



An Outstanding Set of Results

Godalming College has maintained an outstanding level of performance at A level this year with an A*-B grade rate at 61.3% and a best-ever pass rate of 99.7%.

David Adelman, Principal of the College, said:- "These are tremendously good A level results. Over 800 students have achieved the qualifications they need to get to the best universities or into good jobs and to really make something of themselves. I'm delighted with the fact that 33.6% of entries at A level were at A* or A grade which is a record for the College. Congratulations to our students for their hard work and commitment which has led to their success and many thanks to our staff for their unfailing energy, enthusiasm and expertise."

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NEWS

Political Journalist Returns to College



2nd October 2015

Former student Isabel Hardman took some time between the Labour and Conservative party conferences to come to Godalming College on Friday to talk to current students about a career in journalism.

Currently the deputy editor of The Spectator magazine and the editor of the magazine's influential Coffee House blog, the political reporter and commentator spoke to an audience of first and second year students of the English Language A level.

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"it will have BLOOD" after Shakespeare's MACBETH



September 2015

Over 100 ClassAction practitioners filled every space in Godalming College's Performing Arts Centre to present the inaugural production of the 2015-2016 season. Our first year practitioners mixed with some second year practitioners to present this first production.

it will have BLOOD, an immersive, promenade production takes Shakespeare's bloody tragedy Macbeth, and peers at its harrowing story of division, disease, entrapment and murder through the fractured filter of contemporary conflicts.

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A Breath Taking, Wonderful Experience

19 October 2015

A fantastic group of 17 enthusiastic and 'intrepid' Geography students, accompanied by teachers Helen Thorpe and Debbie Knox, visited Iceland for an amazing first hand experience of the incredibly diverse landscape.



"Together we shared what Iceland offers; tectonic, fluvial, glacial and coastal processes are in abundance and the human interaction with them is fascinating to see. Our geographical knowledge, understanding and appreciation has been developed and enriched by the experience."

[Read what the students say](#)

Aiming High

August 2015

In 2015, 63 students at Godalming College took part in the Aim High programme, which introduces high achieving students to the entry requirements of Oxford and Cambridge universities or specialist courses such as Law, Medicine, Dentistry, Veterinary Medicine or other prestigious courses.



Pictured: Issy Hettrick receiving her awards for Outstanding Performance in Economics and Modern History from keynote speaker Andy Salmon.

These specialist universities or courses have very competitive tests and interviews and commonly only a small number of those applying will successfully get an offer of a place.

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Goodstock, Lost Watch Theatre Company

September 2015

ClassAction practitioners filled Studio 816 to bursting point when we welcomed Lost Watch Theatre Company to Godalming. Their production of Goodstock began its tour at Godalming College following its premiere at the Edinburgh Festival this Summer and features ex ClassAction practitioner Rianna Dearden (2008-2010) as one of the three ensemble members (and lead musician).



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project i.d.

September 2015

A 100 strong capacity audience in Studio 816 was entertained and provoked by ClassAction's project i.d. induction performance at the start of this term, featuring fragments of a variety of genres of the performing arts. Project i.d. introduces our first year practitioners to the Studio 816 audience. Andrew Pullen, Head of Drama and Dance said "After just two weeks our first year practitioners have formed a performance company - such is their dedication.



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Celebrating English Language Day

13 October 2015

English Language Day is an annual event celebrated on 13th October in recognition of the national and global presence that the language enjoys. Initiated by The English Project, this awareness day has been chosen due to its historical importance as on this date in 1362, Parliament was opened in English for the first time! You may be wondering, "Well, what language did they speak in Parliament before then?"



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Secular Society

October 2015

The Secular Society is an inclusive group which attracts students from the religious and political spectrum. It is run by students George Chantry and Burham Waheed and continues to flourish, doubling their numbers this year. The discussions (overheard from the room next door!) are extremely lively and well structured with everyone being given a chance to speak. Students are able to express their opinions on extremely controversial subjects in an uninhibited way and accept that their views will be challenged! The only rule of this society is that no one should take offence! As a result these sessions are always good humoured.



The topics which have been covered include Charlie Hebdo, Limits of free speech, Faith Schools, Extremism, Religion and Morality, Drone attacks and many more. Two members of N.S.S (National Secular Society), Peter Ravell and Steve Evans have come down from London to talk to the students and have been impressed by their maturity and enthusiasm.

Preparing to Attend an Assessment Workshop

22nd October 2015

Sam Hector and Alastair Hillis-Wragg, both former Godalming College students, along with two other colleagues from IBM led a hugely successful workshop with Upper Sixth students in October. 70 students attended the Preparing to attend an Assessment Centre workshop: in groups they completed two real exercises which tested their team work, leadership and communication skills. The team from IBM observed the exercises and then gave valuable feedback to the students on their performance. The students who attended enjoyed and valued the experience, which will stand them in good stead as they apply for School Leaver Schemes now or look further ahead to graduate employment.



STUDENTS' NEWS



A Bright Future for Ben Sheppard

October 2015

Upper Sixth student Ben Sheppard is the proud recipient of an Army Scholarship which recognises his full potential to become a regular Army Officer on completion of his A levels and undergraduate degree. The award is equal to £10,000 by the time Ben finishes university but he has to maintain his academic success, achieving grades at A level and beyond to be awarded the money at each stage. Ben's dream has always been to join the Army, to have an active lifestyle and see the world so when he spotted the chance to be funded through college and university it was an easy decision to apply.

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NEWS OF EX-STUDENTS



Anthony Maglio and the Big Dig

October 2015

Budding Archaeologist Anthony Maglio completed BTECs in Information Technology and Forensic Science providing him with three Distinction* and an AS level Anthropology whilst at Godalming College. He left in 2015 and before joining Bournemouth University's Archaeology and Forensic Science department as an undergraduate he took part in the Big Dig at the National Trust's Petworth House in West Sussex. The Big Dig is part of a project set up in 2012 to find Petworth Park's hidden past. Anthony says of his time at Petworth "I learnt how to write out documentation for the trenches we had dug; identifying the different colours of the soil layers, the depth of the trench, the trench's geological area, the materials found. We were also mattocking which is the method for digging the trenches. We learnt to do geophysical surveying using high end technology. It was the most amazing experience - I loved it."

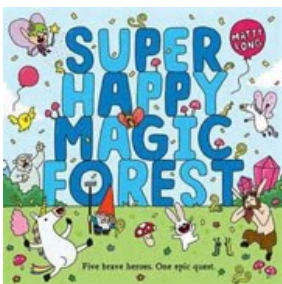


Colombia Calling by Tessa Duncan

October 2015

I have been here for more than a month now: living, travelling and volunteering. Colombia is a beautiful country and I would highly recommend anyone to come here if they can. I have met many travellers, especially here in Cali, who end up staying much longer than initially planned as they fall in love with what's here.

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Super Happy Magic Forest by Matty Long

17 October 2015

If you visited Waterstone's in Godalming on Saturday 17th October you might have met Author and former Godalming College student Matty Long who was signing copies of his book Super Happy Magic Forest. Now living in Cambridge and studying for a master degree at the School of Art, Matty felt that Godalming should be the place where he first launched his book by running a drawing workshop. His book, a fantasy about gnomes, unicorns, fauns and goblins, who are unexpectedly nice is out now priced £6.99

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