



Coloma - Top Girls' School in the Country

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Once again, Coloma Convent Girls' School in Croydon tops this year's Croydon school league tables. The tables, which are based on the 2014 GCSE and A Level Examination Results, show Coloma to be one of the highest performing schools in the country.

At A Level, the value added achieved by our students is 0.41, nearly half a grade higher than they would be expected to achieve based on average national performance. This places Coloma 11th nationally, out of 2125 sixth form providers, and the top girls' school in the country. These scores, which are based on A Level results (and not vocational qualifications), also rank Coloma as one of the top two schools in London.

Coloma has a fantastic range of A Level Options – over 30 from this September with the introduction of new A Level courses in Photography and Textiles. These sit alongside Coloma's nationally recognised standards in music and sport, comparable with the best independent schools.

The GCSE tables place Coloma 16th nationally, out of 2967 comprehensive schools and academies, measured by 5 A*-C grades including English and Maths. Our position as top value added school in Croydon, has resulted in a range of appearances in headline tables including The Telegraph and The Sunday Times. Measured in terms of value added and EBACC (the government measure for grades in a range of traditional GCSE subjects), Coloma has consistently performed over many years as one of the very best comprehensives nationally and the top school locally.

Coloma students have a track record of academic success. Equally important, students benefit from Coloma's traditional sense of values, morals, activities and community life that prepare them for the broader aspects of a happy and rewarding life.

Applications to Coloma sixth form are open for students and their parents who recognise the value of the all-round education we provide. Please email scollins@coloma.croydon.sch.uk for further information or visit our website for an application form.

Coloma opened 145 years ago when a small group of Belgium Sisters came to Croydon. These Roman Catholic Sisters, whose congregation is called the “Daughters of Mary and Joseph” (or Ladies of Mary), have been in this area and far beyond, ever since. Originally in West Croydon, Coloma then moved to Shirley 50 years ago where it is run as a Voluntary Aided Catholic Girls’ Comprehensive with the Sisters continuing to be very active as its Trustees. Whilst in the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Southwark and approved by the Archbishop as a Catholic School, it is the Governing Body which conducts its own affairs.

Mrs. Martin has been Headteacher since 1995 and continues to lead the successful development of the school. In the last 10 years, the school has not only been very active as a Specialist School of Music and Science, but has also responded to requests to federate with a local primary school and fully sponsor what was Selsdon High School, to become what is now, the very successful Quest Academy – Coloma Trust with a new state of the art building which opened in September 2014.

Since September 2014, Coloma has also responded to the Department for Education’s request to sponsor what was the Archbishop Lanfranc School, and is now The Archbishop Lanfranc Academy – Coloma Trust. Coloma expects this Croydon academy to move rapidly towards being a very good school in a brand new building with an added 6th Form.

During this time, Coloma has been a National Support School and Mrs. Martin a National Leader of Education and has worked in successful collaboration with Croydon Council, both Councillors and Officers, and has been very well supported since 2010, by our local MP Mr. Gavin Barwell.

The 6th Form at Coloma is very happy to receive applications from girls of all backgrounds and of every denomination and faith.

The tables can be viewed at:

<http://www.education.gov.uk/cgi-bin/schools/performance/school.pl?urn=101823>

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