



The Dan Eley Spring Benefit Concert

Godalming College students performed a fantastic array of musical genres to a packed audience at the Spring Benefit Concert in aid of the Dan Eley Foundation, a local charity which offers support to young people in difficult or deprived circumstances.

The music department at the College is well known for its excellent performances and the concert at the United Church, did not disappoint. There were over seventy students taking part in music at the College in a full programme of extra-curricular activities supported by the music department. The Concert Orchestra, Jazz Band, Chamber Choir, Godalming Singers, and a host of ensembles and individual performances brought a unique flavour to the evening, with music to meet all tastes.

The concert raised £2,100, which will be used to support disadvantaged young people in Waverley.

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NEWS

The European Youth Parliament Debating Competition



March 2018

Nine students attended the European Youth Parliament Debating Competition at Europe House in London last week. They debated a selection of challenging topics, ranging from the abuse of the LGBTQIA+ community in Chechnya, to how best Europe should try to deal with climate change. They acquitted themselves very well, adapting well to a last minute change of motion due to the snow delays from the previous week.

Finding out about Phobias



5th February 2018

50 Lower Sixth students visited London Zoo for a session on phobias as part of their unit for A Level Psychology. The students listened to a talk by a clinical hypnotherapist who helped the students explore the psychology of phobias and what might trigger them. In a second session the students were introduced to phobia treatments and had the opportunity to be hypnotised before meeting a common source of phobia - a tarantula. They completed their day by visiting other animals at the Zoo; snakes, bats, rodents and bugs which often promote a phobic response but also lions and tigers who do not.

Goodbye Lenin and other works

8th February 2018

All students studying German travelled to Cecil Sharp House in London in order to participate in a study day. This helped to prepare



those in the Upper 6th for their upcoming exams and also simply aided their knowledge of the German literary works and films, which we have studied, including 'Goodbye Lenin!' and 'Der Vorleser' (The Reader). This trip developed understanding of these complex stories and the ability to answer essay questions in German effectively and also provided a day out into London with our fellow, albeit few, classmates.
By Edward Hagen

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Award

May 2018

Congratulations to students who have completed their Gold Award and have been invited to Buckingham Palace on 17th May 2018 to receive their award.



They are; Thomas Gee, Catriona Eldridge, Samuel Humphreys, Natasha Coreth, Yollie Morgan, Louise Egerton, Sean O'Neill, Ella Hargreaves, Conner R. Grew, Molly Crawford, Hannah Coleman, James Driver, Isabelle Hancock, Huw David, Rory Michael Cole, Isabelle Pritchard, Sophie Madden, James Harrison, Ruby Seber, Thomas Davies, Matthew Wilson-Thomas, George Clare.

Exploring Japanese Art

15th March 2018

A Level Art and Design student Lara Hughes began a project exploring Japanese Art for the Gold Arts Award. The qualification encourages the student to take a leadership role and as such Lara organised a Japanese Masterclass for fellow students which introduced them to the culture of Japan through art, literature and history.



"The event was designed to give students a chance to experience some aspects of Japan's amazing and varied culture. We started the evening by trying some Japanese calligraphy.

[Read More by Lara Hughes](#)

Season 2 continues...

March 2018

Season 2 reaches its' half way point with HOMEGROWN, ClassAction's festival of devised theatre, new contemporary pieces of physical theatre created by our first year drama practitioners. Performance work throughout our season, and particularly during this festival brings to life claims about inclusiveness, learning that engages, and valuing the talents of the individual. It is hard to find a subject that has a stronger focus on the quality of the end result: there will be a performance, it must be well researched and professional, and there will be nowhere to hide.



[Read more](#)

The Crafty Brewing Company talks business

21st March 2018

To mark the beginning of its expansion plans, The Crafty Brewing Co. came to Godalming to work in partnership with students by providing a live brief for a unit of the Business Studies BTEC course.



Students were invited to listen to a presentation from The Crafty Brewing Company's founder and Head Brewer, Luke Herman and company CEO, Andrew McMorran. The presentation introduced students to the brewing industry and the challenges that the small local brewery business faces as it reaches beyond Surrey to open up new markets for its award winning craft beers. Following the presentation the Business students have been invited to develop their own ideas and strategy to help The Crafty Brewing Company stake its claim in Germany and the United States.

All entries will be judged by a panel including Godalming College's Head of Business Studies, Anne Lomas and the Crafty Brewing management team and three winners will be announced at the end of the Spring Term.

[Read more](#)

National Secularist Society of the Year presentation lunch

24th March 2018

Lucy Page and Jas Sahouta (leaders of Godalming College Secular Society) attended a prestigious lunch in London on 24 March hosted by the National Secular Society with Peter Tatchell (LGBT campaigner) as Master of Ceremonies.

Lucy and Jas were invited on stage by Mariam Nawazi (One Law for All) to promote 'My Stealthy Freedom' an Iranian online movement to defend the right for freedom from compulsory Hijab.



Both students had an unforgettable experience and were able to mingle and make contacts with high profile Secular campaigners such as Southall Black Sisters and Amina Lone (Social Action and

Research Foundation) which fearlessly challenges both the Islamist and anti-Muslim far Right. The £5000 prize went to Rev Graham Sawyer, a serving vicar, for his courageous work in exposing sexual abuse in the Church of England.

Portraits of My Father

23rd March 2018

Head of Art and Design, Dan Fooks held a very personal exhibition at Conway Hall, London of many portraits of his father's final year, entitled Portraits of My Father.



Dan was very close to his father and had drawn and painted him since childhood. Not only did he document his father's chemotherapy treatment in 2014 but he got his permission to photograph and draw him when the time came for him to die.

"Witnessing the death of someone you love is a very strange and intense experience. What I saw that day left its mark and I knew I had to do something with it – it was like his last gift to me."

Despite the snow which disrupted the opening night, Dan was honoured to receive a visit by Jeremy Corbyn to the exhibition who found it extremely moving.

Careers in the making



May 2018

It has been an active term as far as Careers Education goes with the emphasis on 'the future' for our first year students. Along with a tutorial programme that is promoting opportunities the students also have had trips to the National Apprenticeship Show, the UCAS Convention, Careers Day at College, A Next Steps Evening with Careers Fair and the opportunity of the Oxbridge Conference.

[Read more about these opportunities here](#)

Hospitality raises more than £1000 for charity



21th & 22nd March 2018

The second year hospitality and event management groups have had a successful term planning and organising two charity events as part of their BTEC course. The first event was a Parent Quiz Night held on Wednesday 21st March in aid of World Down's Syndrome Day and the second a 'Vintage Day' at college with a clothes sale, cakes, sweets, popcorn and mini photos. A brilliant outcome and learning experience for both groups of hospitality students to take with them when they leave at the end of the academic year!

[See how much they raised here](#)

Work Experience in Cordoba



March 2018

Eleven Upper 6th Spanish students took up the challenge to carry out work experience in Cordoba, Spain. They worked in museums, shops, schools or offices, and stayed with a local host family. Apart from their jobs, the students were able to visit World Heritage sites which they had learned about on the course, like the Old Town, the Mosque-Cathedral, the Palace of the Christian Monarchs, where Christopher Columbus planned the journey which ended in the discovery of America, and the Calahorra Tower with the Roman Bridge leading to it. The immersion in the language really helped the students with their confidence and their fluency.

Mixing baking and photography



March 2018

Benji Millar enjoyed a day with Donna Crous a full-time blogger and food photographer from Godalming to learn the skills for his own work. Benji who studies Biology, Psychology and Economics is both passionate about baking and photography and regularly blogs the results. He recently appeared in the magazine NPhoto with a feature called *good enough to eat*.

Gigs and Bands

27th March 2018

Students taking the Rockscool Music Practitioners Qualification put on their final live showcase in the Music Department in the last week of term. The main objective of the course is to work as part of a band and to put together a live set together. Students impressed an audience of friends, family and staff on Tuesday 27th March. Three bands played; an acoustic set from Varsha Dadachanji & Darcie Lee, whose charming vocal blend and soft piano arrangements soothed the audience, 'Visionary', comprised of Charlie Bewsey, Eloise Atter and George Marsh with their energetic and eclectic set followed by 'Plastic Plant', comprised of Kieran MacDonald-Brown and Harry Richards. The duo performed largely original material including music interspersed with dialogue quoted from Shakespeare! In charge of live sound was Grace Barnsdale who admirably managed the



technical setup and live mixing of all the bands. Course leader Darren Rampton said 'The show was a success and testament to the hard work of all the bands throughout the past two terms. It also served as a taster for lower sixth students wishing to sign up to take the course next year'.

The Pasta Kitchen



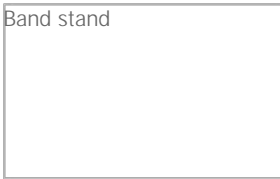
28th March 2018

Development chef Nick Farley had a successful day launching with Phil, Sarah and the team, Pasta Kitchen at Godalming College. With a healthy variety of Tomato & Basil, Mascapone & Tomato, Vegetable Chilli plus our new Red Tractor Meatballs in Tomato sauce, the students were overwhelmed with the choice.

Feedback from students was positive with the Meatballs being most the popular choice! Simple yet sooooo satisfying.....

COMING SOON

Band stand



Music in the Park

13th May 2018

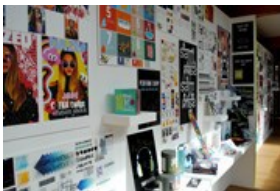
Enjoy the talent of Godalming College's musicians at the opening of the summer season of the Music in the Park at the Godalming Bandstand. Each year the students provide their summer concert in this way and for our upper sixth students this will mark the end of their time at College. The concert will take place at the Bandstand in Philips Memorial Park, Godalming at 3pm, Sunday 13th May. All welcome.



Starman from Heaven

14th May 2018

The screening of 'Starman from Heaven', by Elliot Kershaw will take place on Monday 14th May at 4.45pm in the Music Performance Studio, 802. Tickets priced at £2, all funds from ticket sales and the raffle will go to the Allsorts Youth Project.



Arts Festival

3rd July 2018

Enjoy an evening of the Arts on 3rd July, 4-8pm. Creative Arts will hold their annual Art and Design Exhibition with work from Art, Textiles, Photography, Graphic and Product Design. Performing Arts will include a Drama performance and live music, Media and Film will screen their showreel of best work and Digital Creative Technologies will display project work.



Open Evening

4th July 2018

The Open Evening is an ideal opportunity for year 10 and 11 students and their parents to find out about the College, the specialist teaching and learning, the excellent facilities, the range of enrichment activities available and generally soak up the atmosphere and to get a feel for what College life is like.

SPORT AND MUSIC



Sports News

Easter 2018

Godalming have continued to perform strongly overall across all sports since Christmas, doing well in the leagues in addition to three teams still in their respective cup competitions and standing a great chance of reaching / winning the finals



Music News

Easter 2018

- Toby Anderson - commissioned to write for the London Sinfonietta
- Eyra Norman - performing in the Elgar Room at The Royal Albert Hall as a soloist
- Eyra Norman - performing with the English National Opera in their performance of Dido and Aeneas
- Rosie Sutton - won the Worthing Piano Competition
- Rosie Sutton - selected to perform at the Royal Academy of Music's Piano Concert for a second year
- Matt Tate - won 'Best Instrumentalist' at the Southern Counties Band Association spring contest
- Will Rowling - place in the National Brass Band of Great Britain
- Dash Buckley - place in the National Youth Musical Theatre
- Dee Ferry-Swainson - commissioned to write for the voice trio 'Juice', a performance will be given at the Royal College of Music
- Dee Ferry-Swainson - commissioned to write music for the Royal College of Music's Senior Choir
- Felix Rockhill - Woking Young Musician of the Year final
- Felix Rockhill - semi-final of the Rotary Young Musician of the Year competition
- Felix Rockhill - place in the National Brass Band of Great Britain
- Clem Pickering - won the North London Festival's viola class
- Clem Pickering was part of a chamber group who came joint first place at the Pro Corda National Chamber Music Festival

Godalming Music Festival

- Zoe Owlett won best woodwind solo
- Felix Rockhill won best brass solo
- Felix Rockhill won best overall brass performance
- Clem Pickering won best Bach solo

Ex-student, Lizzie Baumberg performed at the Southbank with the WOW Orchestra/Sandy Toskvig for Women's International Month

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