

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

As the festive season approaches and we near the end of term, I'm delighted to share some wonderful highlights from the past few months. It's been an incredibly busy and rewarding time at the college, filled with trips, events, and achievements that truly showcase the spirit of our community. You'll find more details in the following pages.

Our students in their final year have been working hard on their next steps—whether applying to university, securing apprenticeships, or planning exciting careers beyond 6th Form. Watching them reflect so thoughtfully on their futures has been inspiring, and their maturity makes us proud.

December has brought extra reasons to celebrate! We've been recognising students who have gone above and beyond in contributing to college life, and in a lovely twist, students secretly nominated teachers for special recognition too.

This time of year reminds us of the importance of giving back, and our entire college community came together to raise funds for Save the Children, showing generosity and compassion in action.

From all of us here, I wish you and your family a joyful, peaceful festive season. We look forward to welcoming our students back on 5th January for an exciting new term ahead.

**EMER LESOVA**  
Headteacher  
Coulson Sixth Form College



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## Welcome to our Winter Newsletter covering the educational institutions Coulson Sixth Form College.

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

## APPLY NOW

**Come and join Coulson Sixth Form College!**

Choosing the right educational path is one of the most important decisions you'll make for your future. At Coulson Sixth Form College, we're here to help you succeed. Our 16-18 programs are thoughtfully designed to give you a strong foundation, equipping you with the in-demand skills and knowledge that employers are looking for.

Ready to start your journey? Apply online today and take the first step toward building a brighter future!

**[coulson.ac.uk/applynow](http://coulson.ac.uk/applynow)**



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## FOOTBALL SUPPORTED BY OUR CHEERLEADERS

A big thank you to St Dominic's Sixth Form College for battling it out with us this term. Our boys gave it everything, great skill, heart, and a final-minute penalty that hurt, leaving us down 3-2. The cheerleading squad were on fire, pushing us all the way, it just wasn't our day. Congrats to the Saints on advancing to the next round...well earned.

Unlucky to our Coulsdon Students... There's always next season!

 COULSDON  
SIXTH FORM COLLEGE

# OPEN EVENT

TUES 24 MAR  
5PM-7PM  
WED 24 JUN  
5PM-7PM

[COULSDON.AC.UK/EVENTS](https://coulson.ac.uk/events)

SCAN HERE TO REGISTER



## OPEN EVENTS

If you are thinking of coming to study at Coulsdon Sixth Form College, there are plenty of opportunities to come and talk to us. We host regular open events, careers events, and information evenings.

Visiting us is the best way for you to get a feel for the college before you apply. You'll get the chance to meet our staff and current students, ask questions about the courses and services we offer, and even explore our fantastic facilities.

**Next Open Event | Tuesday 24th March 2026 | 5pm-7pm**  
To register please go to | [coulson.ac.uk/events](https://coulson.ac.uk/events)

 Croydon College  
Save the Children  
Thursday 11th December 2025

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY



Wear your Christmas Jumper

## THANK YOU!

A big thank you to all our students and staff who participated in Christmas Jumper Day.

It was a perfect way to celebrate this festive month and to donate money to a great cause... 🎄

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOUR FESTIVE JUMPERS NEXT YEAR!**



REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN EVENT | [COULSDON.AC.UK/EVENTS](https://coulson.ac.uk/events)



# EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



## INSPIRING FUTURES: VOICES FROM OUR ASPIRATIONAL SERIES

Over the past couple of weeks, learners at Coulsdon Sixth Form College have taken part in two inspiring sessions from our aspirational series. Rose Dalton and Kim Biggs from MAPS Mentoring led the first workshop, sharing the work they do to support children and young people through one to one mentoring. They spoke about the importance of advocacy, care values, and the many ways young people can get involved in the charitable and volunteer sector.

## Art Workshop

We welcomed artist Rachel Gadsden for a special workshop with our Art and Design students in partnership with Your Croydon and the National Gallery.

Rachel led students through creative activities linked to the artwork chosen for our display arriving soon. To view the full video go to our **Coulsdon Sixth Form College** Instagram page.

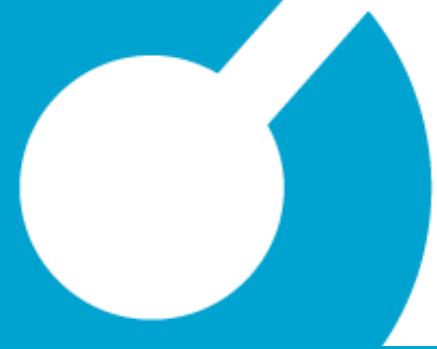


## GIVE BLOOD...

We hosted a Blood Type Awareness Event at Croydon college. We hosted two events at both our Croydon and Coulsdon campus. Students found out their blood type in minutes and learnt how donating blood can make a real impact in our community.



REGISTER FOR OUR OPEN EVENT | COULSDON.AC.UK/EVENTS



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## VISITING SKY STUDIOS

Our BTEC Level 3 Creative Media students spent the day at Sky Studios Elstree, producing their own film trailers and news reports using professional cameras, lighting and green screen tech. They absolutely smashed it bringing creativity, confidence and collaboration to the screen!

## STUDENT CONFERENCE 2025

Engaging and community-focused, the Student Conference brought together Student Reps from both colleges. Led by the Student Exec Team, the day encouraged open discussion, collaboration, and student voice. With support from Valerie Shawcross, Chair of our Governing Body and an inspiring talk from Caireen, reps shared concerns and felt heard. The positive feedback showed the real impact of listening to students and working together.



## CREATIVE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Our Creative and Digital students designed modern, artistic Christmas cards to sell to students and staff. It was a great way to pick up last-minute cards while supporting unique, one-of-a-kind designs. The stall was a big success – thank you to everyone who made a purchase, and well done to our talented, creative students!



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# COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

## STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT BREAKFAST

This morning, we were delighted to welcome local businesses and community organisations to our Stakeholder Engagement Breakfast at Croydon College - hosted by our head of commercial partnerships Farhana Rahman; supported by our apprenticeships and work experience teams.

A huge thanks goes out to all who joined us for insightful conversations and some great presentations towards a shared commitment to supporting the next generation of the boroughs talent.



## WHAT A DAY!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us at our Open Event! We were thrilled to see such an incredible turnout—your enthusiasm and energy truly made the day unforgettable. A heartfelt thanks to our dedicated staff, inspiring students, and all the visitors who helped make the event such a success.

### Don't miss out!

Our next Open Event:

**Tuesday 24th March 2026  
5-7pm**



## GETTING FESTIVE WITH THE PATHWAY CENTRE

Our Pathway students created a beautiful range of Christmas decorations for staff and students to purchase during the festive period. Items included tree decorations, framed Christmas artwork, cards, and plenty of sparkle!

Well done to our talented students, and thank you to everyone who supported them by purchasing from their stall.



# COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

## COULSDON CHRISTMAS LIGHTS



### Christmas magic at Coulsdon Sixth Form College!

We were so proud to host this year's big Christmas lights switch-on in Coulsdon, a festive evening filled with amazing entertainment, joyful performances from local schools, and plenty of holiday cheer.

We had an amazing grotto located inside the College, Santa and the North Downs Drummers then led everyone in a procession to Tudor Parade in time for the lights to switch on.

It was an amazing day for both children and adults.

Big thank you to Old Coulsdon Residents Association for their help!

# INTRODUCING...



The new Coulsdon College Prospectus has arrived!

Explore our latest Prospectus, now available online. Inside, you'll find an exciting and diverse range of A Levels, Vocational Courses, and T Levels—all carefully designed to support your ambitions, develop your skills, and open doors to further education, apprenticeships, or employment.

Whether you have a clear career path in mind or you're still exploring your options, our courses, expert teaching, and supportive environment will help you grow in confidence and achieve your goals.

View the Prospectus online now at [coulsdon.ac.uk](http://coulsdon.ac.uk) and start shaping your future today.

## T LEVEL COURSES

Check out our exciting two-year, career-focused qualifications, thoughtfully designed in collaboration with employers to equip you with real industry skills and practical experience, preparing you for success in fields such as Digital Production, Healthcare, Education & Childcare, and many more, so you can get career ready with a qualification that truly takes you further.

[COULSDON.AC.UK/T-LEVEL](http://coulsdon.ac.uk/t-level)

**T-LEVELS**  
journey  
begins at



## BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Such an inspiring day at Coulsdon Sixth Form College celebrating Black History Month. Music, poetry, fashion, food and good vibes... Our students and staff really made it special. Thank you to everyone involved.

## 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 & innovative to improve

**CARING**

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



# SPOTLIGHT

## LittleKayMusic

We are incredibly proud of Kyran Williams, also known as Little Kay whose talent was recognised at our recent industry showcase and is already opening exciting doors in the music industry. Spotted by music executive Tony Palmer, Kyran has performed at the Houses of Parliament, Sony Records and Burberry and was recently featured as a new artist on Capital Xtra.

You can find Kyran's music on social media at [littlekaymusic.com](https://www.littlekaymusic.com).

We wish Kyran all the best with his future goals.



## ADMISSIONS PROCESS (FOR POTENTIAL STUDENTS AND FAMILIES)

### Apply for your chosen course:

We have a wide range of courses at Coulsdon campus. 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.

COULSDON  
COURSES



## INTRODUCING... THE STUDENT HANDBOOK!

### HERE FOR 2026

STUDENT  
HANDBOOK  
2025-2026



All students receive a Student Handbook at the start of each academic year. The handbook contains important information, including key student policies, safeguarding guidance, and details of available support to help students succeed throughout the year.

To view the full handbook please visit:  
[coulsdon.ac.uk/student-handbook](https://www.coulsdon.ac.uk/student-handbook)

 [www.coulsdon.ac.uk](https://www.coulsdon.ac.uk)

## 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](mailto:marketing@croydon.ac.uk). Your thoughts are always appreciated!

# KEEPING YOU SAFE

## SAFEGUARDING

The Coulsdon College safeguarding and wellbeing team have moved into a new hub this term a safe space where we can support learners and staff. Shanice Adams has joined the team at Coulsdon. The team focus on listening to our students and providing a holistic approach to supporting our learners. We will continue to welcome your voices as learners, parents and carers, and staff to listen to your needs and build our services to meet our valuable students' requirements and to help us grow as a team.

We welcome support from partners outside of college who provide mentoring, safe spaces and bespoke specialised interventions for a wide variety of safeguarding needs for our students.



**Sarah Hussain**



**Nicolle Williams**



**Kristy Hoyle**

### SEE IT OR EXPERIENCING IT?

Tell a member of staff or contact the safeguarding team by text or phone on:



**Safeguarding & Wellbeing Team**  
Coulsdon 07864 984 211  
[safeguarding@coulsdon.ac.uk](mailto:safeguarding@coulsdon.ac.uk)

**The best way to share our progress is to use the teams voices to share their impressions of their first term In college...**

#### **Ashleigh Rosier**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
We have a strong sense of community at the college which includes students and staff alike... It's a great feeling to work with staff and students to ensure the right support is in place when needed to help us become a successful community!

#### **Nicolle Williams**

**Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead**  
This term has focused on being present and approachable for learners. The new safeguarding hub has helped students feel welcome and confident to talk openly. Working closely with students, families, staff, and external services has helped ensure support is meaningful, and it's been encouraging to see students feel more supported and engaged in college life.

#### **Kristy Hoyle**

**Wellbeing Co-ordinator**  
This term, positive student feedback has been most impactful for wellbeing. It has allowed sessions to be shaped by student voice, with wellbeing tailored to their needs, helping students gain confidence, motivation, and control of their mental health.



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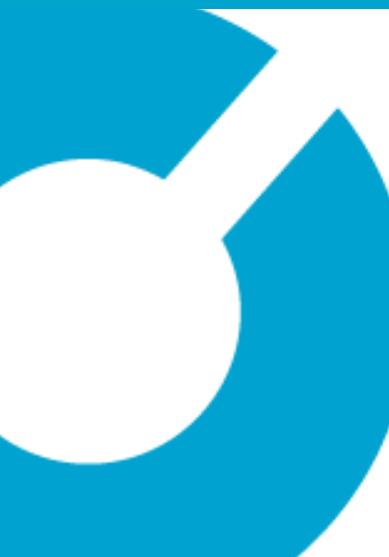
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SIXTH FORM COLLEGE**



**WE WILL  
LISTEN**

**Student  
Support  
SERVICES**

# GENERAL INFORMATION...



## BOOK A COLLEGE CO TOUR

Join us for an exciting opportunity to explore Coulsdon Sixth Form College and Croydon 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

Coulsdon Sixth Form 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:

**HAYLEY STENNING | Marketing and Events Officer | [hayley.stenning@croydon.ac.uk](mailto:hayley.stenning@croydon.ac.uk)**

## TO ALL STUDENTS...

As we reach the end of a busy and rewarding term, we would like to wish all Coulsdon Sixth Form College students a wonderful Christmas and festive break.

This is a well-earned time to relax, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends after all your hard work and commitment. We are extremely proud of everything our students have achieved this term and would also like to thank our dedicated staff for their continued support, effort, and passion.

Your contributions make a real difference and help create a positive learning environment for everyone. We hope the festive season brings you happiness, rest, and renewed energy, and we look forward to welcoming you back in the new term.

**COLLEGE IS BACK OPEN AFTER CHRISTMAS ON:**

**MONDAY 5TH JANUARY 2026**

## FOLLOW US ON SOCIALS

