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Success in Croydon

Our ESOL provision in Croydon, operates from the CAYSH building in Whitgift Street, which currently has 45 learners on roll.

The majority are working towards a City & Guilds Employability Certificate and Functional Skills in English & Maths.

Our staff team has grown during this academic year and we currently have 6 members who are working solely with this group, plus volunteers.

Learners have taken part in a cooking activity for Macmillan Coffee Morning where they baked cookies for learners and staff. We offer regular drama and singing lessons which allows the learners to express themselves which breaks down language barriers.

D!srupt UK Tour

14th February, Our very own Karen O'Shea took our Level 3 Hairdressing learners to London to attend the DISRUPT fashion tour. She had this to say about the spectacular event.

"We had a wonderful evening with the Goldwell team. The level 3's got a chance to meet with the top stylists in the U.K. and received some great advice and guidance on exactly what requirements would need to be met to enter next year's Colour Zoom competition.

During the tour we were treated like VIPs, being served champagne and canapé's and each of us received a fantastic present, a goody bag containing over £50 worth of Goldwell Products, which we will definitely put to good use!

It was certainly a trip to remember and an invaluable learning experience for our learners. Looking forward to taking part next year!"



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Endeavour Programme

We are currently working well with a group of learners who have decided that 6th Form is not for them.

They are receiving small group tuition and also IAG (Information, Advice and Guidance) to ensure that they are making an informed choice for the future.

As part of their qualification, our learners have to undertake work experience. We have been very successful in placing our learners in local companies within the borough and would like to thank them for providing an opportunity for our learners to achieve their aims & objectives.

If you're a 16-19 year old who needs help being prepared for employment or interested about apprenticeships,

Please contact Lorraine Dixon on 020 8770 6184, lorraine.dixon@sutton.gov.uk or our Sutton office on 020 8687 5225 and speak to one of our staff who will be available to help you.

We are preparing our 2016/2017 Prospectus very soon, which will be available in both hard copy and electronically, and would welcome any ideas you have regarding our academic and vocational subjects.

Which subjects do you believe would be of benefit to young people in the future?

Our next Open Day this year will be on **May 25th**. So please watch this space as we will reveal more information nearer the time.

Metro Bank Visit

We would like to thank Sam at the Metro Bank for participating in our employability sessions and allowing our learners the opportunity to be interviewed by a team from the bank, and also being given a tour of the Metro Bank premises.



Please check out our Facebook and Twitter pages where we frequently update with new information on courses @SDTLtd

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Cooking up a future for himself

Aleandro came to SDT from Jamaica aged 16. He enrolled onto our Sales and Marketing course and had a real **thirst** for learning. Although keen to upgrade his skills in English and Maths and gain his Sales and Marketing qualification, Alejandro's real passion was to food.



After successfully achieving his qualifications, all Alejandro wanted to do was cook. SDT used their contacts to get him a position in the kitchen of a fine dining pub and onto a level 2 Catering Apprenticeship. The hours were long but Alejandro worked hard and moved onto a Level 3 Apprenticeship gaining a position at Gordon Ramsay's Savoy Grill.

The Head Chef from the Savoy then went to Oxfordshire, taking Alejandro with him as a Chef de Partie and on returning to London, Alejandro, gained a position as Demi Chef de Partie at Maze in Bond Street.

Aleandro has just been offered two new positions at top London establishments and although a difficult choice, has turned down a position at the Dorchester and is starting work as a Demi Chef de Partie at The Ritz.

Aleandro's ambition is to open his own fine dining restaurant. We wish him the very best of luck in his new position and hope it is not long before he achieves his ambition.

Case Study

I am 17 years old. My first three weeks of my arrival into this country it was really hard as I didn't have my family or friends.

I was enrolled at Sutton and District Training, starting March 2015, My first day wasn't so good as I was nervous, but I did my best to get along with other learners. After Easter I got to know each of the learners well enough, and even joined the drama and fitness groups.

I loved my time at SDT, I made friends with the other learners. The College even made me love my stay in the UK. I really wish I had stayed longer than I did in SDT because I loved it there, I felt I had family because it was a small group and the tutors were so friendly and helpful.

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