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A New Principal for Godalming College

Godalming College is delighted to report the appointment of a new Principal. Emma Young, who is currently Deputy Principal at Esher College will be starting her new post at the College in September following the retirement of David Adelman.

Emma is a firm believer in Sixth Form College education and has spent her entire career working in the sector. She started her career as a Geography teacher at The Sixth Form College Farnborough. In 2005, she joined the Senior Management team of Esher College as Assistant Principal, Curriculum and Staff Development and was then promoted to Deputy Principal in 2010.

"It is a real privilege to be taking over from David, he has done a fantastic job in leading Godalming College to be consistently one of the highest achieving colleges in the country. I am very excited about my new role and I am really looking forward to working with the students, staff and governors to ensure the continued success of the College" says Emma Young.

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Initiative for free speech is heard by Jeremy Hunt MP

Jeremy Hunt with students

14th March 2016

Godalming College students Burhan Waheed and George Chantry met local MP the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt on March 4 to tell him about the huge success and popularity of the Secular Society at Godalming College.

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Revelations by Alvin Ailey

Revelations dance

2nd March 2016

Alvin Ailey's ground breaking 'Revelations' has become a cultural treasure that has been beloved by generations of fans, since its premiere in 1960. The piece was born from Ailey's own memories, of his childhood in rural Texas and the Baptist Church. It tells the story of African-American faith and tenacity, from slavery to freedom, through a suite of dances set to spiritual and blues music.

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The Dan Eley Spring Benefit Concert



23rd March 2016

Olympian Roger Black 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 evening was compered by Tessa Duncan, an ex-student of Godalming College, who supported the charity throughout her time at College and has spent her gap year volunteering as a teacher and helper at the Foundation for the Education of All in Calli, Columbia with the Foundation's partner charity FEDUT.

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Chelsea's Choice



23rd February 2016

As part of our Shaping Futures programme, designed to address wider issues, our Lower Sixth students recently attended a theatre group production on the theme of sexual exploitation. A touring group from Alter Ego Creative Solutions presented a powerful 45 minute drama to packed audiences. In the context of a school drama class, themes of online safety, healthy relationships, grooming and sexual exploitation were examined.

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An Experiment in Crime Prevention



1st March 2016

Three members of Cardiff University's, Universities' Police Science Institute (UPSI) ran the Lower Sixth tutorial sessions in the hall. They are currently working on a research project looking at how members of the public react to crime prevention adverts. Specifically thinking about what messages 'nudge' people to change their behaviour to be more aware of crime issues.

Having had an introduction from the UPSI cat, students were shown three video clips and had to respond to each as part of a survey. The information from Godalming College students will be added to the other data collected nationally. This will be used to influence the next crime prevention campaign for the Metropolitan Police.

Many thanks to Dr Helen Innes, Bethan Davies and Eve Exley. Eve is a former student of Godalming who gained a First in Criminology from Cardiff University two years ago and has successfully started a funded PhD.

Industry Auditions



9th March 2016

"ClassAction" is Godalming College's performing arts training company that brings together all aspects of a thriving and successful drama and dance department.

We pride ourselves on the number of students who go onto further training at some of the country's top drama schools and today we started that process for our lower sixth students by welcoming in industry professionals to put our practitioners through mock-auditions.

"What a pleasure the students are – a great afternoon in their company" Nick Wyschna, Guildford Fringe Theatre

"What an amazingly talented bunch – they blew me away"
Natalie Bryant, Mountview Drama School

Trading Fairly



3rd March 2016

As part of Fair Trade Fortnight, and to coincide with the Shaping Futures presentation to the U6 students on 'Aid or Trade', Cranleigh-based couple John and Christine Birkenshaw brought a Fair Trade stall to College on Thursday 3 March. Business was brisk, with chocolate bars, biscuits and bamboo socks selling particularly well!

Woyzeck Masterclass



23rd March 2016

We were very excited to welcome Kelly Smith from professional theatre company Scene Productions for a Woyzeck masterclass, working alongside our second year drama practitioners who were currently working on their own studio production of Woyzeck. The practical masterclass focused on major themes within the text, acting techniques, staging ideas and exploring an Artaudian response to the text.

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The secrets of Bletchley Park



January 2016

Nine students from the BTEC IT and Computing courses went back in history to explore the secret world of Bletchley Park. The story of Bletchley Park remained locked away until very recently because of the secret nature of the work carried out at this war-time code-breaking centre. Bletchley Park also heralded the birth of the information age with the industrialisation of the codebreaking processes enabled by machines such as the Turing/Welchman Bombe, and the world's first electronic computer, Colossus.

Textiles in Florence



February 2016

Students from Art and Art Textiles courses went together to Florence to see the highlights of the Uffizi Gallery, Bargello Museum and Academia and then to the Palazzo Pitti and Boboli Gardens. The highlights included Botticelli's Birth of Venus and Michelangelo's David plus climbing to the top of the Dumo to see the fabulous views across Florence. The intention of the trip is to broaden experience and enrich learning which has resulted in students being inspired for their end of year exams.

History of Art in New York by Emma Harvey



February 2016

I visited New York with college during the February Half term and I already have a longing to be back there. My experience was one I will never forget. The day we arrived was exciting as we took our first architectural walk to see in real-life some of the buildings we had learnt about in lessons. Buildings included the beautiful Art Deco Chrysler building, Grand Central Station, Trump Towers, St Patrick's Cathedral and more. Admittedly, the cold weather took time to get used to but lots of hot chocolate and warm pancakes helped with that!

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Visiting Oxford



5th March 2016

Four students attended the Faculty of English Language and Literature day at Oxford University along with Dave King the Oxbridge Coordinator. Josh, Laure, Hannah and Ana all attended English lectures from a choice including 'Shakespeare Unbound', '20th Century Literature in English and the World', and 'Medieval Romance and the Joy or Texts' and took a tour of St Catherine's College. Dr Margaret Kean from St Hilda's College and Ms Lucinda Rumsey from Mansfield College gave interesting and informative talks on 'English at Oxford and the Admissions procedures.

Visiting CERN



January 2016

After weeks of excited anticipation 20 U6 Physics student entered Gatwick bound for Geneva. Alongside the main event of visiting CERN, home of the world's largest physics experiment (the Large Hardon Collider)... we visited the United Nations, and International Telegraph Union. After landing and a spot of sightseeing we were all treated to an excellent tour of the Geneva office of the UN. Highlighting how the UN works the students got to sit in the seats where many of the world's treaties were thrashed out. One of the most "memorable" parts of the trip was our evening meal in the cellar of the Edelweiss hotel, a full fondue meal whilst being serenaded by a Swiss folk band and Karaoke alpine horn playing.

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The Commandants Cadet

21st January 2014



Lower Sixth student Lisa Baker has been a member of the Cranleigh Squadron of the Air Training Corps for 4 years and has been awarded the Commandant's Certificate of Merit at a ceremony at St John's School in Leatherhead. This national award recognises Lisa as the 'best cadet' and was presented by Air Commodore Dawn McCafferty, Commandant of the Royal Air Force Cadets. The ceremony was also attended by Lisa's family who have a history with the RAF and the Air Cadets and Lisa mentions that her Grandfather, who enjoyed a full career in the RAF, was very proud.

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ARTiculation by Ruby Clare

25th February 2016



Last month I was lucky enough to be selected to take part in the ARTiculation Speaker's Prize. For this award I had to talk about a work of art I loved for approximately 10 minutes. I chose to discuss a portrait from the Romantic era which hangs in Chatsworth House. The painting by Maria Cosway is called Georgiana as Cynthia from Spenser's Faerie Queen. I love this art work as it represents the female form in such a powerful pose, this was a rare approach to portraiture when painted in the 1780s.

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