



## The Dan Eley Foundation Spring Benefit Concert

Ex-Godalming College student Ben Elton congratulated current students on their 'extraordinary talent' at a concert in aid of a foundation set up by another ex-Godalming College student Dan Eley. He told the packed audience about his time at the College, playing the part of the Artful Dodger to Gabby Glaister's Oliver, better known as the servant Bob in *Blackadder II*, and of his love of the arts. Adding that it was difficult for young people who came from disadvantaged backgrounds to enter the Arts today, because it was becoming more class based; he praised the Dan Eley Foundation for its focus on young people and its tenacity in providing financial support to talented students, allowing them to progress and contribute, not just to the arts, but to the economy in general.

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## NEWS

### General Election Hustings



*Friday 27th February 2015*

Five potential parliamentary candidates visited the college for a hustings with students. Howard Kaye (Labour), Susan Ryland (Green), Patrick Haveron (Lib Dem) for South West Surrey were joined by Jonathan Lord (Conservative MP for Woking) and Paul Chapman (UKIP candidate for Surrey Heath). The lively debate, hosted by Assistant Principal William Baldwin involved questions from students studying politics who were part of the 200 hundred strong audience.

The debate at Godalming College was the first hustings in South West Surrey in the run up to the general election. Unfortunately Jeremy Hunt, Conservative candidate for South West Surrey was called away on ministerial business and was unable to attend.

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### Holocaust survivor welcomed to College

*Friday 20th March 2015*

Holocaust survivor, Joanna Millan was welcomed to the college by History and Politics students where she spoke of her own experience of the Holocaust and the effects that it has had on her life.



Using her own story accompanied by evocative photographs she explained the nature of the holocaust and reflected on how it was allowed to happen. This week 28 students will be making a trip to Poland to visit Krakow and Auschwitz, Joanna's story has made their



visit much more poignant.

Students from left to right Elise Dowding, Natasha Robinson and Isobel Hettrick with Joanna Millan.

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## Celebrating World Book Day with local children



*Friday 6th March 2015*

Lower sixth Childcare students marked World Book Day by a visit to Major Minors nursery in Godalming. Three groups of students planned three different story telling sessions for three different groups of children at the nursery.



The stories involved props made by the students and extension activities for the children to complete afterwards. Students studying Early Years regularly get involved in projects in local schools and nurseries. They plan and implement activities to build an appreciation of the importance of effective teamwork in relation to meeting children's needs.

## Studying in the USA



*26th February 2015*

Scott Sussex, who has successfully secured a place at Harvard University for September 2015 welcomed Stuart Gordon to College to talk about studying in America and at Harvard in particular.

Stuart is part of Harvard's Outreach Team and works mainly in the UK to promote the advantages of studying at the highest ranking university in the world. Scott, who was sporting his Harvard 2019 T-shirt, sent by the university to remind him of his graduation year, was also able to talk to the assembled group of Aim High students from the lower sixth, about his experience of the application system, exams and visiting America to take part in the Sutton Trust Summer School.

## Woyzeck Masterclass

*March 2015*

We were very excited to welcome Kelly Smith from 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. The afternoon was dynamic and exciting and it was wonderful to watch 70 young practitioners working together to create meaningful and vibrant performance pieces.



The workshop was followed by a studio production of Buchner's WOYZECK in the evening.



This studio production involved all our second year practitioners coming together to perform this expressionistic play as theatre makers, exploring staging ideas, differing practitioner influences and working within differing genres.

ClassAction is Godalming College's performance company. It aims to promote theatre for participants and for informed audiences and these events have clearly advanced this aim. Our focus is on our young practitioners as artists and as collaborators, thinkers and learners creating work that is provoking, entertaining, popular, eclectic, anarchic, contradictory and diverse – and this studio production certainly was!

## ACTIVE KIDS



### Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers

*Donate before end of June*

When you next shop or buy petrol at Sainsbury's, ask for the Active Kids Vouchers to add to our box in reception at College. The sports department are collecting the vouchers to buy and update equipment so that more students can enjoy being active.

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## NEWS FROM EX -STUDENTS



### Abbie has a close shave

*February 2015*

Ex-Student Union member and Godalming student, Abbie Pritchard would like to thank current students for helping her raise over £1100 for ME Research UK. Patients suffering with ME usually experience long-term disabling tiredness, muscular pains, joint pain, disturbed sleep patterns and poor concentration. Abbie wanted to highlight the condition by doing something visual.....so she shaved her head! Not wanting to let her long blond hair go to waste she also donated this to The Little Princess Charity who make wigs for children to help them cope with the effects of cancer.

### Award Winning Sustainability

*February 2015*

Sarah Muskett, a student at the University of Southampton was recently presented with the 'Outstanding Student Award for Contribution to Sustainability'. The award, presented by Professor William Powrie, the University's Sustainability Champion and Dean of Engineering and the Environment, was for work that Sarah undertook during the summer of 2014 carrying out sustainability reviews in the East Solent and





Downs Methodist Circuit.

Whilst at Godalming College Sarah was an active member of the Environment Committee and is planning a career in the field of Sustainability Engagement following her graduation from the Masters Degree in Environmental Science that she is currently studying.

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