



## Another set of excellent results

Godalming College has once again maintained an outstanding level of performance at A level and students enjoyed celebrating the results of their hard work with a results day breakfast.

The key headlines for 2017 exam results are:-

- In excess of 900 students studied for A level exams and BTEC qualifications with 2396) entries at A level and 320 BTEC entries
- A level pass rate at 99.3%
- A\* -C grade rate at 81%
- 28 subjects had a 100% pass rate
- BTEC pass rate at 100% with 92% of entries at Distinction\* - Merit
- 61 students achieved A\* and A grades in all of their subjects

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## NEWS

### Turner Prize winner interviewed by students

*August 2017*

History of Art students, Elaoise Benson Amber Bardell, James Lye and Maisy Jacobs, were invited into the home of Turner prize winning artist, Jeremy Deller at his home in London to interview him for the new History of Art specification to be launched this year across the country. The theme of the interview was 'War in Art' for which his works *It is What It Is*, *The Battle of Orgreave* and *We're Here Because We're Here* are particularly poignant.



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### Students rise to the challenge

*July - August 2017*

In the summer of 2017 a group of intrepid students (and a teacher) took part in the Godalming College 4 week expedition to Tanzania with True Adventure. The trip included scuba diving in Zanzibar with students obtaining their PADI Open Water certification, a safari and a 3 day trek in the Uluguru mountains, passing through several remote villages and beautiful waterfalls!



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## Vice President speaks at Labour Party Conference

25th September 2017

Student Union Vice President, Connor Tomlinson was invited to speak at the Labour Party Conference in Brighton, at an event addressing teenager voter suppression and political apathy.



Connor, who is the Member of UK Youth Parliament for Surrey, gave a passionate speech as he shared his experiences of working in the youth voice sector, and campaigning for votes at 16.

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## The Band of the Royal Logistic Corps

28th September 2017

Felix Rockhill and Daniel Baumberg were invited to play in a jazz themed concert with world renowned big band trumpet player Louis Dowdeswell and the Band of the Royal Logistic Corps. The two Godalming College students, who both play the euphonium and trombone, were a substitute for SSGT John Storey who had another engagement to attend that evening.



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## Sleep No More

September 2017

Over 100 ClassAction practitioners filled every space in Godalming College's Performing Arts Centre to present the inaugural production of the 2017-2018 season. Our first year practitioners mixed with some second year practitioners to present their first production – an immersive promenade theatre adventure that presented a new and vibrant theatre form to our audiences.



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## Student Activities Fair

28th September 2017

The Student Activities Fair at the end of September was as usual a lively and enlightening event with many internal clubs and societies and also external organisations offering anything from challenge activities to volunteering opportunities. The aim is to offer students an opportunity to broaden their skills and experience in preparation for the wider world...and also have fun! Other stands, such as the one pictured, promoted respect and equality for others. Photographs like this have been circulated around the College in a competition to win an 'Ally Coalition' T-shirt, which stands up for LGBT+ rights.



## Project i.d. 2017

September 2017

A 100 strong capacity audience in Studio 816 was entertained and provoked by ClassAction's "PROJECT.i.d." induction performance at the start of this term, featuring fragments of a variety of genres of the performing arts. Project i.d. introduces our first year practitioners to the Studio 816 audience, and acts as a baseline audit of their work giving them a spring-board to jump off from into their training here with ClassAction. Andrew Pullen, Head of Drama and Dance said "After just two weeks our first year practitioners have formed a performance company – such is the dedication from them and their subject tutors. For some this is a huge journey - from never having danced on stage in your life, to choreographing and performing your own routine is not an easy task. For others theirs is a specialism they have spent time perfecting and working upon and this initial journey is that bit easier, but essentially success will be measured by the improvement they make over the coming two years with ClassAction".



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## Graham Dee visits the College Rockschool

3rd October 2017

A highly respected tutor and vocal coach from ICMP London paid a recent visit to Godalming Music Department.

Graham Dee, who has worked on shows such as The X Factor, delivered a session to students taking the Rockschool Music Practitioners' Qualification. The session focused on performance skills, working in a band, arranging and stage craft. Graham listened to all the student bands play and provided each one with some tailored advice. Students found the session helpful and inspiring.



Kieran MacDonald-Brown says 'Graham gave us lots of useful advice about rehearsal techniques such as playing at low volume to really hear different parts, and practising your stage manner and expressions. He also spoke about taking smaller gigs seriously, using merchandise, working with an eclectic range of musicians and other really good tips on being successful in the music industry.'

For more information about the Music and Music Technology courses available at ICMP, visit [www.icmp.ac.uk](http://www.icmp.ac.uk)

## RAG week

9th - 13th October 2017

RAG Festival Day took place on Friday 13th to mark the end of RAG week. The SU led a variety of activities and entertainment, including some fancy dress themes for particular days - all in aid of a good cause! This culminated in a showcase of musical talent that took place on Friday lunchtime, which was an excellent way to end the RAG week.



The money raised will be donated to Water Aid and Guildford Street Angel's, two very deserving causes.

## Aiming Higher - a drama school masterclass from EAST 15

October 2017

Every year ClassAction see a large number of our alumni gaining places at some of the country's top drama and dance schools - including this year: East 15, GSA, PPA, Performers, Mountview, Oxford School of Drama, Evolution, MTA. We support our practitioner's applications through our Aim Higher programme of 1-1 tutorials, group workshops and masterclasses from the top Drama Schools, including a visit this term from Kevin Wyatt-Lown from East 15 Acting School discussing applications, interviews and auditions.



## EVENTS



### Loose Lips & Fast Toes

30th November 2017

An evening of contemporary dance and naturalistic theatre including Punk Rock, Herons and The Believers.



### Christmas Concert 2017

30th November 2017

Christmas starts here with a wonderful mix of music from the Concert Orchestra, Jazz Band, Godalming College Singers, Chamber Choir, Ensembles and Soloists featuring classical and contemporary music and some old favourites that you can sing along to. The Choir and Orchestra will finish with a range of Christmas tunes which are guaranteed to bring some festive cheer!



## A Matter of Life and Death

*w/b 11th December*

A cinematic classic comes to life on stage. ClassAction jives into STUDIO 816 with a new adaptation of this much loved war movie by Powell and Pressburger. A love story set against the backdrop of the Second World War - romantic, surreal and poignantly funny.

See events page of the [website](#) for details of ticket sales

## NEWS FROM EX-STUDENTS

### Performing Arts



*September 2017*

Ex-Godalming College student Sam Thomas has won Best Actor in a Musical at the first ever The Stage Debut Awards, which celebrates young British emerging stage talent, in a ceremony in London. His award was received for his role in the Rogers and Hammerstein musical Allegro at the Southwark Playhouse in London. Thomas, who described his reaction to winning as simply 'shock' went on to say that 'all the other lads nominated in the category were all worthy of this, but obviously I feel absolute pride, excitement and honour.'

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### A Passion for History



*September 2017*

The History department were delighted to receive this photo from Oxford this week capturing 3 students who found a real love for History at Godalming and have gone on to pursue their passion. From right to left in this photo are Emily Jonas, Joe Hettrick and Laura Gill who remain good friends, along with Jemima Wickenden and Laura Neuhaus who also went to Oxford but are not in the photograph. Laura's mum says 'They're a great bunch who have been taught by a fantastic department'

### In memory of a dear friend - Falling Away With You



*September 2017*

Amy Turk was a student at Godalming College from 2005-7. In the summer she came into College to record a video in memory of her friend and ex-Godalming student, Sam Glover, who tragically died in an accident earlier this year. Amy who completed a Master's degree with the Royal Academy of Music is now a professional musician, as is her brother Ben, also an ex-student.

[View youtube video](#)

### The Maurice Hancock Scholarship



*September 2017*

Congratulations to Yusuf Mohamed Ismail who left Godalming College this year with 3 A\*s and an A in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry and joined Imperial College London to study for a Master's Degree in Electronic and Information Engineering.

Yusuf a gifted mathematician has been awarded the Maurice Hancock Scholarship by Imperial for excellence in A levels. The scholarship winners receive £1,000 each from the department.

Yusuf is pictured third from the left, along with other scholarship winners.

