

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GOLDINGTON?

Summer term - May 2019

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GCSE Options Evening – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019



The GCSE options evening for the current year 8's was held to advise and give further information to parents and students. This decision making evening allowed pupils to explore what subjects are on offer at GA. The options available at GA includes: art, drama, dance, business studies, health and social care, hospitality and catering, computer science, creative imedia, history, geography and languages.

Languages offered include French and Spanish. Those students who have a flair for languages take both languages for GCSE. The Head of Modern Foreign Languages, Miss Dickens, alongside Miss Castagnaro, run extra language classes which help boost your multilingual skills further. If you would like to find out more, contact the languages department who can help you on your decision. Next year, links will be made to France and Spain to further help pupils in their languages journey.

In addition, GA offers GCSES in first languages such as Arabic, Polish, Italian and Urdu. These pupils take their speaking, listening, reading and writing exams at GA; tuition can be arranged with speakers of these languages out of school only.

## Competition Winners Announced – The Place Theatre Resident Reviewers – May 2019



The Place Theatre's resident review writing competition is now closed and winners have been announced. Congratulations to all who entered. Special congratulations to the winners of the 9-12 category Zahid Mahee and 13- 16 category Alex Felice for their superb efforts and winning reviews. Both of their reviews can be found on ThePlaceBackstage and in the journalism club section of the Goldington Gazette.

Please follow this link below for Alex's review:

<https://findtheplacebackstage.wordpress.com/2019/05/23/northanger-abbey-resident-review/>

Zahid's review will be featured in June where he will be reviewing Journey to the Impossible. Details of the show can be found below in the competitions and opportunities section.

Each season The Place runs the competition which gives the opportunity for the winners, to have work published locally in *The Bedford Clanger* and *ThePlaceBackstage*. A recent addition is the opportunity to have the reviews published nationally in *A Younger Theatre* and to receive mentoring from *The Stage*.

The next free review writing workshop for students who want to enter the competition for next season will be held at the BEDFRINGE event on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 2pm and 3pm. If you would like more information and to register your interest parents can email

[eh@theplacebedford.org.uk](mailto:eh@theplacebedford.org.uk)

### Brilliant Club students celebrating graduation at UniofOxford – 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019



The Brilliant Club students at GA spent the day at Oxford University celebrating their achievements over the school year. Certificates were presented in a graduation ceremony and the experience and opportunity given to the students has been *truly amazing*. Georgia one of the students from The Brilliant Club has written an article focusing on the scholar's programme. You can read her article in the journalism section of the Goldington Gazette. Head to this link for more information:

<http://fluencycontent2-schoolwebsite.netdna-ssl.com/FileCluster/GoldingtonAcademy/MainFolder/Documents/Learning/Journalism/The-Brilliant-Club.pdf>

### Year 6 Cohort enjoying a treat/rounders match after completing SATS – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019



The year six SATS (Statutory Assessment Tests) took place on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and finished on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019. The year six pupils who are the final year six intake have worked extremely hard throughout the year in preparation for the SATS. The yearly rounders game and ice-cream treat was enjoyed by all the students.

## Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Practice Expedition – 18<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019



Pupils in year 9 who are involved with the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award got the chance to experience a practice expedition in readiness for the actual one in July. The practice expedition enabled pupils to experience what a typical day would be like completing the expedition. There was lots of walking required up to 6 hours and it was challenging. It was raining a lot but that didn't dampen spirits! If you would like to find out more about the award you need to be in year 9 to apply and can contact Mr Lincoln and also head to this website: <https://www.dofe.org/>

## Brickhill Lower School Visit– 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2019



Mrs Brewer Cooking and Nutrition Coordinator has given an insight into what was required for the cookery workshop at Brickhill Lower School.

A selection of year 7 and 8's and the Year 10 hospitality and catering group showed their skills by creating a buffet for a local woman's institute group - amongst other things they made smoked salmon and cream cheese canapes on cucumber rounds, paprika chicken thighs and tomato, mozzarella and basil skewers.



## Chamber music day at Bedford School – 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2019



Pupils from GA had the chance to listen, perform and learn music at Bedford School. They listened to church instruments and watched an orchestra group perform and compose. After this, GA split into groups to learn a music piece, which altogether formed a whole group ensemble. This was a fantastic experience for pupils because they grasped how to structure music, gained confidence and performance skills.

## Year 9 & Year 10 GCSE mock exams – May/June 2019

Year 10 students sat their GCSE mock exams during the end of May and year 9's during the beginning of June. The benefits of the year nine's taking the exams earlier, is that it helps them to identify, which areas need more focus on and improvement. Additionally, it gets you used to the different GCSE style questions for year 10.

The year 10's have completed three sets of mock exams within year 9 and 10 which has now given them the experience of how a real GCSE exam would be like.

## COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES:

### Summer term 2019

#### ❖ COMPETITIONS:

#### 5<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (closing date)

- Explore Learning Writers Award 2019 – writing competition for children 4-14 yrs  
Explore Learning are looking for utterly brilliant and thought provoking stories around the theme of 'A chance to change the world' If you are interested in finding out more visit this website: [explorellearning.co.uk/writersawards](http://explorellearning.co.uk/writersawards)

#### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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>

#### 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019 (closing date)

- Film competition theme 'our future online' – Childnet FILM competition 2019  
Young people to create films for their peers: making the internet safe and a great place a short film about internet safety. For more info head to the link below:  
<https://www.childnet.com/resources/film-competition/2019>



### **20<sup>th</sup> July 2019 (closing date)**

- Young Historian Award 2019 - history competition for schools: Researching, writing and presenting ideas about a historical theme/period. For more information head to this link: and <https://www.history.org.uk/ha-news/categories/455/news/3689/young-historian-awards-2019-secondary-prizes> contact Mrs Andrews in the humanities department.

### **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/>

### **❖ SCHOOL EVENTS:**

#### **1<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

- Mufti day – raising funds for the school summer production Into the Woods JR. Prizes for best 'Into the Woods' themed dress.

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> May 2019**

- Year Eight GCSE Options Evening 6.30 pm—8.00 pm

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

- Jump 19, Regional youth dance platform performance – GA Dance students
- Northanger Abbey by Jane Austen 7:30pm show @ The Place Theatre –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)

*Review on the show by Alex GA student, (Resident Reviewer) is out this month*

#### **13<sup>th</sup> May – 16<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

- Year Six SATs

#### **18th May 2019**

- Duke of Edinburgh practise expedition -selected GA students

#### **20<sup>th</sup> May – 5<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

- Year Ten end of year internal GCSE mock exams

#### **27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

- Half term week

#### **10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019 Wednesday and Thursday**

- **Into the Woods Jr summer school production**  
@ The Place Theatre, Bradgate road, Bedford T: 7:30pm Age group: suitable for children 8+ Goldington Academy warmly invites you to watch this show performed by our talented drama students. Open to the public, their peers and parents.  
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)  
*Watch this space for the review on the show by Isma, GA student, (Journalism Club) coming soon*

➤ **MAY HALF TERM ACTIVITIES:**

**28<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

- **Journey to the Impossible** - presented by Little Soldier Productions Age group: 10+ families welcome @ The Place Theatre, Bradgate road, Bedford. For further info t: 01234 354321 or e: info@theplacebedford.org.uk or website: [www.theplacebedford.org.uk/tickets](http://www.theplacebedford.org.uk/tickets)  
*Watch this space for the review on the show by Zahid GA student, (Resident Reviewer) next month*



**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

- **Children's Family yoga with Mo** –T: 4:30pm @ Trinity College, Bedford

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019**

- **Family Yoga/ children and teenagers with Mo**- T: 2:00 – 3:00 pm @ Trinity College, Bedford  
Places available to pre-book - to find out more info parents to t: 01234 291777 or visit the website: <https://ommoshantiyoga.co.uk>

**30<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

- **Youth Cabinet monthly meeting** T: 6:00 – 8:00pm @ Borough Hall, Cauldwell Street, Bedford Age group: 11-18 years  
Members of the cabinet who were able to attend the Youth Cabinet roadshow explained the tour and young people's views collected on the campaigns: Put an end to knife crime, Anti- bullying and improving PHSE.  
Next meeting: July 18<sup>th</sup> T: 6:00 – 8:00pm

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The Engagement & Development Team believes that Children and Young People should be SEEN and HEARD ...if you are a young person who has something to say then The youth Cabinet needs you! Run by young people, for young people, the Youth Cabinet works to make things better by listening to the key issues and working to bring about change!



If you are interested in finding out more information parents to register interest e: [voice@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:voice@bedford.gov.uk) and or visit website: [www.bedford.gov.uk/youthcabinet](http://www.bedford.gov.uk/youthcabinet)

## ❖ UPCOMING EVENTS

### 15 – 27<sup>th</sup> July

- **Bedford Festival Fringe**  
@The Quarry Theatre and The Place Theatre  
Over 150 events will be staged  
For more information please head to this website: [bedfringe.com](http://bedfringe.com)

### 20<sup>th</sup> July 2019

- **The Place Theatre Review Writing Workshop BEDFRINGE Event** T: 2:00pm and 3:00pm  
This is a free workshop aimed at students who want to enter the competition for next season with The Place Theatre, lots of helpful tips and guidance.  
If you would like more information and to register your interest parents can email:  
[eh@theplacebedford.org.uk](mailto:eh@theplacebedford.org.uk)

### 5<sup>th</sup> August 2019

- **Entrepreneur Challenge Day** – PwC Foundervine Fun 4 Young People T: 08:00- 15:30pm  
@PwC offices in Cambridge - Age group: 12 – 16 years Free to apply  
Bus leaves Great Denham Park and Ride (opposite primary school) Great Denham  
For more information and parents to book please head to this link below:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/entrepreneur-challenge-day-pwc-foundervine-tickets-61867300762>

### 6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 – 2 Day Event

- **The Plastic Planet Project** - Fun 4 Young People T: 09:00- 15:30pm  
@Bedford Modern School – Age group: 10-16 years  
Young people will learn about the effects of global climate change on our lands and oceans as well as lots of teamwork to create products that can be used at home.  
For more information and parents to book please head to this link below:  
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-plastic-planet-project-2-day-event-10-16years-tickets-61868929634>