

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GOLDINGTON?

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BRILLIANT CLUB STUDENTS - CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY



On 31st January the Brilliant Club students from years 9 and 10 visited Cambridge University and found out more about careers and opportunities. They attended tutorial groups, enjoyed a personal tour of Trinity College at Cambridge University and took part in the dissertation/essay process. Read the article on the visit by Georgia Cornwall on our website.

SWAN LAKE CLASSICAL BALLET- LONDON



Swan Lake is a spellbinding classical ballet which is more than 100 years old. A fairy-tale love story told through dance and is one of the most popular ballets internationally. Years 9 and 10 students taking GCSE dance were lucky enough to watch Swan Lake on 31st January as part of their GCSE curriculum.

RECOGNITION FOR GOLD ARTS MARK AWARD



On 8th February, the Times and Citizen Newspaper (Bedford Today) journalist Suzanne Dilley visited Goldington Academy to report on the Gold Arts Mark Award that was received in January. This is awarded by the Arts Council England to schools who have high quality art and cultural education. Mr Galbraith has given an interview and you can read the full article here:

<https://www.bedfordtoday.co.uk/news/celebrations-for-all-at-goldington-academy-on-arts-award-1-8792108>

GYM AND DANCE SHOW

The Gym and Dance show at Goldington academy is an annual event that takes place which is popular and well attended. It brings together talented gymnasts and dance students who perform in front of parents and staff over two evenings. The performances involved lots of rehearsals and attending clubs at the academy to practise in groups, individually and in pairs. It is a chance to showcase a variety of creativity to music, sequencing, dance, and gymnastics in front of a big audience.

INTERVIEW WITH MRS CHAPMAN – HEAD OF GIRLS' PE:

Mrs Chapman is the Head of Girls' PE and the Associate Assistant Head. Her interview below details what the gym and dance show entails and how much hard work is put into organising shows like this.

Q. How long has the gym and dance show been running at Goldington Academy?

A. It has been running for approximately 15 years.

Q. What does the gym and dance show involve?

A. The show involves: organising over 140 pupils/staff, ensuring that the numbers are finished by a deadline, holding lots of clubs, rehearsals and practice sessions and running auditions for solos, duets and small groups.

Q. There are 2 shows - 6th and 7th February, why is this?

A. There are two shows so that everybody who wishes to see it is able to do so. There are 200 people watching per evening.

Q. Why is the gym and dance show popular and why has it been running for so long?

A. I think this is because pupils enjoy the chance to be creative and show off what they can do.

Q. How are the performances put together in order to keep the audience interested?

The performances involve having a variety of routines and music, making sure that everyone gets a chance to shine and some of the numbers are maintained by the advanced dancers and gymnasts. This is so that the more difficult movements can be performed by them.

Q. Were there any particular parts that you enjoyed especially?

A. Recognising that all the performers were excited and enjoyed performing, and identifying that the parents were really proud of their children.

Q. How can students who are interested get involved with next year's performance?

A. Go along to the Gym and Dance clubs which are open to everyone.

Students who are interested in gymnastics and dance, we have extra-curricular activities for the Spring term which include Advanced Gym, Dance and 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>

WOMAN IN BLACK THEATRE TRIP – LONDON



On 21st February 2019 year 8 students attended a theatre production of the Woman in Black in London. The book has been studied by the Year 8 students during the Autumn term. Theatre visits transport pupils into becoming audience members who then have a deeper understanding and relation to the stories they study. Next year, Year 9 students will be visiting the theatre in Birmingham to watch An Inspector Calls.

CSI DAY WORKSHOPS – SCIENCE DEPARTMENT

On 19th and 20th February 2019 year 7 students got the opportunity to participate in handling a mock crime scene investigation which takes part annually. The techniques that they used involved dusting for powder fingerprinting, present day DNA fingerprinting and competitions that were fun- packed. Prizes and medals were awarded to winners/teams who tried hard. Lots of analysis and investigation work was required to solve the crime scene puzzle.

COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

February/March 2019

26th February 2019

- Geography lecture: volcanic hazards in New Zealand - @Bedford school Goldington Academy students

2nd – 9th March 2019

- Bedfordshire Festival of Music, Speech and Drama 2019
Bedford Corn Exchange, Harpur suite, Bedford - visit the website for further info:
<https://www.bedfordshirefestival.org.uk/>

4th March 2019

- Anne Frank exhibition – Goldington Academy students

4th March– 9th March 2019

National Careers Week

- Activities for students with reference to different career paths @Goldington Academy

5th March 2019

- Chemistry show – Goldington Academy students

7th March 2019

- World Book Day – Activities and competitions @Goldington Academy

8th March 2019

- Ceramics workshop – Goldington Academy students

9th March 2019

- U:Dance Workshop and Performance – Goldington Academy students

9th March 2019

- BedsPop Science Lab 2019 FREE hands on science workshops and activities as part of British Science Week- visit the website for further info: <http://www.bedpop.co.uk/bedpop-science-lab-2019/>

12th March 2019

- Strings In Spring – Goldington Academy students who play string instruments

13th March 2019

- The Place Theatre, Bedford

The Wonderful Discovery of Witches in the County of Lancaster – ages 12+

For further info t: 01234 354321 or e: info@theplacebedford.org.uk or website:

www.theplacebedford.org.uk/tickets

14th March 2019

- Author Visit: Dan Freedman author of the *Jamie Johnson series* of books
Goldington Academy students in year 6 and 7 – see link below for further details
<http://fluencycontent2-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/FileCluster/GoldingtonAcademy/MainFolder/Documents/letters-home/2018-2019/Dan-Freedman-Author.pdf>

15th March 2019

- Red Nose Day – whole school mufti day in support of Red Nose Day as well as fundraising activities £1.00 donation
- Competition leading up to Red Nose Day Art department:– create a clear poster outlining significance of Red Nose Day, submission to Miss Morgan or Miss Prior
English department: – create a poem highlighting the significance of Red Nose Day, submission to Mrs Bridge or Mrs Bennett - Fowlds

15th March 2019

- Big Bang visit to NEC Birmingham – Year 8 Advanced Science students Goldington Academy

19th March 2019

- Geography lecture: Climate feedbacks in Polar Environments @ Bedford school - Goldington Academy students

8th March 2019 at 7pm (closing date and time)

- 500 words 2019 with BBC Radio 2
Short – story writing competition to find out more 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.

3rd June 2019 (closing date)

- Draw a comic strip - creative competition with John Bunyan Museum, Bedford
Draw a comic strip showing life in prison from a mouse view. If you are interested in finding out more visit this website: <https://www.bunyanmeeting.co.uk/creative>

31st July 2019 at midnight (closing date and time)

- Betjeman Poetry Prize - open to ages 10-13 years
Write a poem on the theme of *PLACE*. If you are interested in finding out more visit this link: <https://www.betjemanpoetryprize.co.uk/>

Ongoing

- Yoga for children and teenagers with Mo Robinson PGCE
@Trinity College, Bedford on Monday T: 4.30 – 5.30pm. Places available to pre-book - to find out more info parents to t: 01234 291777 or visit the website:
<https://ommoshantiyoga.co.uk>