

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GOLDINGTON?

JANUARY 2019

### INTERVIEW WITH DAISY LANG – GOLDINGTON'S GOT TALENT:

Goldington's Got Talent winner Daisy has given the low down on her experience of the show at Goldington Academy in December 2018:

Q: How did you find taking part in the performance?

*A: It was quite fun and I enjoyed performing in front of an audience who were supportive and encouraging.*

Q: Were there any particular parts that stood out for you?

*A: The amount of people, who were in the audience, it was an amazing experience.*

Q: Why did you choose the song, "Aladdin" as your music piece and story for the performance?

*A: I did a dance routine a couple of years ago that was similar to this and decided to put this into a shorter format for the show.*

Q: How did you feel the audience reacted to your performance?

*A: The audience were supportive and they helped give me the confidence to complete the show to the best of my ability. I hope everyone enjoyed it.*

Q: How did you feel when you had heard that you had won?

*A: I was shocked as it was a heated, fierce competition. The other gymnastic act in the show was equally good. I honestly thought that acts, that involve gymnastics, don't normally win competitions.*

Q: Would you recommend gymnastics/parkour to the students at Goldington Academy and if so why?

*A: I would definitely recommend this because it builds your confidence, keeps you active and is an amazing experience. You need lots of high stamina as lots of practice is needed and there is conditioning work involved to avoid injury. I attend Trust Gymnastics in Sharnbrook.*

Students who are interested in gymnastics we have extra – curricular activities for the spring term which include Advanced Gym and All Years Parkour. Please see the link below or contact the school office for an up to date timetable.

<http://fluencycontent2-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/FileCluster/GoldingtonAcademy/MainFolder/Documents/Information/EXTRA-CURRICULAR-ACTIVITIES-Spring-2019.pdf>

## HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY



Miss Andrews from the history department alongside the Humanities ambassadors: Billy Bestwick, Tristan Burns, Lucy Trinder and Isma Begum have been working hard creating a PowerPoint presentation in remembrance of Holocaust Memorial Day. Student, Urban Judge helped devise the PowerPoints through computer assistance and graphic work. During the week students delivered information about: what happened during the horrifying years of WW2 in relation to the Holocaust, what the Holocaust involved, why it is remembered, how it is marked around the world and the wider lessons.

To commemorate Holocaust Memorial Day assemblies took place where student Tristan Burns, introduced and concluded the assembly presentation as well as form tutors during form time.

Raising awareness of what happened in the Holocaust is important for all faiths because as a human race the Holocaust can't be repeated again as it deeply affected, impacted and made the Jewish suffer painfully and brutally. However in recent times we have not even had a century and what has happened, in the Holocaust has been repeated but in different circumstances around the world. This was showcased in addition to what has happened in the Holocaust.

Finally it is important to remember what a horrific period the Holocaust was during the Second World War. If you are interested in finding out more about the Holocaust, visit:

<https://www.het.org.uk>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/search?q=holocaust+memorial+day>

Well done to our Goldington Academy Anne Frank ambassadors who have received the status of 'highly commended' for the Hate Crime Champions Award with the Office of the Bedfordshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

## ARTS MARK GOLD AWARD ACHIEVED BY GOLDINGTON ACADEMY



Goldington Academy has achieved the Arts Mark Gold Award this January. Students have been able to complete the Bronze and Silver Award and are now able to complete the Gold Award.

Arts Award Silver student, Raahimah Saeed had been busy working towards this prestigious art award and her mini interview gives you an insight and taster into what's involved.

### Q. What does the Arts Award Silver involve?

*A. It involves creating an art portfolio that records your planning and progress. You need to include: your chosen art form knowledge, creativity, planning, evaluating/reviewing and communication. This would be for all of the 3 arts awards. The silver award involves more guided learning hours and is level 2 on the RQF (Regulated Qualifications Framework).*

### Q. Would you recommend the Arts Award to students at Goldington Academy?

*A. Yes, I would recommend the Arts Award because I think it is quite fun and it is a constructive way to spend your free time if you have a keen dedication to the arts.*

Any pupils who are interested in the arts and would like to participate and complete an arts award please contact Mrs Lodder Head of Creative Arts for more information.

## **STEM AMBASSADORS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE**

There has been a lot happening in January with Science here at Goldington Academy. On 23<sup>rd</sup> January the Science department's year 9 Science/STEM ambassadors attended Bedford University. It was organised by Bedford Girls School and allowed the opportunity for the students involved to deliver science activities to pupils. This also involved teaching physics, space and STEM ambassador training. 65 girls from Bedford trained up as STEM ambassadors and it was a great example for the students to build on leadership within the Science field.



## **VEX ROBOTICS AT GOLDINGTON ACADEMY**



On 25<sup>th</sup> January the Regional Finals of the VEX robotics UK competition took place at Goldington Academy. Lots of schools attended the event with 21 teams altogether. Lockheed Martin organised the finals and there was an opportunity to look at engineering careers as future prospects for pupils. The year 10 Girlbots won the Judges Award. VR headsets and the latest technologies were showcased and used. Coding, building, programming, science and maths are all involved in order for the robots to be constructed. At times some of the robots had to be rebuilt but this process helped the pupils recognise what to improve and how to better plan and construct the robots. It was a very tense atmosphere with lots of hard work and concentration.

## HPQ QUALIFICATIONS PROJECT – UNIVERSITY OF BEDFORDSHIRE



On 24<sup>th</sup> January year 10 pupils had the opportunity to gain the Higher Project Qualification (HPQ) with the University of Bedfordshire which enabled them to research and discuss projects of interest. This included: epistemology and how to research. It further allowed students to fine tune independent learning, taking responsibility in relation to study skills, reviewing and researching techniques.

### **GOLDINGTON STUDENT BECOMES LATEST RESIDENT REVIEWER FOR THE PLACE THEATRE**

Year 9 pupil, Isma Begum, has won a recent theatre writing competition and is now reviewing upcoming plays at The Place Theatre, Bedford for the spring season 2019.

Having entered the competition, her role involves reviewing plays for the theatre and this has already started with an interview with Harry Potter star Theo Ancient. Read the full article here:

<https://findtheplacebackstage.wordpress.com/author/residentreviewers/>

### **COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **January/February 2019**

##### **31<sup>st</sup> January 2019**

Young Carers Awareness Day:  
Mufti day at Goldington Academy £1 donation for young carers and The Children's Society – if you are a young carer you can find out more by contacting Mr Hall and visit the website:

<https://carers.org/young-carers-awareness-day-2019>

##### **6<sup>th</sup> February 2019 and 7<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm**

- Gym and Dance Display

##### **11<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- Bikeability courses (levels 1-3) at Goldington Academy

##### **February half term:**

- Yoga for children and teenagers with Trinity College, Bedford Mon-Fri (excluding Wed) at 10:30 am – 11:30 am

Places available to pre-book to find out more info t: 01234 291777

- Faces Youth Club – Church Lane Community Centre, Bedford  
To find out more, parents to contact t: 01234 270601

### **13<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 2 pm**

- The Place Theatre, Bedford  
How does this Politics thing work then? Comedy club 4 kids CBBC'S The Slammer.  
For further info t: 01234 354321 or e: [info@theplacebedford.org.uk](mailto:info@theplacebedford.org.uk) or website: [www.theplacebedford.org.uk/tickets](http://www.theplacebedford.org.uk/tickets)

### **19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- Year 7 CSI day workshops

### **21<sup>st</sup> February 2019 at 4:30 pm**

- Year 8 theatre trip to see The Woman in Black

### **27<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- Battle of the Bands at Goldington Academy  
(rescheduled from January) contact Mrs Lodder for more info

### **27<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 7 pm – 9:30 pm**

Bedfordshire Band Factory – by Inspiring Music Education Hub at Redborne Upper School, Ampthill.

Get your tickets at [eventbrite.co.uk](http://eventbrite.co.uk) or t: 01525 404462

### **8<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7pm (closing date and time)**

- 500 words 2019 with BBC Radio 2  
Short – story writing competition to find out more please follow this link:  
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/28zgDX98FnDYbN9j1jbk4HS/500-words-2019>

Remember the creative writing clubs on Wednesdays and Thursday lunchtimes with Mrs Bennett - Fowlds and Mrs White (English department) where you can get further ideas and help.

### **8<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

- Young Writers Club with Project 229 Bedford, Kempston  
Young Writers Club with author Jonas Lane.  
Parents to register your interest t: 01234 720532 or  
e: [jonaslaneauthor@gmail.com](mailto:jonaslaneauthor@gmail.com)

Youth Rehab Pilates 11-16 years coming soon with Project 229 Bedford, Kempston  
Improving flexibility, overall strength, prevention of injury and relaxation

Parents to register interest t: Johanna – 07753 418170 or e:

[johannaspilatesbedford@gmail.com](mailto:johannaspilatesbedford@gmail.com)