking a year out to go travelling after College before I decide my next steps.**

**NAME:** Grace Salami

**A LEVEL POLITICS, A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY AND A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE AND LANGUAGE**

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## HISTORY

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This subject builds on the skills and knowledge you gained at school. In the first year you will look at Russia, 1917–1991 and China, 1949–1976. In the second year you will study a British History paper based on ‘Protest, Agitation and Parliamentary Reform in Britain, c. 1780–1928’ and a coursework assignment (Paper 4), worth 20% of the A Level marks. This requires students to write a 3,000–4,000 word assignment based on historian’s interpretations of a historical controversy – Stalin’s role in the purges.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least five GCSEs grade 4 or above. In addition, you should have a grade 6 in English Language and grade 5 in History, if taken.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel

## POLITICS

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will study the features of government and political systems at local, national and international levels. You do not need to have studied the subject before, but you must have an interest in politics and current affairs. Topics will include UK Politics, UK Government, Core Political Ideas and American Politics.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs grade 4 or above. In addition, a grade 5 in English Language and grade 4 in maths plus grade 5 in English Literature or History, if taken.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel

## SOCIOLOGY

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

Students will enjoy Sociology if they have a genuine interest in finding out how society works, the causes of social problems and their potential solutions. The course will help to develop a growing sense of social responsibility with an emphasis on how wider society and world issues influence our relationships with others. You will cover topics such as Families and Households, Research Methods Education, Beliefs in Society and Crime and Deviance with Theory and Methods.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. In addition, you should have a grade 5 in English Language OR grade 4 in English Language and 5 in English Literature or History.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA





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## LAW

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course looks at the way the law works, how law is made and the people involved in the law. In the first year you will study topics including: Dispute Solving, Understanding Law-making, Aspects of Legal Liability. In the second year, you will cover the following specialist units: Homicide and Police Powers, Contract Law and Tort Law.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson

## CRIMINOLOGY

**WJEC | Level 3 | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

Why do people commit crimes looking at biological and social influences? Use and application of theories of criminality. How do campaigns affect policy making by governments? On this course, you'll learn about all aspects of crime from a social perspective: the causes of crime, its social impact and take a look into the criminals that are committing these acts. Criminologists study crime in an attempt to better understand what motivates the criminal to act in that way.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSE passes grade 4 or above. In addition you should have grade 5 in English Language.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC

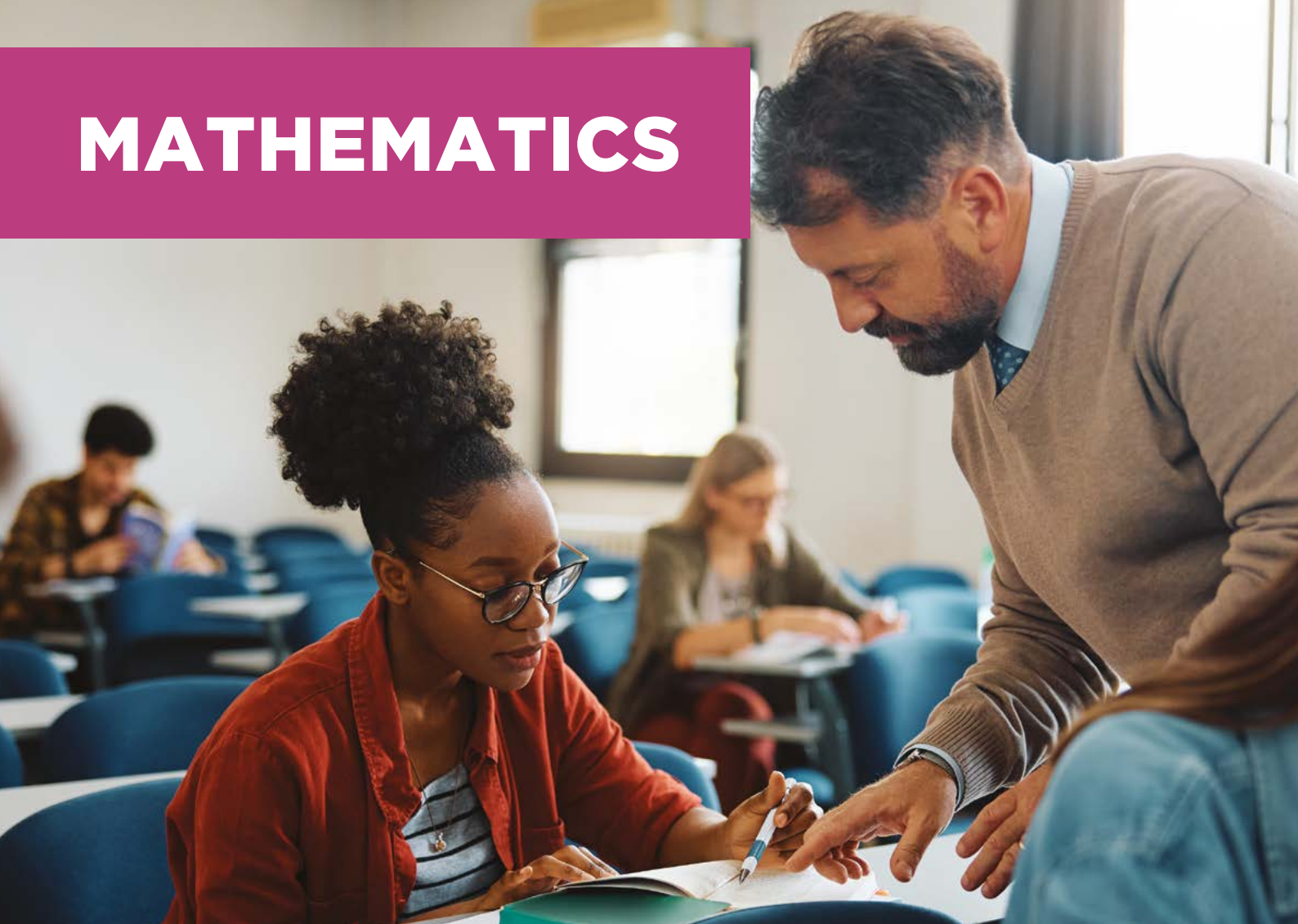
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**Great teaching  
and facilities!**



# MATHEMATICS



**Are you thinking of a career in business, science or engineering or perhaps becoming a professional mathematician? If so, studying Mathematics is going to be essential in developing your knowledge and help you succeed.**

It's a subject where you'll gain some great transferable skills and can lead to many advantageous career opportunities and is essential for many degree courses at university.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Experienced tutors

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Trips and visits

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Guest speakers

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Work experience opportunities

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Data Scientist

Actuary

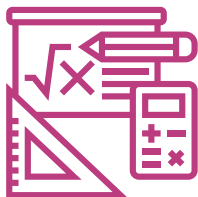
Computer Scientist

Engineer

Accountant







**Maths is a versatile qualification that is recognised and respected by universities and employers across various fields, from science and engineering to finance and business.**

## MATHEMATICS

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will study Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics. Pure Mathematics develops the ideas met at GCSE, such as Algebra, Graphs, and Trigonometry. Mechanics discusses forces that act on bodies and any resultant motions with the help of modelling. Statistics is the study of data. You must be competent in manipulating algebraic equations and should enjoy interpreting graphs.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will require at least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. In addition, you should have a grade 5 in English Language and grade 6 in maths. Most students taking this course will have obtained their grade from the higher GCSE paper.

### AWARDING BODY

Edexcel



**There are excellent teaching staff at Coulsdon College, every teacher understands their subject very well.**

**NAME:** Andrii Karach

**A LEVEL FURTHER MATHEMATICS,  
A LEVEL MATHEMATICS, A LEVEL PHYSICS,  
A LEVEL COMPUTER SCIENCE**

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# FURTHER MATHEMATICS

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

Students study Pure Mathematics, Statistics and Mechanics. Pure Mathematics develops the ideas met at GCSE, such as Algebra, Graphs, and Trigonometry. Mechanics discusses forces that act on bodies and any resultant motions with the help of modelling. Statistics is the study of data. Students must be competent in manipulating algebraic equations and should enjoy interpreting graphs.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need five GCSEs with grade 4 or above and English minimum grade 5 and a maths minimum grade 7.

## AWARDING BODY

Edexcel



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new opportunities  
and experiences  
at Coulsdon.**



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# PERFORMING ARTS AND MUSIC



**The entertainment industry is huge and the UK has a great reputation globally. You can find opportunities in the theatre, tourism sector, on the radio, the internet, backstage and in the corporate sector.**

At Coulsdon you will have the opportunity to take part in shows and performances throughout the year to develop your skills and confidence in preparation for professional and university auditions.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Drama and dance studios

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Trips and visits

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Guest speakers

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Performing opportunities

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Passionate and experienced teachers

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Actor

Musician

Choreographer

Music Producer

Journalist







The skills you learn in performing arts and music, such as discipline, time management, teamwork, and creativity, **are transferable and can be applied in various career paths.**

## PERFORMING ARTS

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is practical involving performance, coursework, and many opportunities to take part in plays and productions. You will develop knowledge of the styles of different practitioners and explore the ideas and themes of contemporary theatre, as well as devising and producing original work.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths. You will be required to attend an audition.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson



**I loved it when guest speakers came in to do workshops and Q&A. It was great to get valuable feedback from the workshops that we can take forward to better our performances in the future.**

**NAME:** Ellie Bowen

**BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN  
PERFORMING ARTS**

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## PERFORMING ARTS

### BTEC LEVEL 2 | One Year

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#### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is suitable for those wanting to work in television, film or the theatre, either in performance or technical support. Units will include Individual Showcase, Preparation, Performance and Production and Acting Skills. There will be a series of practical assignments varying from informal small group presentations to larger public performances.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least three Level 2 and two Level 3 grades at GCSE including English and maths minimum, grade 2 or equivalent qualifications (a Pass or higher at BTEC Level 2 is accepted as part of the GCSE grades). You will also have to attend an audition.

#### AWARDING BODY

Pearson

## MUSIC

### BTEC LEVEL 3 | One Year

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#### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is for students who perform as musicians, and are looking to further their musical studies and experiences in a variety of ways. It offers students the opportunity to gain a wide range of musical skills including: Performance, Music Theory, Song Writing Techniques, Music Production (Recording and Sequencing), Music Business and Events Management.

You will have the opportunity to develop general skills, as well as sharing their musical interests with other specialist musicians.

#### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths.

Students will be invited to attend an audition and interview with the Music staff after applying to follow the course. This will be an opportunity for students to present some of their performances and learn about how the course will develop their potential.

#### AWARDING BODY

Pearson

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# MUSIC TECHNOLOGY

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | One Year**

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

If you have an interest in how music is produced, this course is for you. You will have a keen interest in music, either as a performer or consumer and it is not necessary to play an instrument. Experience of music software sequencing or recording is desirable but not essential. You will develop your knowledge of music sequencing software and the transferable skills that facilitate the realisation of musical ideas in both acoustic and electronic environments. You will also record, produce and master a complete audio recording.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths.

In addition, you should have previous experience of making or producing music and a passion for the music creation process. You should also have basic keyboard skills, which will help with the MIDI-sequencing, which is an integral part of the studio production process. You will be invited to attend an audition and interview with the Music staff after applying to follow the course and you will be asked to bring examples of music you have produced or recorded to their interview.

## AWARDING BODY

Pearson

# PSYCHOLOGY



**Psychology is the study of human behaviour and human experience. Psychologists apply their theories and explanations to understand different areas of everyday life including events, treat mental health issues and improve education, employment and relationships.**

Our courses have been designed to support you to progress onto university as well as careers in a variety of fields. Studying psychology can open up a wide range of career opportunities.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Excellent facilities

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Industry placements

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Experienced teachers

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Guest speakers

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Psychologist

Teacher

Analyst

Researcher

Marketer





## CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT IF:

you're curious to learn about the human mind and behaviour.

## PSYCHOLOGY

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will learn to understand and evaluate the main principles of various approaches in Psychology, including Cognitive, Biological, Social and Behaviourist explanations and how these can be applied to modern-day issues in society. This could include both clinical and forensic applications. You will also be expected to discuss the issues and debates raised in these themes and provide empirical evidence to support their arguments, which will draw on the content taken throughout the course.

This is a new subject for most students, and therefore you must be prepared to learn a large number of new and complex concepts relatively quickly.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSEs grade 9–4. In addition, you should have a grade 5 in maths and Science, and grade 5 in English Language if taken.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA



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**Couldson is a really friendly environment, and the teachers are so helpful and supportive.**

**NAME:** Mario Megogo Cuba

**A LEVEL PSYCHOLOGY, A LEVEL SOCIOLOGY, A LEVEL SPANISH**

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# APPLIED PSYCHOLOGY

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | Two Years**

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## COURSE OVERVIEW

You will learn about the social, biological, cognitive and learning approaches in psychology. You will learn key studies and theories within psychology and apply knowledge to specific areas of society including aggression, consumer/employee behaviour and gender identity. You will also study research methods and complete a piece of coursework/research which will develop skills of investigation, problem-solving, analysis and creative development.

## ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above which must include English, maths and Science.

## AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel



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is a friendly  
environment and a  
supportive space.**



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# SCIENCE



**Science impacts on our lives every day. It improves our health, helps solve crime and broadens our understanding of the world around us.**

Studying Science can help you to progress to university or move to many careers such as forensics, biomedical science, nursing and various engineering roles.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Experienced teachers

Modern labs and classrooms

Excellent facilities

Work experience and placements

## CAREER INSPIRATION

Research Technician

Data Scientist

Radiographer

Doctor

Geologist





The Science industry encompasses a variety of disciplines, including STEM subjects such as **mathematics, physics, chemistry and biology**, but also the social sciences.

## BIOLOGY

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

Biology is the study of life in all of its forms. It combines problem solving with practical skills and enables you to develop a scientific approach to the subject. The course covers cell biology, biochemistry, genes and health, the cardiovascular system, disease, biodiversity and ecology. You will then expand on the topics, looking at areas such as DNA profiling. You will also study the immune system and forensics, ecology, plants and the environment, the nervous system, including brain scans, and various diseases and changes related to exercise, such as respiration and homeostasis.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. In addition, you should meet the following minimum combination of GCSE grades, either: grade 7 in maths, 6 in English Language and grade 7, in both Core and Additional Science.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel



**The course provides practical skills and knowledge that can be used immediately in the workplace.**

**NAME:** Beneditar Augustt

**BTEC LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA  
IN APPLIED SCIENCE**

**FUTURE PLANS:** After College, I plan to study Biomedical Science at the University of Plymouth

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## CHEMISTRY

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

Chemistry is the science of materials: their composition, structure, properties, behaviour and the chemical changes they undergo during a reaction with other substances. You will learn the fundamentals of physical, inorganic and organic chemistry in a supportive environment. Chemistry is an inherently experimental subject, so you will undertake practical work to help build your chemistry skills. Topics of study include atomic structure, thermodynamics, optical isomerism, aromatic chemistry, periodicity, transition metals and many more.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. In addition, you should meet the following minimum GCSE requirements: grade 7 in maths, grade 6 in English plus grade 7 in both Core and Additional Science.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

## PHYSICS

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

Physics is a fascinating subject about how the real world (and the rest of the universe) works. It asks about everything from what existed before the Big Bang to how cars can use less petrol. The course combines learning about theories in physics with practical laboratory work and analysing data. You are likely to do well if you can think logically, critically and imaginatively and are willing to work hard. The course can be challenging, and you will need to persevere when you cannot immediately see the solution to a problem. It includes some Mathematical concepts and theories, so it will also help if you enjoy and are good at Mathematics, especially algebra.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. In addition, students should meet the following minimum GCSE requirements: grade 7 in maths and grade 6 in English Language plus grade 7 in both Core and Additional Science.

### AWARDING BODY

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## APPLIED SCIENCE

**BTEC LEVEL 3** | Two Years

### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will study a range of units covering all of the core sciences and specialising in the medical application of each discipline. Throughout the course, you will have the opportunity to complete practical investigations and experiments, as well as develop your research and independent study skills. Units studied include Principles and Applications of Science and Practical Scientific procedures and Techniques.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths. This is to include a grade 5 in Science and grade 4 in maths.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson Edexcel

## SCIENCE (LABORATORY)

**T LEVEL** | Level 3 | Two Years

**T-LEVELS**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This T Level programme has been developed in collaboration with employers and businesses, so everything you will learn meets the needs of industry and prepares you for work.

You will develop an understanding of a broad range of issues relevant to the sector, including:

- Working within the Health and Science Sectors – an understanding of how to collect data in laboratory or clinical settings, complying with relevant regulations and requirements
- Planning implementing and suggesting improvements to scientific tasks relevant to a laboratory setting
- Identifying and resolving issues with scientific equipment or data errors
- Managing information and data within the health and science sector
- Application of safety, health and environmental practices in the workplace

### AWARDING BODY

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# SPORT



**There has never been a better time to start your journey into the sports sector. There are many jobs available for people with appropriate sports qualifications and experiences, from leisure and health clubs to teaching and coaching, sports media to physiotherapy. If you've got the energy and the drive, the opportunities are enormous.**

Our sports courses are delivered by an enthusiastic team committed to providing you with a top quality educational experience.

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Sports fields

Large indoor sports hall

Extra-curricular sports teams

Trips and visits

## CAREER INSPIRATION

Personal Trainer

Fitness Instructor

Sports Coach

Nutritionist

Gym Manager





**Sport and physical activity contributes £39 billion to the UK's economy – with more than one million people working in the sports industry.**

## SPORT

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | One/Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course is designed to develop both knowledge and practical skills in the Sport and Exercise Science industry. You will explore topics such as the Anatomy and Physiology of Sport, Sports Leadership and Coaching for Performance. Learning is largely theory based, linking the subject areas to current and relevant practical sporting settings. You will acquire knowledge via staff, individual and group research, visiting speakers, assessing elite performers and personal experience. If taken as a standalone course, it will typically take one to two years to complete, depending on if you choose Award, Certificate or Diploma.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths. Practical sporting ability is required.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson



**Coulsdon has great facilities! The teachers have also been motivating and have helped get me through.**

**NAME:** David O'Dean

**BTEC LEVEL 3 IN SPORT AND EXERCISE SCIENCE, BTEC LEVEL 3 IN MUSIC PERFORMANCE**

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# SPORT

**NCFE | Level 2 | One Year**

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## **COURSE OVERVIEW**

This course will give you the introductory skills to either start a career in sport or progress within employment in the sector. This qualification can also prepare you for higher or Further Education and gives a good introduction to the sport vocation. Areas of study include: Anatomy and physiology, Practical sport, Fitness testing training, Sports coaching, Sports injuries and Health and wellbeing.

## **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS**

You will need at least three Level 2 and two Level 3 at GCSE including English and maths minimum grade 2 or equivalent qualifications (a Pass or higher at BTEC Level 2 is accepted as part of the GCSE grades).

## **AWARDING BODY**

NCFE



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**There are many  
great facilities at  
the college.**



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# TRAVEL, TOURISM AND LANGUAGES



**Travel, Tourism and Languages courses can lead you to exciting and rewarding careers. Careers in these sectors are great for people who are passionate about travelling and enjoy working with people.**

This is a fast growing sector expected to grow by 6% by 2025, so a perfect time to study!

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Mock aircraft cabin

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Employer links

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Trips and visits

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Translator

Air Cabin Crew

Pilot

Travel Consultant

Hotel Manager





**9.6% of UK jobs** are in the Travel and Tourism sector.

## TRAVEL AND TOURISM

**BTEC LEVEL 3** | One/Two Years

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will give you an in-depth knowledge of the travel and tourism industry, one of the most important contributors to the UK economy and an exciting industry to work in. You will investigate a wide range of topics designed to add to your developing knowledge of the industry and reflect your own career aspirations. Topics include: The World of Travel and Tourism and Global Destinations, Principles of Marketing in Travel and Tourism. If taken as a standalone course, it will typically take one to two years to complete, depending on if you choose Award, Certificate or Diploma.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above including English and maths.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson



**I have enjoyed learning about the airport operations and airports.**

**NAME:** Yuri Escalera

**TRAVEL AND TOURISM**

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## SPANISH

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

The course covers a wide variety of current issues over the two years. As well as revising and extending some of the topics studied at GCSE, students will learn about social and cultural themes within Hispanic society, including social values, equality and multiculturalism, regional identity and the influence of heritage, as well as studying aspects of politics and history. In addition, students will study in depth both a film and a work of literature. Grammar and language skills are integrated into the topic areas.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will require at least five GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. In addition, you should have a grade 4 in English Language and grade 6 in Spanish, if taken or be a native speaker.

### AWARDING BODY

AQA

## INTRODUCTION TO CABIN CREW

**NCFE LEVEL 2 | One Year**

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### COURSE OVERVIEW

On this course you will learn about the role of Cabin Crew. Students will study units including on-board emergencies, customer service and on-board sales.

There will be a trip to the British Airways Training Centre and students will actively take part in role plays throughout the year in the classroom aircraft cabin.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

This qualification is in addition to your main programme and is not a stand alone qualification and standard college entry requirements apply.

### AWARDING BODY

NCFE



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# VISUAL ARTS



**The Arts sector in the UK contributes over £90 billion to the economy. Visual Arts is a diverse sector with lots of opportunities for those with creative flair, such as traditional art forms painting, illustration, fashion and graphic design.**

## FACILITIES AND RESOURCES

Dedicated workshops

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Trips and visits

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Guest speakers

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Opportunities for exhibitions

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## CAREER INSPIRATION

Illustrator

Graphic Designer

Fashion Designer

Art Director

Animator

Fine Artist



## CONSIDER THIS SUBJECT IF:

you're naturally artistic with a keen eye for detail.

## FASHION AND TEXTILES

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will be introduced to a range of different textile approaches; stitch, print and constructed. These techniques will be developed to produce fashion, textile, art and interior outcomes. In the second year, you will be able to focus on a specialist area such as fabric manipulation, surface design or constructed textiles for their personal investigation. Your fashion/textile creations will be supported by research studying the work of practitioners' learning from their techniques and processes.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

At least five GCSE passes, with at least two at grade 5 or above. You should also have a grade 4 in Art or relevant Design Technology GCSE and grade 5 if taking two Art courses. Students who do not have a GCSE (or equivalent) in Art and Design or Textiles will be considered on the basis of a portfolio review.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC



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**The staff in the Art department have been so supportive, allowing me the freedom for creative expression.**

**NAME:** Christiana Warne

**A LEVEL FINE ART, A LEVEL GRAPHIC DESIGN, A LEVEL ENGLISH LITERATURE**

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## FINE ART

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This is a challenging and stimulating course that will encourage you to channel your creativity into individual creative investigations. Learn how to investigate and explore themes and ideas through the work of past and contemporary artists. You will develop your practical drawing skills together with painting, printmaking, 3D and more experimental work.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. You should also have a grade 4 in English, maths and Art or relevant Design Technology GCSE and grade 5 if taking two Art courses.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC

## GRAPHIC DESIGN

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

Graphic Design is the communication of information and ideas by visual means. The critical elements for a graphic designer are the successful communication of a message through the organisation of words and images. This A Level is a largely practical course concerned with visual communication skills and will enable you to develop creative and innovative ways of expressing personal design concepts.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least five GCSE passes, grade 4 or above. You should also have a grade 4 in English, maths and Art or relevant Design Technology GCSE and grade 5 if taking two Art courses.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC







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**I felt so supported  
throughout my studies.**

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## PHOTOGRAPHY

**A LEVEL | Two Years**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

You will learn the practical skills involved in processing and printing black and white film. The majority of images will be produced using a 35mm camera. A key component of the course will be the use of digital photography and processing. You will use Apple Macintosh digital imaging studio, using Adobe Photoshop and Illustrator software, to produce work that has a relevance to current design practice. The College studios are equipped with an impressive suite of computers, scanners and an A3 colour laser printer, with a large darkroom equipped with 16 enlargers.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need at least five GCSE passes grade 4 or above. In addition, you should have a grade 4 in English, maths and Art or relevant Design Technology GCSE and grade 5 if taking two Art courses. If students only have a Merit for their BTEC Level 2, then a portfolio of work is also required. Students will need their own 35mm film SLR camera or a Digital SLR (DSLR) camera.

### AWARDING BODY

WJEC

## ART AND DESIGN

**BTEC LEVEL 3 | One Year**

### COURSE OVERVIEW

This course will equip you with in-depth knowledge into 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 your interests, abilities and aspirations. The College runs a number of educational experiences each year to enable students to contextualise their learning. These experiences include trips to galleries, outdoor drawing opportunities and photoshoots, external competitions, participation in a local craft fair and talks by visiting speakers, including a variety of local designers and artists.

### ENTRY REQUIREMENTS

You will need to have at least four GCSE passes at grade 4 or above. You should also have GCSE grade 4 in Art or relevant Design Technology OR Merit in BTEC Level 2 Art and Design plus a suitable portfolio.

### AWARDING BODY

Pearson





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# PATHWAY

**Croydon Pathway is a specialist provision based at The Pathway Centre at Coulsdon College, and is for young adults with complex and severe difficulties.**

This may include young people who have significant learning difficulties, autism, health and medical needs, physical difficulties including visual and hearing impairments, and associated behaviours resulting from these needs.

Every student is recognised and respected as unique and special, and we place each young person's individual needs and goals at the centre.

At the Pathway Centre, the focus is on developing vocational skills, including numeracy and literacy, arts and music. Where suitable, the course offers opportunities for mainstream integration with a focus on social interaction and development of life skills.

**LEARN MORE, CALL  
01737 551176 (EXT 109)**

**THE  
PATHWAY  
CENTRE**







# WORLD OF WORK

**We have a dedicated team to support individuals from all communities and all ages through a range of inclusive programmes.**

We can help you to increase your work-based and employability skills, enabling you to take your first steps into employment.

The World of Work Team based at our Croydon College campus, works closely with over 1,000 employers, connecting students with work-based opportunities to learn more skills via a range of options from apprenticeships to T Levels alongside a wide range of online learning courses, work experience opportunities and industry placements.





# APPRENTICESHIPS

**If you want to earn as you learn, an apprenticeship might just be the thing for you. We offer a range of Apprenticeships at Croydon College.**

Croydon College is one of South London's leading providers of apprenticeships. Study for a nationally recognised qualification, while receiving on-the-job training and getting paid at the same time. We have a huge selection on offer at various levels.

We can start an apprenticeship at any level depending on your existing qualifications and experience.

There are no tuition fees as training costs are funded by the government and your employer.

**FIND OUT MORE**  
**[CROYDON.AC.UK/APPRENTICESHIPS](https://CROYDON.AC.UK/APPRENTICESHIPS)**





## **WE OFFER APPRENTICESHIPS IN**

Business and Accounting

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Construction and Trades

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Customer Service

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Digital Marketing

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Education

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Information Technology (IT)

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Management and Leadership

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**VIEW LIVE VACANCIES**





# WIDE RANGING, LIFE CHANGING



Croydon College offers a wide range of technical and vocational qualifications, which are career-based and are tailored towards real working environments. The College has recently received over £60 million in investments, and is planning further improvements. The College prides itself on top-quality teaching spaces, industry standard facilities, software and equipment, as well as links to over 1,000 employers.

## **WE OFFER COURSES IN:**

- Art, Design and Fashion
- Business
- Childcare
- Construction
- Engineering and Electrical
- English and Maths
- ESOL
- Hair and Beauty
- Health and Social Care
- Hospitality and Catering
- Information Technology (IT)
- Media, Esports and Animation
- Motor Vehicle
- Performing Arts and Music
- Public Services
- Science
- Sport
- Supported Education
- Travel and Tourism
- T Levels

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[CROYDON.AC.UK](https://croydon.ac.uk)**





# WHERE CAREERS ARE MADE

Croydon University Centre, located right in the heart of Croydon, are passionate about offering high quality, affordable university degrees and higher national programmes directly to community. Courses are designed with local stakeholders in industries with high demand.

Tuition is offered in small groups in a supportive and inclusive environment, making the Centre a truly unique place to study, with contact time built flexibly around existing work, childcare or other commitments.

## **COURSES AVAILABLE:**

- BA (Hons) Business & Management
- BA (Hons) Public Health & Social Care
- BSC (Hons) Adult Nursing
- BSC (Hons) Children's Nursing
- HNC/D Animation
- HNC/D Games Development
- HNC Building Services Engineering
- HNC Construction Site Management
- HNC/D Quantity Surveying
- Level 4 HE (Certificate) – Public Health & Social Care
- Level 4 HNC in Construction & Built Environment
- Level 4 HNC in Cybersecurity

# FINANCIAL SUPPORT



## **16–18 Bursaries can support with travel and course related costs.**

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19+ Discretionary Learner Support Fund and Advanced Learner Loan bursaries can support with travel, course related costs and childcare.

In care or care leaver? We offer a tailored package to make sure you receive both the financial and personal support you may need when studying at college.

For more information and to see what support you may be eligible for go to [coulsdon.ac.uk/financial-support](https://coulsdon.ac.uk/financial-support) or email [finance@coulsdon.ac.uk](mailto:finance@coulsdon.ac.uk)

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The courses described in our prospectus are those expected to be on offer during the 2024–2025 academic year. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the information contained in this prospectus. Coulsdon Sixth Form College reserves the right, however, to introduce changes including the addition, withdrawal or restructuring of courses.

It is important to note that places on courses are subject to availability, and that the courses themselves may be subject to a viable number of students enrolling. The contents of this guide therefore does not form a contractual obligation on Coulsdon Sixth Form College to provide any courses described in it.

# FIND US

**The College which is in the heart of Coulsdon, is well-served by public transport and as such is accessible across the area.**

## BY PUBLIC TRANSPORT

The 60 and 466 buses stop right outside the college. The nearest rail stations are Coulsdon South and Coulsdon Town. Please visit [tfl.gov.uk](https://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.



# HOW TO APPLY

1. Select your course on our website [coulsdon.ac.uk](https://coulsdon.ac.uk)
2. Click apply online and add to your basket
3. Complete the online form
4. You will be invited to an interview – come along and get your offer
5. Work hard to get your GCSEs
6. Get your results in August and enrol for 2024!



# OPEN **EVENTS** **2023/2024**

**Thursday 16 November 2023, 5pm-7pm**

**Wednesday 20 March 2024, 5pm-7pm**

**Wednesday 26 June 2024, 5pm-7pm**



REGISTER  
**COULSDON.AC.UK/EVENTS**

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