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A Night of Celebration

Godalming College was very proud to welcome back alumni Sam Jackson as the guest speaker for the Let's Celebrate event on Thursday 29th June, where awards were presented to the best students on each course for either their outstanding achievement or for effort and determination, others won memorial prizes or awards for their contribution to the college or wider community.

Sam Jackson was a student at Godalming College from 1999 to 2001. A talented musician, playing the Piano, Clarinet and Saxophone, Sam was very much inspired by his music teacher and went on to gain a first class degree in Music from the University of York and is now the Managing Editor of two national radio stations, Classic FM and Smooth Radio.

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NEWS

Arts Festival 2017



3rd July 2017

On Monday 3rd July Godalming College hosted a showcase event of students' work, which included displays from subjects such as Art, Textiles, Photography, Graphic Design, Product Design, Drama, Dance, Media, Music, Film, Digital Creative Technology and History of Art. Parents and VIPs were invited to the College for a preview evening and enjoyed a glass of wine and Barbecue in the piazza.

The Arts remain a thriving and vibrant part of the College's course offer and many extra-curricular activities. The Arts offer young people exciting additional opportunities. The work on show was exciting and varied as ever, with many visitors expressing their congratulations at the quality of what they saw.

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Class Action Summer Season - Another Day in the Sun



3rd July 2017

Godalming College has gained a unique reputation as one of the leading performance arts departments in the country and our alumni are now working in all fields of the industry, and more importantly – they are generously giving their time and their advice as they return to Godalming to network with our current practitioners. This work was recently recognised by the SFCA Enrichment and Employability Awards scheme.

PROVOKING, ENTERTAINING, POPULAR AND ECLECTIC: Performance work has run throughout the term and we have played to consistent 'full-houses' – most recently new pieces of

musical theatre and dance work. We have the busiest Summer programme that we have ever had, including staging a musical in just under two weeks! There are not many other colleges, let alone arts venues that are producing that scale of work.

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Mayor's Inauguration



11th June 2017

Godalming Town Mayor, Cllr Simon Thornton, celebrated his inauguration on 11th June with a completely secular event which focussed on the young people of Godalming. A choir from St Hilary's, the Rodborough Jazz Band, children's stories from Moss Road, readings from Broadwater and two eloquent speeches by Konstantina Nouka and Lucy Page of Godalming College.

Konstantina talked about what the Godalming College Secular Society had done for her personally, how she felt that it had given her the freedom to express opinions and discuss, with others, more controversial issues. Lucy talked about the National Secular Society and their aims which are to equally respect everyone's human rights, she feels that we should do as much as we possibly can to promote these aims across the country.

Both Konstantina and Lucy were congratulated for their thought provoking words by the Mayor in a letter of thanks.

A Roentgenium for Julian James



3rd July 2017

Congratulations go to a very talented chemist who has been awarded the Roentgenium by Cambridge University. Lower sixth student, Julian James took part in the annual Cambridge Chemistry Challenge, competing against 7,000 students nationally and was placed in the top 0.78%.

The Cambridge Chemistry Challenge is a prestigious competition which attracts entries from all over the world. The competition takes the form of a 90 minute written paper set by an experienced team of teachers and university chemists.

It is designed to be accessible to lower sixth students who are looking to take their interest in Chemistry beyond sixth form and takes them significantly beyond the syllabus, encouraging them to think about science in the way they would at university. The competition aims to stretch and challenge students interested in chemistry.

Julian has now been offered the chance to spend a weekend at the University's Chemical Laboratory where he will meet other first rate chemists and hone his Chemistry skills, whilst getting a taste of life at one of the world's best universities.

"Julian has worked exceptionally hard for this award and thoroughly deserves his success, well done, he is an example of what hard work and dedication can achieve" says Fiona Kennard, Head of Chemistry

BSHM Maths Essay Prize



May 2017

Essay writing is not often associated with maths but the British Society for the History of Maths run a Schools Plus Competition which encourages students to research how mathematics has been part of human culture since the beginnings of civilization through commerce, architecture, legal theory, cosmology, astrology and countless other activities.

The competition set the question 'where would the world be without mathematics?' Lower sixth student, Dougal Houston took up the challenge and submitted an entry entitled 'the pioneers of mathematics and where would we be without them', becoming overall winner of the 2017 competition in the 16-19 category, winning £100 prize money.

The First Gold Level Arts Award



3rd July 2017

Lizzie Baumberg (Music student), Jessie Taylor and Kristina Bodman-Smith (Drama students), are celebrating being the first students at Godalming College to ever achieve the Gold Arts Award from Trinity College, London.

The Gold level Arts Award is available to students who



study Music, Music Technology, Dance, Drama, Performing Arts, Art and History of Art. It is aimed at students who wish to pursue a career in the Arts and are thinking of applying to Music conservatoires, Drama/Dance schools or Art Colleges.

“Arts Award has been a hugely beneficial experience for all the students involved. From a multitude of disciplines and specialities, all students developed their technical ability’s and managed the process of learning a new skill” say Ryan Stagg, Arts Award mentor

Young Leaders Meet With US Ambassador



22nd May 2017

On 22nd May 2017, Godalming College Lower Sixth students Connor Tomlinson and Rose Sherlock travelled up to Liverpool to meet with the US Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Hon. Lewis Lukens.

As delegates to the United States’ Embassy UK Young Leaders programme, the students were invited to attend the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Liverpool to meet with Ambassador Lukens and Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Liverpool, Fiona Beveridge, to discuss a range of topics, from UK-US relations and American culture, to political opportunities available for young people outside London.

After the meeting at the University, Connor and Rose were invited to Liverpool City Hall to attend the reception commemorating the United States entry into World War I. Here they met a number of officials, including the Mayor of Liverpool, Cllr Roz Gladden, and heard readings from representatives of the four branches of the US military. As the reception concluded, they were taken to the Liverpool ONE to view the opening ceremony of the “Fields of Battle, Lands of Peace: The Doughboys 1917-1918” exhibition, where they were given a tour of the exhibition by artist and creator Martin Sheil.

On the whole, it was an incredible experience for the two students - who also represent Surrey in the UK Youth Parliament - giving them a real insight into the heart of the US diplomatic mission in the United Kingdom.

Mock General Election



June 2017

To stimulate political debate and discussion amongst our young people, some of whom were of an age to vote and others not quite reaching the age boundary, the student activities team held a mock election in College. Five politics students volunteered to take on the mantle and stand as candidates of the Conservative, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Green and UKIP parties. They each nominated an agent to help run their campaign with posters and flyers and the candidates set about canvassing their peers. This culminated in a debate, on the stage in the Piazza so that all students could be involved. Voting was completed online over three days with Joe Hettrick, the Labour party candidate winning a landslide victory. This result reflected the mood of young people in the real general election but possibly also down to Joe’s excellent performance.

Studienfahrt Nach Berlin



23rd June 2017

From the 20 to the 23 June, the lower sixth German group travelled to Berlin to discover the wonders of Germany through its history and culture. We stayed at the A&O hostel (on the 7th floor, with only one tiny lift) and commuted via public transport to places such as the Reichstagsgebäude, Holocaust Memorial, Fernsehtrium, Alte Nationalgalerie, DDR Museum and many other places!

We walked miles around Berlin, got lost several times and just survived the heatwave! The Bauhaus museum, our last adventure, was particularly trying, but it did teach us a very valuable lesson: There are people who can happily talk for a whole hour about lamps and chairs, without letting you sit on one.

The ice cream at the Potsdamer Platz was very tasty and quite a few of us tried Currywurst with German fries and ketchup- an absolute MUST in Germany!

Our EasyJet flight was delayed which allowed us to explore the

(not so exciting) ex-GDR airport Schönefeld. We arrived at Gatwick at approximately 1am exhausted, but very happy after a wonderful four days in Berlin!

Eyra Norman and Eleanor Crow

Music In The Park



June 2017

Young musicians at Godalming College were very privileged to have opened this year's Music in the Park concert series organised by the GO Godalming Association.

Students from the college's concert orchestra and Jazz Band performed a two hour set on Godalming's bandstand in the shining sun to a large audience. The 60 strong concert orchestra performed a range of music including theme from Pirates of the Caribbean, a medley from Les Miserables, Pomp and Circumstance, an Elvis medley, Party Dance Anthem, Irish Party in Third Class, You Can't Stop the Beat from Hairspray and the theme from Family Guy to name but a few pieces. The Jazz Band has over 20 members who performed Virtual Insanity, Son of a Preacher Man, Beyond the Sea, Take Five, Enter Sandman and Birdland. The Jazz Band included powerful vocal performances from Gina Dunn, Hannah Hay and Hannah McAuley.

AoC National Sports Championships



April 2017

The AoC National Championships 2017 took place over the weekend of the 21-23rd April, at the brand new facilities at the University of Nottingham. The Championships celebrate competitive sport in Colleges, providing recognition, enjoyment and unique opportunity for students to compete. They also remain the largest annual student sporting evening in the UK, with more than 1,600 students taking part last year.

College teams and individual competitors can qualify to represent their region at the Championships through regional tournaments hosted throughout the academic year by AoC Sport. Godalming College students, Hannah Morris, Ruby Conway and Maddie Stugess all took part in the cross country event which saw them receive a Silver Medal as part of the South East Team. Lucy Shaw-Hill took part in the Women's Rugby Team who came 4th.

NEWS FROM EX-STUDENTS

Recycling Old Plastic Bags To Make Skate Boards



July 2017

Ex-Godalming student Jason Knight has invented a way to recycle plastic bags into skateboards with the invention of a machine that heats the bags to around 200 degrees Celsius for two hours, then uses pressure to mould a solid object.

Jason, 22 is just graduating from a design degree with Brunel University but his design is taking the world by storm as he encourages young people to think about recycling by offering the use of his press in exchange for the 1,500 plastic bags (1.8kg) needed to make a skateboard deck.

For his A level Product Design project Jason was looking at ways in which cardboard could be used as a building material, producing dozens of different production all made from corrugated card.

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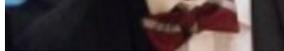
Top Prize from the Royal College of Anaesthetists



5th May 2017

Ex-student Dr Aaron D'Sa, completed his A levels at Godalming in 2006 and studied medicine at Cambridge University. For the last two years he has been working as a Trust Registrar in the Anaesthetic Department at Peterborough City hospital and has been working towards his higher specialist Anaesthetic exams.

After scoring top marks in every assessment, Dr D'Sa was contacted by the Royal College of Anaesthetists and invited to the Diplomates Ceremony in Westminster on the 5 May, where he was awarded the Nuffield Medal for his performance



in the primary FRCA examination, which recognises the top student in the country.

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