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## Croydon school named one of the world's best

Accolade as local school is judged to be among top 34 in the country

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A CROYDON school has become the first ever in the borough – and one of only 34 in the whole country – to achieve “world class” status.

Coloma Convent Girls' School was given the World Class Schools Quality Mark, awarded to schools that have “moved beyond” Ofsted's highest rating of “outstanding”, in December.

The school, on Upper Shirley Road, in Shirley, has consistently been one of Croydon's top performing and most oversubscribed schools.

Anne-Marie Stott, deputy head teacher, said: “We are extremely proud of all our students, particularly as Coloma is one of just 34 schools in the country to have received this prestigious award.”

### Opportunities

“Coloma is now looking forward to the opportunities this new mark will bring to pupils through local and national businesses who support the award and through collaboration with other world class schools.”

The award's uniqueness lies in the fact that it is the students who are assessed with regard to whether they are world class or not.

The school was initially assessed, which included an inspection and a look at prior performance data and results over time.

Meanwhile, the school's highly regarded executive head teacher Maureen Martin OBE is “taking a break” it was revealed this week – and hasn't been at the school since December 9.

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**TOP OF THE CLASS:** Coloma's executive head teacher Maureen Martin OBE with a pupil as she collected her exam results