



A Wonderful Christmas Time

The Christmas Concert launched the festive season at Godalming College with a triumphant showcase of musical talent which brought festive cheer and a great deal of pride from the Godalming College staff and parents of the 100 young people who performed.

The first half of the evening was opened by the Concert Orchestra with selections from Chicago, Gonna Fly Now and Stevie Wonder. An eclectic mix of music followed with true classics as in the Violin Duet Invention numbers 1 and 8 by Bach and Trombone Quartet: movement 2 by Bourgeois to modern hits such as Sky Fall and Valerie by The Jazz Band.

The second half was aimed at putting everyone in the festive mood with the Wind Quintet playing a beautiful Away in a Manager, The Flute Trio with Gaudete and the Chamber Choir's moving Seal Lullaby by Witacre, Angels Carol by Rutter and O Magnum Mysterium by Lauridsen. The Godalming College Singers gave us a very jolly Wonderful Christmastime by McCartney and Silent Night by Mohr and Gruber. The Concert Orchestra finished with Fairytale of New York, Ukranian Bell Carol and a medley of Christmas tunes which they called A Jazzy Christmas.

Ceilidh Botfield, Head of Music, said 'I continue to be astounded by the talent, dedication and professionalism of the students. Each year they work incredibly hard to produce fantastic performances and I am very proud of them all. I wish them all a well-deserved rest over Christmas and I am looking forward to working towards our Spring concert next term'.

NEWS

Film awards ceremony for talented duo



November 2017

An amazing achievement for two Film Studies students, Flynn Matthews (left) and Ollie McCoy-Page (right) who entered the WJEC's Moving Image Awards this year, a national competition run by the examination board. Huge congratulations to them as they have each been shortlisted for the final awards ceremony where their films will be screened at the British Film institute in January.

Acting Up 2017



4th December 2017

One of the highlights of the Autumn Season is ACTING UP, where we throw open our doors to welcome Gifted and Talented performance students from our feeder schools. Working alongside our practitioners, the 100 students take part in a series of workshops, forums and Q & A sessions – tightening the links between the drama departments in the Waverley Federation. This year we were pleased to welcome Peer Productions, a professional theatre company who ran workshop sessions. We finished the day with a performance of Simon Stephens' "Hérons" from our Performing Arts practitioners.

Short film celebrating [ACTING UP 2017](#)

A step closer to the Great Debate



November 2017

Hugo Millard, from Headley Down, has won the West Surrey heat of the Historical Association Public Speaking Competition and is now invited to the 'Great Debate' to be held at the Houses of Parliament in March 2018.

The topic for the West Surrey competitions: Was the 1918 extension of the franchise the most significant moment in British democratic history? Hugo chose to focus on the German printing press of the 15th Century as the most significant moment in democratic history.

[Read more](#)

Appointment to the National Youth Orchestra



November 2017

Music student Toby Anderson is celebrating his appointment as a composer for the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain, a prestigious role which has been held by some of the country's best known musicians.

Composers are a unique and distinctive feature of the NYO that you won't find in any other youth orchestra. They work together with the musicians to explore new symphonic compositions and write pieces both for the whole orchestra to play as well as for diverse ensembles.

Over 700 people applied for the position of composer and 4 have been appointed.

[Read more](#)

A Matter of Life and Death



13th - 15th December

Visitors to STUDIO 816 this last week of term have been treated to a cinematic classic brought lovingly to life in our studio theatre; A Matter of Life and Death, based on the 1940's film by Powell and Pressburger has offered a surprising, heartfelt and touching story to our audiences as we race towards the Christmas period.

Theatre is many things to different audiences, and through this production ClassAction have explored a new side to our work grabbing the opportunity to explore different aspects of our craft, to open up thought and try out new techniques; story-telling, puppetry, hoop and bungee work.

[Read more](#)

The Great War Debate



22nd November 2017

Four A-Level History students represented Godalming College at the Great War debate held at BHASVIC college on 22nd November. Tom, Angus, Heather and Dori (pictured) engaged with primary material before the event and prepared a question to present to the panel, which included expert researchers. Their question was one of the first questions asked to the panel for debate. The question they asked was; 'Did the Great War reinforce class divisions?'

Podcasts found [here](#)

Thank you to The Dan Eley Foundation



November 2017

Thank you to The Dan Eley Foundation for the very generous gift of a Marimba for the Music Department. The Marimba is a South American/Latin instrument which was played very ably by Will Rowling in its debut performance at the Christmas Concert. Will is passionate about playing and has played in National performances most recently with the BBC Proms Youth Ensemble at the Royal Albert Hall.

[A recording](#) of Will Rowling playing the Marimba at the Christmas Concert. The music is *Yellow After The Rain* by Peters

La Casa de Bernada Alba

November 2017

On Monday November 20th a group of U6 students went to Reed's School to listen to Dr Bonaddio, a lecturer from Kings College London, who gave a talk on the play they are studying. He made very interesting links between Garcia Lorca's poetry and his play "La casa de Bernada Alba".



The following Monday, a group of U6 students went to the Cervantes Theatre in London to watch a production of this same play. The live performance certainly helped the students see facets of some characters they had not picked up when reading it in class. It was also a good way to revise for the upcoming assessments! Here are the students, relaxing during the interval.

Criminology Conference

November 2017

Upper Sixth Sociology students travelled to London for the Criminology Conference in late November. The lectures included talks from Sociological and Psychological researchers on what Criminology is and discussions on research they had conducted. Research included how Domestic Abuse cases are dealt with by the criminal justice system, whether it is possible to tell whether people are lying and an experience from a researcher who wore a Niqab for four weeks as part of a social experiment to see what some Muslim women experience in their daily lives. The day finished with a talk from an ex-offender who explained what it was like to be in prison for twelve years.



Practitioners Panel

11th December 2017

ClassAction is aiming to challenge and blow apart the notion of 'an old boys' network' as we build a current, active and live network of alumni who are ready to offer advice, encouragement and inspiration to our current practitioners.



This maybe via 1-1's on social media, commenting on audition speeches and assisting with interviews, coming back to STUDIO 816 to work with the current practitioners on performance work or returning for our annual PRACTITIONERS' PANEL.

[Read more](#)

The Rachel Whitbread Exhibition

November 2017

Art students went to visit the exhibition of Rachel Whitbread at the Tate Modern, the first woman to win the Turner Prize in 1993. "You are confronted by a vast dazzling space, casts of everything from hot water bottles, rooms, underneath beds and chairs, where books lie on library shelves! The exhibition is inspired by past memories of places, frightening, menacing or comforting, her work is thought provoking and at times unsettling."



Julian James receives Roentgenium prize



December 2017

In July we reported that Julian James, a talented student who took part in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge and was placed in the top 0.78% out of 7000 students who took part. Here he is receiving his award at Cambridge University where he was asked to make a 5 minute presentation on an element of his choice. He chose to present Osmium, a very dense, very rare, transition metal.

[Read more](#)

Lessons form Auschwitz



November 2017

This Autumn the Godalming History department offered 4 students the incredible opportunity to participate in the 'Lessons from Auschwitz' Project. This project is run by the Holocaust Educational Trust and involves a one-day visit to the former Nazi concentration and death camp Auschwitz-Birkenau which is situated in Poland.

To take part in this exciting project we had to submit a detailed letter of application explaining why we thought we should be chosen. Schools and colleges across the country were invited to select their two most interested students to come together for this event. Luckily for us, we were given more places - the four students selected from Godalming were (pictured left to right at Auschwitz -Birkenau); Grace Musgrave, Ella Norris, Naomi Waters and Laura Martin.

"The total loss of identity that the victims of the Nazi regime experienced is so shocking that the people and events risk becoming an overwhelming statistic" [Read more](#) by Naomi Waters. © Photo by Yakir Zur

Work Experience in France



December 2017

Sixteen students of French A level took the train from St Pancras to Lille for a week living with a French family and working in the community. An account of their experience, written by one of the students on the trip can be read [here](#).

"The total immersion was such a positive experience that speaking English again was a little strange at first however..."

EVENTS



Let the Right One In

5th January 2018

An anarchic tale of loneliness, love and legend.

5th January 2018

Studio 816

Tickets available in due course from

www.ticketsource.co.uk/classaction



Dan Eley Foundation Spring Benefit Concert 2018

14th March 2018

Our annual concert which raises funds for The Dan Eley Foundation. Dan is an ex-student of Godalming College who suffered an accident whilst supporting young street children in Colombia. Although severely disabled he has devoted his life to raising the expectations of young disadvantaged people in Colombia and Waverley. The Spring Benefit Concert is an amazing evening of musical entertainment. Tickets on sale from www.ticketsource.co.uk/godalmingcollegemusic in due course.

SPORT

Five selected for GB Colleges Hockey Team



December 2017

Five members of the Godalming College hockey team have been picked for the 2 national GB Colleges' hockey teams.

These five students were chosen after regional trials in Southampton and National trials in Cannock where they competed against almost 100 other students.

"This is a great achievement for Godalming College and as the coach I am very proud of how far they have come. It took a lot of hard work and some very early mornings and it is excellent to see that it has paid off" says Sport Teacher and Hockey Team Coach, Vicky Selbourn

[Read more](#)

Coaching his way to success



Summer 2017

Andrew Pink pictured here on the left of the photo with Prince Harry and members of the British Cycling Team. He left Godalming College after taking an Extended Diploma in Sport and has worked hard to gain a lot of experience with the Meath Epilepsy Charity and other disabled cyclists. His passion has led him to great success becoming coach for Team GB at the Paralympic games and at the Invictus Games in Toronto 2017. A great student doing great things.

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