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The New Gill Student Centre is Open

The opening of the new Gill Student Centre is the completion of a £14 million building and refurbishment plan which has provided exceptional facilities for all students and subject areas on the College campus.

The Gill Student Centre houses a reception area to deal with all student queries, helping them to access the range of services and support available throughout the building and beyond. Additional social space has also been provided, including a new coffee shop where Costa coffee will shortly be available (in addition to Starbucks in the main dining room). There are also points for students to charge their own devices and study. Senior Tutors and Directors of Faculty alongside the Careers Department are to be found on the first floor, whilst Counselling Services and the IT department are on the second floor.

"We are really pleased with the refurbishment of our Gill building. It has enabled us to provide a hub of information and support for students, all under one roof. The additional social space and coffee shop only adds to the range of facilities available to students on campus, which is great"

NEWS

Jeremy Hunt answers questions set by politics students

20th January 2017

As Donald Trump prepared for his inauguration in Washington the Rt Hon Jeremy Hunt, Secretary of State for Health and local Conservative MP came to Godalming College to meet with over 200 Government and Politics students and answer some difficult questions on a range of topics including the NHS, the future for doctors in British hospitals, mental health, Homeopathy, Brexit, the underrepresentation of minority groups in Parliament, Boris Johnson as foreign secretary, foreign aid, Trump and the latest topic in Surrey – the proposed rise in council tax.

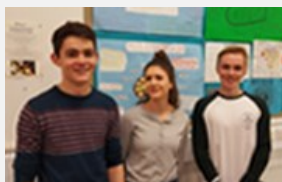


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Top achieving Biologists

January 2017

Seven Upper Sixth students recently took part in the British Biology Olympiad. All students performed really well and achieved a certificate of some description, with 4 students ranking in the top 450 nationally out of 7500 entries.



These four students will compete in July for a place in the International Olympiad

Gold – Max Phillips, Tilly Harrison, Sam Humphries, Anna Codd
Silver – Izabella Simpson, Ali Miller
Highly Commended – Kirsten Hunter

A week of work experience for students of French

December 2017



When in Rome, do as the Romans do. When in France, ask nicely for *un chocolat chaud et un croissant, s'il vous plait*.

After having been promised by my lovely host mother that I would not have to eat snails during my stay, I settled down for a weeks of total immersion of the French language and French way of life. I was always made to feel very welcome both at home and at the school (*école primaire*) in the village just outside of Armentières where I was placed.

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Oxford Schools Debating Competition 16/17

2nd February 2017

Three teams from Godalming College went to St Catherine's School to take part in the South Central regional final of the Oxford schools Debating Competition. Approximately 45 teams competed with 7 going through to the national final competition. One Godalming College team comprising Michaela Holmes and Scarlett Close was amongst the regional winners and they will be taking part in the Finals Day competition at the world famous Oxford Union in March.



The best teams on the day will compete in Semi-Finals and ultimately the Grand Final in the Union Chamber itself. Two years ago Elliot Thornton and Ellie Whitlock made it to the final of the competition coming 56th overall, one of only a few state schools to finish in the top 100.

Visiting the home of the world's largest physics experiment

January 2017

We spent the whole of Wednesday in the CERN complex visiting the first accelerator to be built on the site: the Synchro-cyclotron and an amazing underground visit to see the Compact Muon Solenoid (CMS) detector up close. We saw first-hand the staggering scale and complexity of the experiments being carried out. At over 20m long and more than 15m high, buried 100m underground we were able to watch as engineers worked on the heart of the detector which acts like a giant digital camera capable of taking 40 million 'images' per second. After lunch we enjoyed a VIP Q&A session with Pippa Wells (ATLAS Detector Project Leader) who answered the many questions our students had about the Physics of CERN and careers in top level research.



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Raising The Curtain on a Creative New Year

February 2017

The Department of Drama and Dance are celebrating the success of current students in a range of exceptional performances in the first half of the new year and also the successes of ex-students in a range of performances and technical support roles including, Jersey Boys, Les Miserables the national tour of Sweet Charity, production managing Harry Potter and The Cursed Child, artistic directing The Vault Festival in Waterloo, Death Takes a Holiday, training at (amongst others) Mountview, Lamda, Arts Ed, Masters, Drama Centre, Central, Oxford School of Drama, Rada, East 15. ClassAction really is a #classact.



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Oxbridge comes to Godalming

1st February 2017

Nearly two hundred students came from Colleges in Surrey and as far as Bexhill in Sussex to take part in a two hour evening conference on applying to Oxford or Cambridge universities.

Dave King, our Oxbridge co-ordinator, welcomed guest speakers Dr Jonathan Padley from Churchill College, Cambridge and Hannah Rolley from St Hilda's College, Oxford who provided a lively presentation on the admissions process and how to be successful in your application. This was followed by interactive breakout groups divided between the Arts and the Sciences which focused on how to build an effective student profile and the uses of supercurricular activities in the personal statement.



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Music is in the air

29th March 2017

Each year over 100 music students put on a marvellous performance to raise money for the Dan Eley Foundation. This year Paralympian Rachel Morris will be the special guest at this music extravaganza with something to meet everyone's musical taste.

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NEWS FROM EX-STUDENTS

Isobel Hettrick is awarded the first Margaret Thatcher Scholarship from Somerville College, Oxford

January 2017



The Margaret Thatcher Scholarship Trust has awarded its first scholarship to ex-Godalming student Isobel Hettrick for her outstanding first year exam performance and to support her ambitions to close the educational attainment gap. Isobel, who previously attended Glebelands School in Cranleigh took History, Maths and Economics at Godalming before moving to Somerville College, Oxford to study Philosophy, Politics and Economics. Somerville College are 'excited' about the living legacy to their most illustrious Alumni, Margaret Thatcher and says the award is for the 'best and brightest.'

Maddy Stevens working for Hans Zimmer's Studio in LA

Summer 2017



Maddy Stevens is hugely excited at the prospect of spending a year in LA working in Hans Zimmer's Studio - the world's most film composer with Gladiator, Pirates of the Caribbean and Pearl Harbour to his credit. Whilst at College Maddy was a creative composer of many works often for large orchestral ensembles. She formed the harp quartet seen in the photograph and was a valued member of the the orchestra, choir and string groups.

She is currently studying for a BA in Music at the University of Leeds with a year in Industry. She says 'After emailing anyone and everyone in the film music industry, I finally made a connection and managed to get a Skype interview for an internship at Remote Control Productions in LA (Hans Zimmer's studio). I was interviewed at 10pm at night our time (2pm in California) and asked questions about my compositional software skills, my favourite film scores and my interest in film music generally. About a week later I found out that I had been successful and was told that I was the first British student they had accepted for the internship programme'.

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