

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



As we come to the end of a busy and successful term, I want to extend my congratulations to all our students for their hard work, commitment and dedication to their studies. The encouragement from home has played a vital role and I am grateful for all you have done to support the college. To those students heading off to university, or starting new adventures elsewhere, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your positive contribution to our college. On behalf of all of us here at Coulson, we are all incredibly proud of you, we'll miss you and we wish you the absolute best for the future.

For those returning in September, I wish you a restful and well-deserved summer break and look forward to welcoming you back, refreshed and ready for the next phase of your educational journey.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff here at Coulson for their ongoing support, their passion for their subjects and their relentless dedication to our students. Wishing you all a safe and sunny summer!

EMER LESOVA

Headteacher
Coulson Sixth Form College

Learners are motivated to learn and develop a range of professional behaviours and skills because of their positive learning experience



Welcome to our Summer Newsletter covering Coulson Sixth Form College.

We're proud to share with our community the work and achievements we and our students are making across our campus and in the wider Croydon area.

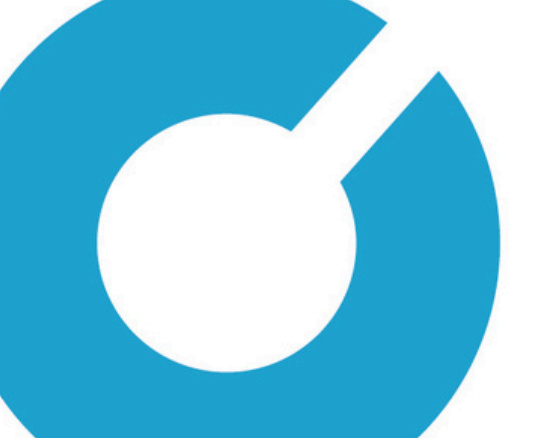
ENROL NOW

Come and enrol at the College!

Open Enrolment allows you to enrol in any of our available courses here at Coulson Sixth Form College. No appointment is necessary. Dates and times are drop-in sessions, so for those who want to enrol please refer to the website for dates and times.

www.coulson.ac.uk/enrol





EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

STUDENT AND STAFF AWARDS

Congratulations to Amy Czarnecka who was celebrated during the South London Best Learner and Teacher Awards at the House of Lords, alongside her brilliant teacher Joseph Thornton.

This recognition highlights the talent, determination and support that shines from within our college. Amy's inspiring academic journey, paired with outstanding support and guidance from her teacher, is truly something to be proud of. .



At Coulsdon College we proudly acknowledge Refugee Week 2025.

This year's theme Community as a Superpower reminds us that even small acts of kindness and solidarity can create powerful change.

We stand with refugees and displaced people because everyone deserves safety, dignity and a place to call home.

THANKING ALL OUR GREAT TEACHERS!



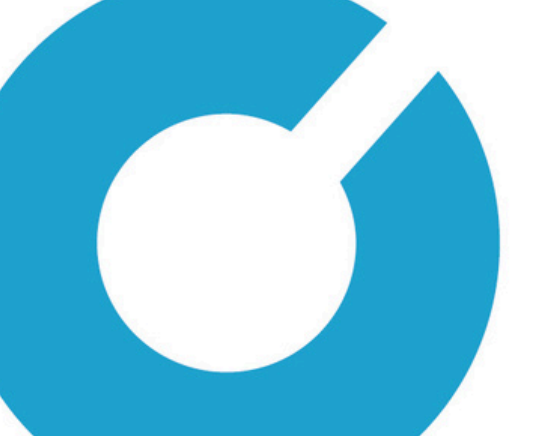
At Coulsdon College, we celebrated our incredible teachers. These are the people who inspire confidence, spark ambition and help shape brighter futures every single day.

From going the extra mile in the classroom to motivating and challenging students to be their best, our teachers always give their all. We are so proud of their passion, dedication and the positive impact they make across our college community.

Thank you for everything you do.

KINGSTON UNIVERSITY

The geography department were invited to a taster session at Kingston University by the Faculty of Engineering, Computing and the Environment with Thames Water. It was an exciting opportunity for the students to see geography in action, as Thames Water explained their issues matching future water demand with sustainable supply. Issues discussed included the growth of AI as well as the impact of climate change. The students were put into teams and asked to come up with solutions for these. Our students were full of great ideas and again did the college proud with the engagement and enthusiasm. They also ate a lot of pizza!



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LEVEL 3 BTEC EXTENDED DIPLOMA BUSINESS FRYLANDS SCOUT CENTRE

Our Level 3 BTEC Extended Diploma Business students enjoyed a day out at Frylands Scout Centre, taking part in a range of team-building activities. Some sessions were led by professional Scout instructors, while others were student-led, giving learners the chance to take initiative and build teamwork skills in a real-world setting.

The experience supports their work on Unit 9, where they reflect on group dynamics and leadership.



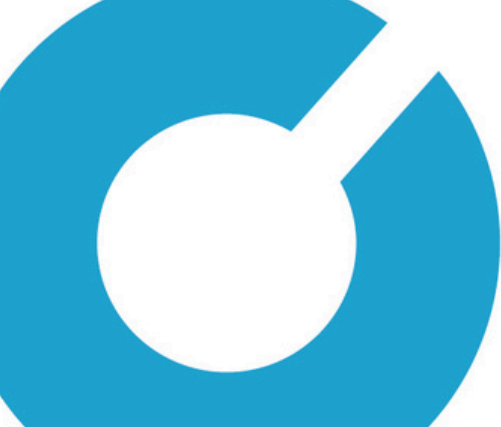
THE HAYWARD GALLERY

A level Graphics, Fine Art, Textiles and UAL art and design students enjoyed a trip to the Hayward Gallery. Students were given a talk from the education team before heading in to enjoy the exhibition, completing an interactive worksheet and doing plenty of sketching!

THE SAATCHI GALLERY

A level textiles students visited The Saatchi Gallery to see the Flowers Exhibition to prepare them ahead of creating their final outcomes for their projects. Students had a curator tour of the exhibition and a workshop inspired by the works they had discussed on the day. They left enthused by the work on display and it was great to see the influence the exhibition had on their projects!





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HAPPY VALLEY FIELD TRIP



Our A level Biology students took their learning outside today with a field trip to Happy Valley. As part of their preparation for the Year 2 content, they worked in pairs using systematic sampling techniques to study the abundance of Smooth Hawksbeard and Oxeye Daisy.

It was a great opportunity to apply classroom theory in a real-world setting and gain hands-on experience with ecological fieldwork methods.

NEW YORK CITY!

From the bright lights of Broadway to the quiet reflection at the 9/11 Memorial, our A Level English and Geography students had an unforgettable time exploring New York City earlier this year. The trip brought learning to life as students walked the High Line, visited the UN Headquarters, explored the city's landmarks and watched *The Great Gatsby* on stage. A week full of culture, discovery, and a few cheeky visits to Target too!

An amazing experience that blended learning and adventure in the heart of NYC.

Until next time, New York.



Coulsdon Sixth Form College presents:

VISUAL ARTS DEPARTMENT END OF YEAR ART SHOW

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Our End of year art show took place at Coulsdon Sixth Form College recently showcasing much more work than previous years, with two brand new courses (GCSE Photography and UAL Creative Art Practice). It has been a really busy but exciting year for us, with some excellent high grades predicted, especially in Art A level. Also on display was work we undertook with Croydon Council, exhibited at Whitgift in the centre of Croydon.

Well done to all student who exhibited throughout this event and thank you to all staff to supported.

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COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS



To celebrate Windrush day we'd like to highlight to our students and the public alike The Windrush Generation Legacy Association based here in Croydon in the Whitgift shopping centre.

The Windrush GLA celebrates the diverse Legacy of the Windrush Generation and their descendants through exhibitions and talks detailing the struggles, challenges and successes of the generation. The exhibition space presents UK Windrush generation homes in amazing detail and is an important story linked to the cultural identity of our borough.



Apprentice Challenge

We recently hosted local employers who have led activities in college with our lower sixth learners, setting challenging tasks 'Apprentice style' for students to present for feedback. It has been very exciting to see such team work and creativity - especially during the heatwave!

COULSDON WELCOME DAY

We recently welcomed our new starters for September 2025. The day consisted of a motivational speech by Anthony King, followed by a taster session of their courses and a showcase of our facilities and support areas. It was a successful day and we look forward to seeing all our new students in the new academic year.



CELEBRATING PRIDE MONTH

The college recently celebrated Pride Month to welcome and support students from all walks of life and every sexuality – because inclusivity isn't just a statement, it's who we are.

Our values of being Courageous, Collaborative, Creative, and Caring guide everything we do – and that includes building a community where everyone feels seen, safe, and celebrated.

SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

We are committed to building strong relationships with local schools, with the aim of supporting students as they make important decisions about their future education and career paths.

We offer a range of initiatives, including workshops, assembly talks, career events, taster sessions, and campus tours, all designed to help students explore the various options available to them.

We would love to partner with other local schools and look forward to building new relationships.

If you are interested, please reach out to:

HAYLEY STENNING | Marketing and Events Officer | hayley.stenning@croydon.ac.uk

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PICNIC IN THE PARK

To mark the end of the academic year, we invited our students to take a moment to relax and enjoy a well-deserved break by hosting a "Picnic in the Park". This offered students the opportunity to unwind, reflect on their achievements, and spend time with friends and peers in a scenic environment. The event also served as a celebration of the natural beauty surrounding Coulsdon Sixth Form College. With access to such wonderful green spaces, we are reminded of the importance of connecting with our environment beyond the classroom.

Looking ahead, we aim to organise more outdoor events throughout the new academic year. These initiatives will not only provide valuable moments of relaxation and social connection for both students and staff, but also encourage greater appreciation for the parks and open spaces that make Coulsdon such a vibrant and welcoming place to study and work.

SUPPORTED EDUCATION SPORTS DAY WHAT A FAB DAY!

The Supported Education team at Coulsdon College successfully hosted their annual Sports Day, providing students the opportunity to participate in a variety of fun activities. The event featured a range of classic games including bean bag throwing, the egg and spoon race, and the ever-popular sack race. Throughout the day, students demonstrated enthusiasm and great team spirit.

We were honoured to welcome the Civic Mayor of Croydon, Councillor Richard Chatterjee, who kindly attended the event to observe the activities and present certificates to the participants. His presence was greatly appreciated by both staff and students, and added a special touch to the occasion.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to Councillor Chatterjee for taking the time to support our event. His visit was a wonderful surprise for the students and contributed significantly to the day's success.

Well done to all our students who participated



COLLEGE MISSION AND VALUES



COURAGEOUS

We are ambitious for our students, staff and college

COLLABORATIVE

We support one another and are stronger together

CREATIVE

We are imaginative & innovate to improve

CARING

We are a diverse, vibrant community and care for every individual

SPOTLIGHT



Fionna Brennan - Deputy Headteacher

As we say goodbye to students, we also say goodbye to a staff member. Fiona Brennan, our Deputy Headteacher is retiring this summer. She joined Coulsdon College in 1993 as an art teacher and has shaped the lives of thousands of students in her 32 years of service at the college. I cannot thank Fiona enough for all she has done for staff, students and parents here and I sincerely wish her the very best for the future.

ADMISSIONS PROCESS

(FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

Apply for your chosen course:

We have a wide range of courses at Coulsdon College. You can find more information and apply using the QR codes below.

Interview

As part of the application process, you will be invited to a 1-2-1 interview with a course specialist who can give you detailed information and ensure your chosen course meets your career aspirations.

Welcome Day:

An exciting opportunity to experience your chosen course and explore the learning environment.

Enrolment:

You'll be invited to our enrolment in late August. You'll be sent an exact date and time to bring your documents to officially enrol on your course.

Induction:

Meet tutors, get familiar with the course, and prepare for the year ahead.

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COLLEGE POLICIES AND REMINDERS

Food Waste Bins

From the March 31, food waste bins were placed around the college to help separate food waste from general rubbish and promote sustainability.

Lanyards Reminder

Remember to keep your lanyard on and visible while at the college for safety and security.

FREDIE Values

We are an inclusive college and are here to meet the needs of the diverse community which we serve. We work hard to embed Fairness, Respect, Equality, Diversity, Inclusion and Engagement (FREDIE) in all we do, underpinned by our commitment to Investors in Diversity. We help our students and staff create their future careers. We strive to be the best we can be.

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FEEDBACK SECTION

How did we do this month?

We'd love to hear from you! If you have any feedback, ideas, or stories you'd like to see in our next newsletter, please don't hesitate to drop us an email marketing@croydon.ac.uk. Your thoughts are always appreciated!

FOR THE STUDENTS...

BOOK A COLLEGE TOUR

Join us for an exciting opportunity to explore Croydon College and Coulsdon Sixth form College up close!

Our friendly tour guides will show you around our campus, answer your questions about student life, courses, and more. We offer daytime tours from **10am to 11am**.

We also offer mid-day tours from 4pm to 5pm – a quieter time on campus, but still a great opportunity to explore our facilities and meet our team.



TASTER SESSIONS

Croydon College are offering taster sessions throughout the year. These sessions are perfect for Years 9 & 10. We offer a variety of sessions throughout this time which will hopefully cater to all students interests. These include:

Plumbing | Carpentry | Electrical | Art & Design | Business | Travel | Brickwork | Uniform Services | Sport | Hair & Beauty | Hospitality

To book a Taster Session for your Students please contact:

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TO ALL STUDENTS RECEIVING GCSE AND A LEVEL RESULTS

We would like to wish all our students the best of luck who will be receiving their GCSE and A Level results next month. We know they've worked incredibly hard preparing for these exams.

RESULTS DAYS

A LEVELS | THURSDAY 14 AUGUST 2025

GCSE | THURSDAY 21 AUGUST 2025

If you know someone who is awaiting theirs, it might be a nice idea to send them a message to let them know you're thinking of them - whether it's a good luck note, or a congratulations quote.

Our fingers are firmly crossed for you!

**YOU
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