

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GOLDINGTON?

NOVEMBER

REMEMBRANCE DAY ACTIVITIES

Students took part in a number of activities to celebrate and mark Remembrance Day. Mr Galbraith and our teachers also arranged a remembrance assembly to signify this special occasion. The pupils that attend DT club, which runs at lunchtimes, have been busy creating incredible poppies made from recycled materials. They have been displayed in our garden area alongside a poppy wreath and a dedicated remembrance bench. Humanities ambassadors were given the role to raise awareness of those who helped in the war efforts; this included war veterans and women, who all played a vital part here in Bedfordshire. In the school bulletin, examples were presented to students. This included Nan Ino Herbert Cooper; she set up World War One's first country house hospital in Wrest Park, John Albone; he was a courageous officer remembered for his determination, bravery and hard work.



FAMILY COURT COMPETITION

Students representing Goldington Academy presented cases to a panel of judges at Bedford Family Court part of the HM Courts and Tribunals Service. The girls who took part were given case scenarios (which involved lots of preparation, hard work and dedication) based on real life events to deliver against other schools in this heated family mock hearing competition. The girls did really well coming runners-up, which was excellent considering it was the first time we had entered this contest.



NATIVITY THE MUSICAL MILTON KEYNES

As part of the arts award (bronze and silver) pupils were invited to watch this 'Tinsel – Tastic heartfelt hit' (The Times newspaper). The musical brings out the spirit of Christmas and is a melodrama/comedy which brings a smile to your face. It is about two opposing schools who want to star in a Nativity and is full of excitement, joy, sparkle and shine! Students experienced a backstage tour where two theatre guides gave an in-depth guided talk about: the history of Milton Keynes theatre, lighting,



special effects, props/costumes, different parts of the theatre and how this all plays a significant part in theatre productions.

Students also participated in a visit and tour of Milton Keynes gallery. This was a chance to explore ambitions and inspirations in the arts and gain insight and knowledge of different artists. The day was an experience that was worth it and pupils came back with ideas for the respective arts awards.

ROBOTICS

From the autumn term the robotics crew here at Goldington Academy have been busy working hard for the VEX robotics Scrimmage tournament being held on Friday 30th November 2018. All year groups have a committed team who have put lots of effort into constructing and programming robots for this upcoming tournament. Lots of different schools participated in this event and it was tough to get yourself in a position to win. It was a great platform to showcase the robots built through coding using computers and specialised equipment. Lockheed Martin presented and judged the heated finals which took place here at Goldington Academy. This is only the beginning as this was a practice tournament making way for the January National tournaments where teams will be selected to take part in a worldwide event involving teams across the globe. It was an amazing experience and enjoyed by all.



COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

- **10 – 14th December 2018**
Careers and Enterprise week – watch out for workshops taking place
- **14th December 2018**
Charity event - Christmas Jumper Day (Save the Children)
- **8th and 15th December 2018 12:30 pm at The Place Theatre**
Free review writing workshop resident reviewer spring season: theatre writing competition with reviews being published in The Bedford Clanger. To book your place contact Elizabeth Howard: eh@theplacebedford.org.uk
- **31st January 2018 (closing date)**
Step into the NHS – competition about employment opportunities within the NHS. Students who are interested please see Mrs Sacre before the closing date. www.stepintothenhs.nhs.uk/schools
- **8th January 2019 (closing date)** Song writing competition - write your own song! If you win, you get to record your song in a professional recording studio. Students who are interested please see Mrs Lodder/ Music Ambassadors before the closing date.