

# Entering Nursery and Reception Classes at Croydon High School

## How can you prepare your daughters?

- Encourage your daughter to play imaginatively on her own and with others using toys and games.
- Talk to your daughter and encourage her to give her opinion and explain the reasons behind her thinking.
- Provide opportunities to discuss day to day events and pose questions to extend her knowledge.
- Encourage good manners and respect for others.
- Gradually encourage her to become more independent in dressing herself.
- Encourage her to use cutlery when feeding herself.
- Encourage independence in going to the loo and washing hands.
- Establish a routine which includes an early bedtime.
- Read stories together and discuss the characters. Pose questions to encourage extended thinking. What would happen if ?
- Play Matching and Sorting Games. These encourage observation and develop Pre Reading Skills
- Develop an interest in nature and the environment. Point out the things that we as adults take for granted.
- Value your daughter's opinions and the things that she achieves
- Give lots of praise and encouragement whenever your daughter tries hard at something. Children with high self esteem believe that everything is possible!

