



The Light Burns Blue

The highlight of the Autumn Season has been our production of Silva Smerciyan's 'The Light Burns Blue' the first production outside of the play's premier at Bristol Old Vic in June 2015. The play is set during the First World War, and based on the true-story of seventeen-year-old Elsie Wright who fooled the world into believing she had photographed fairies in her garden. Elsie and her cousin Frances are catapulted to the heights of fame, their photographs published around the world, even capturing the attention of celebrated author of the Sherlock Holmes stories, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

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NEWS

We wish you a Merry Christmas

9th December 2015

One hundred musical students put on a spectacular performance to a packed audience at the Christmas Music Concert. The mix of music provided a fantastically entertaining evening with the highlights including; the Jazz Band performing Royal Garden Blues by Williams and Williams and Ray Charles Hallelujah I love her so. The impressive Concert Orchestra performed the fellowship of the Ring by Shore and Chariots of Fire by Vangelis. The Chamber Choir confidently performed O Magnum Mysterium by Lauridsen and Angel's Carol by Rutter, with the newly formed Godalming College Singers providing a rendition of Little Lion Man by Mumford and Sons and Africa by Toto. Gina Dunn provided a rousing performance of I Dreamed a Dream from Les Miserables.



Elizabeth Knatt managed to play two recorders at once through a delay pedal and performed a modern piece called Hommage an Hildegard von Bingen by Siegenmeyer. Peter Fenech conducted the String Group in their performance of the Capriol Suite by Brown. The Christmas theme came in the second half of the concert kicked off by Katie McClung singing All I want for Christmas is You and Eoghan McCarthy singing White



Christmas. The poignant piece used for this year's John Lewis Christmas Advert, Half a World Away, was performed by a collective of the A level Music Students.

Ceilidh Botfield, Head of Music says 'it is wonderful to work with such talented musicians, many are committed to a musical career, some have won awards at local festivals, others play nationally but all enjoy making music and this was celebrated at the Christmas Concert'

The next concert will be on the 23rd March at the United Reform Church, in aid of the Dan Eley Foundation.

ImagiNATION by ClassAction

4th December 2015

A 100 strong capacity audience in Studio 816 was enchanted by ClassAction's "imagineNATION" workshare at the end of this term, featuring re-imaginings of some classic performance texts. Andrew Pullen, Head of Drama and Dance said "it was wonderful to see our students exploring classic texts, mature and developed pieces of performance that they tackled with a drive and a passion, then taking that into their performance practice." The audience were treated to an eclectic mixture of dance, performance and song.



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Musical addition thanks to the Dan Eley Foundation

November 2015

Thank you to the Dan Eley Foundation for the addition of a Double Bass to the instrument collection at Godalming College. It will allow more students to learn this amazing instrument and be used with the orchestra, jazz band and string group.



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Preparing for a medical career

12th November 2015

Hopeful medical students from the Aim High in Medicine group at Godalming College recently took part in a practice morning for the daunting formal interview and multiple mini interviews that are commonly used for entry into medical schools. Visiting Professor MJ Platt, along with Medical Ambassadors from the University of Nottingham and our own senior management team put the students through their paces followed by an afternoon of lectures and workshops.



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Practitioners panel

12th November 2015

ClassAction Practitioners Panel is a wonderful end of term event where we welcome back alumni who are currently studying at some of the top dance/drama schools or who are out working professionally to share advice, tips and industry knowledge with our current practitioners. Currently ClassAction have students at RADA, Lamda, East 15, Central, Mountview, Arts ED, Drama Centre, Performers, Laines, Urdang, Laban Trinity, Guildford school of Acting and PPA as well as a host of top drama and dance degree programmes.



Strictly Spanish Dancing

December 2015

Year 10 students from the Waverley Federation who visit Godalming College once a week for GCSE Spanish lessons got to learn more than just the language on their last lesson before Christmas. They had to listen very carefully to the instructions, given in Spanish, on how to dance the Salsa. Jo Martin says ' it was great fun and they were brilliant students.



Learning about Papua New Guinea



November 2015

World Development students welcomed Louise Humpington, Head of Oxfam's development programme in Papua New Guinea. Louise, who ran a workshop for students also interested in International Relations, Politics, Development, Geography or Anthropology at University, also talked about her work around Human Rights.

Papua New Guinea is a very interesting part of the world. It has the highest linguistic diversity on the planet, amazing wildlife and a fascinating tribal diversity too. She also brought her husband who worked in environmental sustainability and was out there with her volunteering for the UN. Louise discussed her experiences with the group, including some very powerful and moving personal experiences. She then gave the students some scenarios to discuss and did a brief plenary on some of the issues to consider.

FUNDRAISING

Prostate Cancer UK

4th December 2015

Computer student Daniel Colmer spent a week using technology from the 80s in order to raise money for Prostate Cancer UK. For a week he carried a heavy Compaq 386 computer to College, using it to write notes from lessons and work on his EPQ introduction and then saving it to floppy disk. Dan raised £400, which was donated to a representative of Prostate Cancer UK at a ceremony in the College.



Dan a vintage technology enthusiast recently set about repairing a Camcorder that had recently been donated to the College. Only to find it had a tape of someone's wedding inside. Dan and his family tracked down the church in the recording and managed to reunite the tape with the couple in the film, who were delighted.

[Read more about Prostate Cancer UK](#)

Jessie's Fund

8th December 2015

On Tuesday 8th December, second year Travel and Tourism students hosted a charity event for the upper and lower sixth from Godalming College and the surrounding colleges. The event managed to attract up to 300 students and raised £1000. The money will go to a charity called Jessie's Fund which helps children with additional and complex needs express themselves through the use of music.

[Read more about Jessie's Fund](#)



EVENTS



Charity Quiz Night

12th January 2016

All proceeds to Save the Children. Travel and Tourism Students are hosting a 'pub style' quiz on 12th January starting 7.30pm. They would love you to join them. Tickets are £10 which includes the price of tasty fish and chips or a burger (meat or vegetarian) and chips supper. All proceeds to Save the Children.

Email srm@godalming.ac.uk for more details

NEWS FROM EX-STUDENTS

BAFTAs Breakthrough Brit



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27th November 2015

Games Sound Designer Jessica Saunders have been selected for one of this year's BAFTA Breakthrough Brits, recognising her as the best new talent in the field of Games Sound Design. Her credits include Fable heroes, Kinect Sports Rivals and one of this year's fastest selling games, Batman: Arkham Knight.

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UK's Young Coach of the Year

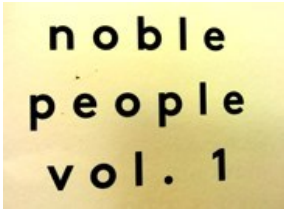


December 2015

Andrew Pink is 'very honoured' to be named the Young Coach of the Year at the prestigious UK Coaching Awards held in Manchester earlier this month. Sitting with the directors of British Cycling and surrounded by the best coaches in the UK, Andrew found out that he had beaten off 1,000 other competitors in 25 different sports to win the Heather Crouch Award for the Young Coach of the Year. Previous winners at these awards have been Rebecca Adlington and Ben Ainslie.

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Noble People



14th & 15th November 2015

Axel Lagerbourg, friends and colleagues have launched their first exhibition of the Noble People: Volume One at the Soho Revue Gallery. The Noble People is a collaboration of artists in music, fashion and art who have a central ethos of progression, in both form and meaning. A limited-edition range of merchandise accompanied the exhibition, using a collaborative effort to bring aesthetics to fashion.

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