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The Dan Eley Spring Benefit Concert

Paralympian Rachel Morris MBE was the special guest of Dan Eley at the Foundation's Spring Benefit Concert where Godalming College students performed a fantastic array of musical genres to a packed audience, which also included the Mayors of Waverley and Godalming and representatives of Surrey Youth Focus, the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme and Surrey Youth Services.

The music department at the College is well known for its excellent performances and the concert at the United Church, did not disappoint. Around a hundred students who take 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 and Godalming College Singers, host of individual performances brought a unique flavour to the evening, with music to meet all tastes.

Dan Eley led the congratulations for a wonderful evening and explained what a triumph it was for young people from Godalming College to give their time and lend their talent to raising money for other young people in Surrey who for whatever reason found themselves in a disadvantaged position. The profits from the concert will be used in conjunction with Waverley Borough Council's Youth Support Team to provide opportunities and challenges for young people who are

not in Employment, Education or Training to be part of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme.

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NEWS

Godalming students at the European Youth Parliament



9th March 2017

Congratulations to the Godalming team who took part in the European Youth Parliament, coming third overall. Topics included everything from relations with Trump and Trading Arms with Saudi Arabia. Judges commended them on their teamwork and the Quality of their responses.

Halsbury work experience



February half term

To improve my German speaking for my A-level German course I took part in a week's total immersion by living and working in a hotel placement in Halsbury, Germany. The prospect of working in a German hotel for a whole week, where I would not be allowed to speak any English, was quite daunting and it was not easy, but after my first day I felt more comfortable with the new environment and language going on around me. There were occasions, when I completely misunderstood the instructions and carried out the wrong task or did something wrong, but throughout the week this did get easier and I found I was making fewer mistakes as the days went by. Although tiring, it was a very memorable experience and I am grateful that I got the opportunity to work in a different country, in a different language. By Emma Warburton

Joining the National Youth Orchestra



December 2016

Recently auditioned for the National auditioned after my friend from conservatoire suggested I do and also I knew a few people from conservatoire who had done it and that it was of a high standard. I auditioned in October with 2 contrasting pieces and a sight-reading. It was just one round and then we heard back in December. We'll be playing repertoire such as John Adams-'Lollapooza', Adam Gorb- concerto for cello and wind ensemble, Bernstein- 'On the Town', Tom Harrold- 'Acrid Lines', Luis Serrano Alarcon-'Tramonto' and Steven Byrant-'Ecstatic Waters'. A couple of those are familiar, others are new territory. By Francesca Gale

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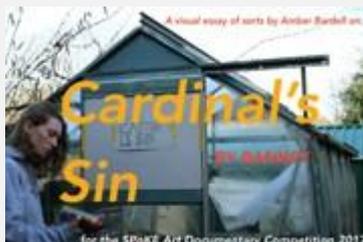
Oxford Schools Debating Finals



10th March 2017

Students Michaela Holmes and Scarlett Close took part in the Oxford Schools Debating final. Both acquitted themselves very well, finishing in the top 70% of speakers. They were facing off against some stiff competition from some of the top schools in the country and took part in four very high quality debates, including whether or not the paying of ransoms should be illegal and whether foreign companies should be allowed to own major industries in the UK.

'Cardinal Sin' wins 2017 SPoKE Film Competition



February 2017

History of Art student Amber Bardell earned herself a prize of £200 and some great work experience opportunities with important players in the industry when she won the 2017 SPoKE film competition at a national award ceremony last weekend. Amber's Film Cardinal Sin relates to her study of History of Art as she describes below and fulfils the rules of the competition by being underpinned by solid academic research.

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Vocalist Eyra becomes Rotary Club's Young Musician of the Year



21st January 2014

Godalming student Eyra was initially sponsored by the local Rotary Club who put her forward as their representative vocalist for Young Musician of the Year. Eyra won the district finals at St. Catherine's School, which took her to the regional finals where she took first place. Eyra will now be competing at the National finals at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in early May.

ARTiculation



27th January 2017

Well done to Godalming College's Felicity Mackenzie who came first in the ARTiculation Oxford/South West Regional heat at the Ashmolean with her presentation on Churchill's memorial windows at Bladon.

ARTiculation is run by the Roche Court Education Trust who work with young people to help develop their skills and confidence of looking, thinking and speaking about art. The ARTiculation prize is given to a sixth form student based on their public presentation about a work of art that they have researched. About 4000 young people take part each year in 14 regional heats. After winning the regional heat Felicity will now take part in the National Finals in Cambridge in May.

St John's Regional Cadet of the year



February 2017

Anneliese Jay, an A Level student at Godalming College, has been named as St John Ambulance Regional Cadet of the Year (London and South). She took the title at a two-day contest, which saw the best of the first aid charity's young volunteers from across the country take part in a variety of tough tasks.

The competition, held in Stafford on Saturday and Sunday (25-26 February), is designed to stretch the cadets' abilities. It included a wide range of subjects such as communication, team work, presentation, working with the media and social skills.

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Secular Society



18th March 2017

Lisa Baker, Sam Bickerdike and Matthew Eldridge were all invited to attend National Secular Society's annual award ceremony for 2017 Secularist of the Year at the Imperial Hotel London on Saturday March 18.

The presentation was made by the journalist Yasmin Alibhai-Brown. The award went to Yasmin Rehman for her work helping female Muslim apostates and other victims of human rights abuse.

This was a fantastic occasion celebrating the dedication and bravery of secular activists. The students felt privileged and inspired to be present at such an important occasion and will bring their enthusiasm back to share with other members of Secular Society at their weekly meetings.

Chemistry Olympiad



30th March 2017

In January a good mix of upper sixth and lower sixth A level chemistry students took part in the annual Chemistry Olympiad resulting an excellent set of awards with 20 bronze awards, 6 silver awards and one lower sixth student being awarded silver – this after only one full term of Chemistry A level study. Awards were presented during the Aim High group on 30th March. Later this year students will have the opportunity to take part in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge.

NEWS FROM CAREERS

Introducing the lower sixth to their Next Steps...



6th April 2017

Our L6th students have begun to research their Careers options this term. 850 students attended the UCAS Convention at Surrey Sports Park and we took 100 students to the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Park. At our Next Steps Event on April 6th students attended talks on Employability, Apprenticeships, University Life, Gap Year, Art Foundation and the National Citizenship Service followed by talks for parents and students in the evening plus a Careers Fair with 30 exhibitors with our most popular universities and a range of employers and Gap year organisations.

SPORTS NEWS



Team Sports

Easter 2017

Godalming teams have enjoyed new facilities from September 2016 when two new netball courts and the international standard sports pitches at Ashted Lane came into play. These have provided outstanding amenities which many opposing teams are envious of.

Basketball - Godalming finished third in the Surrey Sixth Form Basketball League after 9 wins from 14 games. The team have competed well in the division and narrowly missed out on 2nd place to Reigate. The team finished the spring term strong with 4 wins out of 5, most recently beating Collyers 75-70. Well done to all players for a great season!

Football 1s - The team have had a very good season this year on the brand new pitches, by winning the highly competitive Surrey Sixth Form League Division 1 and again reaching the final of the Surrey Schools Cup. Unfortunately the team suffered some injuries to key players and could not quite achieve the double this time around, however a huge congratulations goes out to all the boys for their commitment throughout the season and of course, finishing the season as champions!

Football 2s - The 2nds have followed on from some of the successes of the 1st team by winning the Surrey Sixth Form League Division 2 in convincing fashion - going undefeated throughout the entire season in the league - finishing with 8 wins & 2 draws from 10 matches. A great achievement by all the boys and another congratulations to everyone who contributed throughout the season.

Football 3s - The 3rds finished in mid-table in a competitive Surrey Sixth Form League Division 3 this season which, although not what the boys would have liked, is a good accomplishment considering there were a number of other games which the team definitely had the ability to win. The improvement seen in the players throughout the season has been great to see and is very promising for next year.

Girls football - The girls have had a great season too, finishing 2nd in the Surrey Sixth Form League - Girls Division, with 8 wins from 12. The team have also followed on from the boys 1st team in their cup competition and reached the final of the Surrey Schools Cup. The final is due to be played after Easter vs Ursaline School so best of luck to the girls for that, but a huge congratulations goes out to the team for their achievements already.

Netball 1s - The 1sts Netball team have continued on from their superb record last year and have won the Surrey Sixth Form League Division 1, going the entire season unbeaten and winning 10 out of 10 games! Another fantastic achievement. They have also beaten other high standard teams in friendlies, however haven't quite matched their league successes in tournaments. Still a great season and another strong team it seems for next year! Well done to all the girls for again being champions!

Netball 2s - The 2nds Netball team have followed in the same manner as the 1st team, maintaining their top spot in the Surrey Sixth Form League Division 2 and winning all of their matches also! The girls performed well in a recent tournament also and although didn't win, beat a number of strong teams which shows the high standard of the team. Congratulations to all the girls on ending the season as champions!

Rugby - The boys have also enjoyed a great season in the prestigious AoC South East Division 1, finishing in 2nd place with 5 wins from 8 games. In the final friendly of the season, the boys had a highly competitive match against Newman College which they unfortunately narrowly lost, however the good standard of the sides was evident to see and bodes well for next season. Well done to all the students who have contributed to the team this year and shown fantastic commitment.

AoC Nationals - Godalming College have this year qualified 3 students for the prestigious Association of Colleges Nationals event held at Nottingham University. Hannah Morris, Maddie Sturgess and Ruby Conway have all qualified for the girl's cross-country while Lucy Shawhill has qualified for the girl's rugby team. Best of luck to all the girls in representing team South East!

Here are a few photos of the team sport, find more great photos on the college Instagram and Facebook page: @gcsportfitness & Godalming College Sport & Fitness"





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