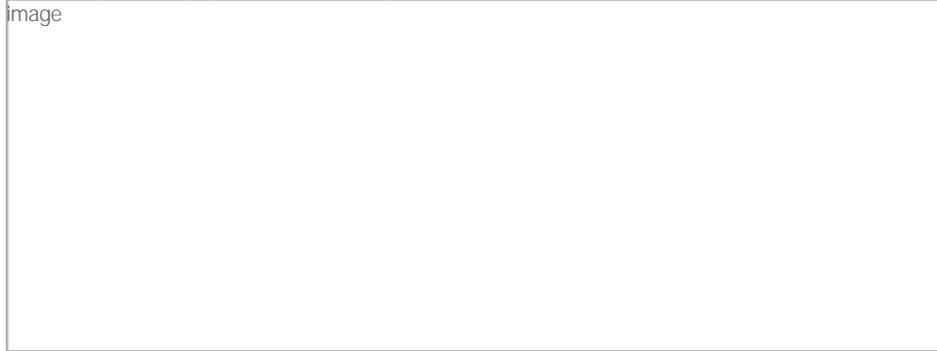


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Godalming College at top of the league tables

The Department for Education published its performance tables for 16-18 education in England last week. These confirm that Godalming College is one of the best performing sixth form providers in the country at A level.

In relation to A level grade performance the tables show that Godalming College was in the top 10% of non-selective schools and colleges in the country in 2015. For value-added at A level student outcomes are significantly above national predictions placing Godalming in the top 5% of all non-selective schools and colleges. And on the basis of both of these measures it is the best performing college in Surrey and Hampshire at A level.

In addition Godalming is in the top ten of all schools and colleges in Surrey for value-added performance at A level placing it well above well-known independent schools such as Charterhouse and Cranleigh.

NEWS

'13' by Mike Bartlett

9th - 12th February 2016

"Mike Bartlett's '13' is a new play about civil unrest in a nightmarish parallel London. It starts with student riots and ends in a big Downing Street set piece, and links them via a dozen individual storylines. It was a big challenge - and a fantastic opportunity for this talented young cast. As our world becomes ever more confusing and the number of heard voices increases, this style of multi-layered, collaborative and somewhat confused play is only going to become more popular. '13' asks each and every one of us to interrogate our own beliefs and values and opens up a discourse which must and will take place." says Andrew Pullen, Head of Drama

[Read more](#)



Immersive French on work experience trip

December 2015

Upper sixth student Isabella Trouerbach provides an account of living and working in France for a week and the experience of becoming totally immersed in the French language. 'It was very good fun and so rewarding!'

[Read about it here](#)



Recycling at Godalming

8th February 2016

You may not realise why there is a box of old pens in the corner of the ILC, but Godalming College Staff and Students have been collecting used pens and other writing utensils for 3 years now. Since last September, our Staff and Students have managed to salvage 10kg of pens which have been sent for recycling.





Once we have enough, Terracycle come to collect the pens and then grind them down to pellets of plastic. These are melted together to form other useful products which are then resold.

Your old pens may now be part of a plastic park bench or waste bin. Or even a backpack. So don't throw that old pen in the rubbish, bring it to College and put it in the container in the corner of the ILC.

We also recycle batteries, ink cartridges, paper and plastic bottles.

Acting Up



December 2015

At the heart of ClassAction's work is developing a wrap-around training programme for developing practitioners, and to this end ClassAction have moved beyond the college walls to embrace year 9 drama students from our feeder schools. At the end of the Autumn term our Waverley Federation Acting Up day welcomed 100 year 9 students and mixed them with students from year 12 to explore Mime, Mask Work, Voice Work, Devising and Physical Theatre.

[Read more](#)

Château de la Baudonnière



28th January - 3rd February 201

28 lower sixth students went to Normandy and stayed at the Château de la Baudonnière. It was a brilliant trip combining sports activities such as fencing and climbing, visits to the Mont Saint-Michel, Granville Market and a goat farm (we witnessed the birth of two baby goats!) and preparation for the April oral examination.

Aim High news



January 2016

Aim high has been very active this half term with external speakers visiting groups. Bentley Crudgington, a research scientist working at Imperial University has a fascination with infectious diseases. He came to talk to the Aim High group who are on a medical pathway about his work with the Zika Virus, a mosquito born virus which has been linked to birth defects in Brazil and about virus hacking.

[Read more](#)

Careers News



Ben Stride

Nearly 600 of our current U6th students have so far applied to university this year, with 100 ex-students putting in UCAS applications following a period of time working or travelling. Many of our Art students are busy preparing their portfolios for interviews for Art Foundation courses whilst some of our drama and music students are rehearsing hard in preparation for auditions.

For students who are looking at alternatives to university we have had some interesting presentations from employers. CGI came into college to talk about their sponsored degrees in Business and IT and IBM ran an interactive session to help students prepare for job assessment days.

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BUILDING NEWS



New English and Modern Foreign Language Block

January 2016

Godalming College is looking forward to the completion of a new block which will accommodate the English and Modern Foreign Languages Departments. View photographs which were taken on the 6th of January and show the progress of the building work which is due for completion at Easter time. The old English and Modern Foreign Languages block will be refurbished to house the Student Services Team, including Careers, Senior Tutors, Directors of Faculty and Councillors, the Student Reception and



IT services. Additional social space for students will take up the majority of the ground floor with a coffee shop facility. New Sports Pitches will also be open from Easter and provide 11 acres of space off Ashstead Lane for training, Rugby and Football. Further work to buildings over the summer will include a new Media suite with green room and sound recording studio which will be ready for the start of the new academic year in September.

[View photos](#)

EVENTS



Revelations

26th February 2016

Alvin Ailey's ground breaking 'Revelations' has become a cultural treasure 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.

[Read more](#)



Talking to Terrorists

22nd - 23rd February 2016

To find out what makes ordinary people do extreme things, the writer and director of the original production interviewed those from around the world who have been affected by or involved in terrorism. This play is about their experiences. From peacemakers, journalists and hostages to those who crossed the line these are their stories.

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Dan Eley Foundation Spring Benefit Concert

23rd March 2016

The benefit concert, has an exciting and varied programme and will include performances of The Magnificent Seven, Downton Abbey Theme, Pride & Prejudice Theme and Highlights from Wicked from the Concert Orchestra. Performances from the Jazz Band will include Birdland, Fever and Respect. The Godalming College Singers will be performing Heroes in tribute to David Bowie. The String Ensemble, directed by A2 Music student Peter Fenech, will be performing Palladio and there will be a performance of an EPQ student's orchestral arrangement of the Super Mario theme. All profits from the concert will be used by the Dan Eley Foundation for their work supporting young people.

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SPORTS NEWS



Team Sports Report

09/02/16

Basketball currently sit top of their league and have gone undefeated since Christmas, with wins in the league against Woking and East Surrey in addition to friendly victories against Collyers.

Football 1s - also sit on top of their league and remain undefeated this season which is a great achievement. They beat Woking and Reigate (League games) along with Richmond (friendly) this half term, as well as progressing to the semi-final of the Surrey Schools FA U18 Colleges Cup.

Football 2s - beat Woking but lost to Strodes this half term and remain joint second place in their league.

Football 3s - lost to Henley College 5-1

Girls football - hosted a 5 a-side tournament finishing 3rd and 4th, and drew 5-5 with Strodes. Currently sit 3rd in the league.

Netball - beat Woking and Strodes in the league while narrowly going out of the Association of Colleges plate competition to Barton Peverill in round 3. Currently sit in 2nd place in their league on goal difference behind Esher.

Rugby - Lost to Oaklands in the AoC plate round 3, defeated Chichester in the league and sit 4th in their league.

The Gym Challenge

09/02/16

Finally, the gym challenge has just finished with lots of students participating. The gym has at times been completely packed as a result so well done to all those who took part. Winners are:

Boys

1st: James Goldsbrough 2nd: Paul Jackson 3rd: Matt Thomas

Girls

1st: Carmen Walshe 2nd: Ciara Maybe 3rd: Zoe Torjussen

Staff

1st: John Erasmus & Kat Parker 2nd: Mark Jones & Danny Bonney

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