

HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

As we approach the Easter holidays, it has been wonderful to see brighter weather lifting students' spirits and a growing sense of optimism across the college. Many are now looking ahead to the summer term, completing their courses and planning their next steps.

For those applying to university, this has been an important milestone period. Student Finance applications are now open and our fantastic Careers Team remains available to support anyone who is still considering their future pathways.

This term has brought much to celebrate including excellent BTEC results and valuable feedback from mock exams, helping students prepare for the summer ahead. A particular highlight was the ASPIRE Programme EPQ presentations where students spoke with impressive confidence and passion.

Alongside this, the college has been buzzing with activities including trips, guest speakers, workshops and a wide range of curriculum events. My thanks go to all staff who have worked tirelessly to ensure our students benefit from both exceptional classroom learning and enriching experiences within our wider community.

As deadlines and exams approach, I encourage students to maintain balance, take care of their wellbeing and make use of the support available. Several revision workshops and support sessions will run during the holidays and details have already been emailed home.

Wishing all our students and families a restful and enjoyable Easter. I look forward to welcoming you all back refreshed and ready for a successful summer term.

EMER LESOVA

Headteacher
Coulson Sixth Form College



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Welcome to our 2nd Spring Newsletter. We are delighted to share a snapshot of the achievements, highlights and memorable moments that have shaped this term.

Inside, you will find a celebration of our community's hard work, creativity, and continued commitment to excellence. Enjoy exploring our successes!

KEY DATES

Please find below the key dates for upcoming events after half term.

Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April | Easter Break

Monday 13th April | Students Return - Lessons recommence

Monday 20th April | External exams commence

Thursday 23 April | Interview Evening (new applicants) from 4.30pm

Monday 4th May | May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 5th May | Interview Evening (new applicants) from 4.30pm

Tuesday 12th May | UCAS 2027 applications open

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May | Half-term break

Monday 1st June | Students return - Lessons recommence

Friday 3rd July | Last day of term for students

COLLEGE COMMUNITY NEWS

ASPIRE

HAPPY INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

It was a pleasure to celebrate staff and students, recognising the incredible women who make a difference across our community.

Congratulations to Korille Reid and all staff members who received awards. This event highlighted the strength, compassion and dedication that enrich our college every day.

CELEBRATING STUDENTS' BTEC RESULTS

It was great to see our students celebrating their January BTEC exam results!

A huge congratulations to everyone for your hard work, dedication and commitment. As a college we are very proud!



Our first **ASPIRE** cohort recently delivered their EPQ presentations, showcasing a year of rigorous research on topics ranging from dystopian fiction to historical wedding attire. The students demonstrated impressive depth and handled complex questions with professional ease. This success is already paying off; notably, one student secured a university textiles offer without the usual foundation year—a first for the college.

We are incredibly proud of our students and their supervisors for embodying the high standards of Coulsdon's future.



Cambridge University Trip

As part of the **ASPIRE** programme, seven students visited Churchill College at the University of Cambridge for a taster day.

The visit included an admissions talk, student panel and guided campus tour. Students engaged with both staff and undergraduates, asking insightful questions about applications, university life and how to succeed.

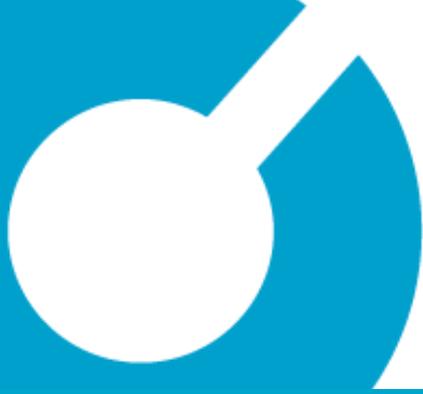
The experience provided valuable inspiration and a clearer understanding of how to achieve success in higher education.

CELEBRATING DIVERSITY THROUGH MUSIC

Our Level 3 Music students delivered an inspiring concert celebrating the contributions of LGBT artists, featuring a diverse programme centred on unity, acceptance and inclusion.

The audience was captivated by the range of styles and the performers' talent, with the event leaving a lasting impression through its powerful message of respect and belonging.





EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



TRAVEL AND TOURISM STUDENTS EXPLORE EAST SUSSEX ATTRACTIONS

This month, students from the Travel and Tourism BTEC course visited East Sussex to compare two contrasting visitor attractions: Drusillas Park Zoo and the South Downs National Park.

During the trip, students explored the services offered at each location, the types of visitors they attract and the marketing strategies used to promote them. The visit provided a valuable opportunity to see how both a built attraction and a natural landscape operate within the tourism industry.

While at Drusilla's students had the chance to see a variety of animals before continuing their fieldwork with a 10km walk to the famous Seven Sisters chalk cliffs. The popular influencer hotspot provided some great social media content!

The trip was a great success helped by lovely weather and excellent feedback about the students' conduct throughout the day.

ART TRIP TO THE TATE MODERN



Our A Level Fine Art students recently visited the Tate Modern to explore its incredible collection and see first hand how contemporary art is presented in a gallery setting. They drew inspiration from the thoughtful ways exhibitions are curated and collections are built.

Now the spotlight is on our students! They will be creating their own collections in preparation for the end of year exhibition this June. We can't wait to see their creativity come to life.

PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS SHINE IN ANIMALS

This term, our Performing Arts learners took to the stage with a powerful three night run of *Animals*, a bold and thought provoking play that dives deep into themes of identity, frustration and anger within the youth prison system.

Over the course of the production, audiences were captivated by the intensity, honesty, and emotional depth of the performances with positive feedback each evening.

The audience praised the cast's commitment, the maturity with which they handled challenging themes and the immersive atmosphere created by the ensemble.

This production forms part of the National Theatre Connections programme, giving our learners the opportunity to engage with contemporary writing and perform on a professional platform. Well done to all involved!



EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES



OPEN EVENT

WED 24 JUN
5PM-7PM



SCAN HERE
TO REGISTER

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

If you are thinking of coming to study at Coulston 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 | Wednesday 24th June 2026 | 5pm-7pm

To register please go to coulston.ac.uk/events

COULSDON SPORT HIGHLIGHTS

Football

The Coulston Football team bounced back in style against Croydon, securing a 3-1 victory. With sunny skies and an enthusiastic crowd of students from both colleges, the match was a thrilling display of skill, teamwork and sportsmanship. Players and spectators alike left the pitch with a real sense of pride and achievement.

Basketball

This term our Coulston Basketball team faced their Sister Team Croydon in a friendly match. Both teams played with great skill and determination, but Coulston came up short, finishing with a 53-40 defeat.

A-LEVEL STUDENTS EXPERIENCE UNIVERSITY LIFE

English and Politics students visited the University of Reading to gain a real insight into university-level study and support their future progression.

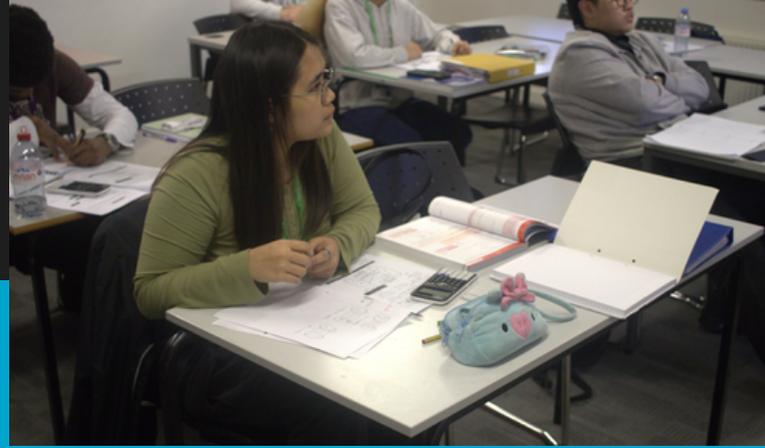
They enjoyed a creative writing workshop, while Politics students engaged in a lecture regarding geopolitical issues encouraging critical thinking and debate.

The visit gave students valuable insight, boosted their confidence and inspired them as they plan their next steps after college.



COLLEGE INFORMATION

TUTORIALS



This term, learners have been developing their financial literacy through practical, real life contexts that reflect the everyday decisions young people face. They have explored key concepts such as budgeting, money management, and how to navigate financial commitments like phone contracts and subscriptions, We have also highlighted how debt can accumulate unexpectedly and discussed strategies to help avoid it.

Through interactive tutorials, learners have engaged in group discussions, worked through realistic financial scenarios, and taken part in hands on activities designed to build confidence and understanding. They have created personalised budgeting plans tailored to their own goals, whether saving for something important, managing day-to-day spending, or gaining greater control over their finances. Overall, the focus has been on equipping learners with the knowledge and skills they need to make informed financial decisions, both now and in the future.

SPOTLIGHT

Linda Brand

Here at Coulsdon College, Linda is a valued member of staff, supporting students in both Student Services and the Learning Resource Centre.

Outside of college, she is a life member of the UK Coloured Pencil Society, which is celebrating its 25th anniversary with the International Silver Exhibition at Mall Galleries in London.

After successfully passing a competitive selection process, Linda's artwork is now featured alongside 300 other coloured pencil pieces. Her piece *Break From the Bind*, presents a creative and imaginative take on classic Penguin Books.

A fantastic achievement and one to be truly proud of!



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



KEEPING YOU SAFE

SAFEGUARDING

The Coulsdon College safeguarding and wellbeing team focus on listening to our students and providing a holistic approach to supporting our learners. In addition to internal support they have compiled the below list of external support services they actively work with.

Kooth

Free and anonymous NHS funded BACP accredited online resources and mental health support for young people from trained practitioners whenever you need: www.kooth.com

Shout

Free and confidential 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. text: Text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258 Website: www.giveusashout.org

Samaritans

Whatever you're going through, a Samaritan will face it with you. We're here 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Helpline Contact: 116 123 Website: www.samaritans.org

PAPYRUS: Prevention of Young Suicide

If you, or a young person you know, are not coping with life, you can call (or chat with) HOPELINE247 for confidential suicide prevention advice and support. Helpline contact: 0800 068 4141 Website: Papyrus UK Suicide Prevention | Prevention of Young Suicide (papyrus-uk.org)

Mermaids

A safe place for transgender, nonbinary and gender-diverse young people to find support and help one another. Helpline contact: 0808 801 0400 Website: www.mermaidsuk.org.uk

Off the Record: Counselling & support

Local free self-referral counselling service for young people aged 14-25 who live, or study in Croydon (plus support for Young Carers). Helpline: 0800 980 7475 (Mon-Sat 3-6pm) Website: <https://www.talkofftherecord.org/croydon/>

Croydon Drop In

Croydon free self-referral counselling service for young people aged 14-25 who live, or study in Croydon. Contact: 020 8680 0404 Website: www.croydondropin.org.uk

Croydon Council

Early Help, Children's Services, SEND, Adult Services, Housing and out of hours support in emergencies. Contact: 020 8726 6000 Website: www.croydon.gov.uk

Croydon Family Justice Service

Multi-Agency support hub for Domestic Abuse in Croydon. Contact: 020 8688 0100 Website: Family Justice Service National Domestic Violence Helpline : 0808 200 247

Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency : 101 Website: Met Police 101 www.metengage.co.uk
Health Emergency: 999 Non-Emergency : 111 Website: www.111.nhs.uk

COLLEGE INFORMATION

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 your chosen field.

We will be offering T Level Science (Laboratory Science) and Health and Computing (Cyber Security) here at Coulsdon Sixth Form College. Visit to our website to find out more about each course.

T-LEVELS

journey
begins at



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 code 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**



HOW TO APPLY

Come and join Coulsdon Sixth Form College!

Choosing the right educational path is one of the most important decisions you'll make for your future. At Coulsdon Sixth Form College, we're here to help you succeed. Our 16-18 programmes 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!

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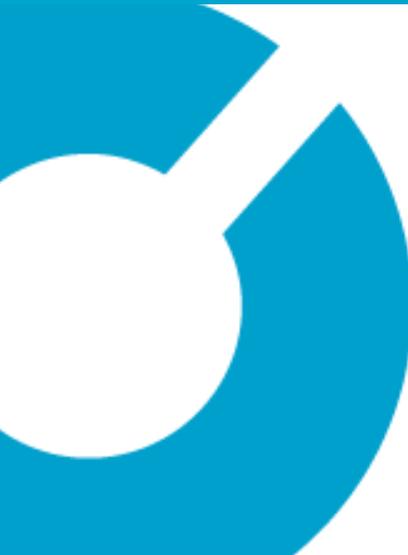
FEEDBACK SECTION

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!

GENERAL INFORMATION...

BOOK A COLLEGE 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 day time tours from 10am to 11am and end of day tours from 4pm to 5pm.

If you would like to book a tour, please click [here.](#)

TASTER SESSIONS

Coulsdon Sixth Form College are offering taster sessions throughout the year. These sessions are perfect for Years 10 & 11. We offer a variety of sessions throughout this time which will hopefully cater to all students interests. These include:

Sport | Law | Digital Media | Health & Social | Business | Travel | Criminology | Performing Arts | Psychology | Computing | Fashion

To book a Taster Session for your Students please contact:

HAYLEY STENNING | Marketing and Events Officer | 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 our students and families a restful and enjoyable break.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back and continuing to build on the great work taking place across our school community.

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