

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT GOLDINGTON?

### DECEMBER

#### **GOLDINGTON'S GOT TALENT**

On Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December, the finals for Goldington's Got Talent took place at our newly refurbished drama studio. Students at Goldington Academy showcased a number of awesome talent acts ranging from: singing/rapping, dancing, gymnastics/parkour, roller-skating and piano-playing. It was spectacular to watch and everybody who took part in this competition worked with the upmost dedication in their performances. Elegance and precision was paramount. Parkour and gymnastics involved jumping over obstacles and energetic movements to music to tell part of a story from Aladdin. It was a sensational performance put together by Daisy who went on, to win the show. This competition highlights the amazing quality of talent we have here at our school.

#### **INFORMAL CONCERT AT GOLDINGTON ACADEMY & THE MALLARDS CARE HOME**

The informal concert took place on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> December. It was an excellent event which gathered our musicians in a performance that was enjoyable to watch and a pleasure to take part in. Lots of instruments were played and the pieces played were impressive to listen to. Students had to be committed to practice their pieces before and after school and at lunchtimes. Students, alongside teachers, sang, played the violin, piano, guitar, flute, trumpet and hand-bells. In addition to this the hand-bells group visited The Mallards care home to perform to residents and carers. The hand-bells production celebrated the spirit of Christmas. It was a wonderful experience, songs included 'a starry night' and 'jingle bells' which lit up and brought many smiles to those within the care home setting. Students encouraged residents to have a go and take part with handbells. It was very interactive and enjoyable.

#### **SPORTING SCHOOL OF THE YEAR 2018 BOROUGH SPORTS AWARDS**



Goldington Academy has achieved the Sporting School of The Year 2018 award. This is an amazing achievement. We have won the award twice in three years. Goldington Academy has been involved with a range of sports which have led to

winners and runners up within district and county levels. This includes: hockey, football, dodgeball, netball, sports hall athletics, athletics, rounders, rugby, tennis and cricket. More than 50 percent of the students at Goldington Academy participate in extra – curricular sports programmes. This term Referee student trainees have been busy working hard here at the Academy preparing for their Beds FA football qualification. All students involved have achieved the qualification in December and were awarded certificates in our end of year assembly.



## **CAREERS WEEK**

Goldington hosted the first careers week which took place from 10-14th December. The Year 10 Careers and Enterprise ambassadors assisted with the lunchtime workshops held. These workshops enabled students to go and explore what different career paths are available and what is needed for a particular job.

The lunchtime workshops varied from learning about varied apprenticeships; the music industry; firefighting; law; occupational therapy; highways engineering; accountancy; banking/finance; lighting design engineering; sports leadership; public relations; project management; production at Sky Sports and routes into retail. Furthermore Miss Lambe, Miss Moyster, Mrs Bridge and Ms Fearon spoke in different assemblies to students about their background careers. Visitors from different employment sectors attended the workshops and events to inspire pupils in their related fields. (The law and project management workshops put focus on building people skills and working under pressure). The week was helpful and gave us an insight about different career paths and opportunities available. If there is a certain career you are interested in you can contact Mrs Sacre for further help and information.



## **GROW @ GOLDINGTON**



This month, the gardening crew have been decorating Christmas plant plots to sell to students and teachers, in order to raise money for solar lights to go into the garden. This is so that the area can be enjoyed even in the darker winter months. The gardening group have also been busy working hard with building, the upcycled greenhouse from recycled 2L plastic bottles. The greenhouse will help the garden, is eco-friendly as well as helping to strive and achieve the level 5 RHS award. The hard work over the summer months really paid off as seeding, tending to the crops at Grow@Goldington meant that with the onset of autumn, our harvest of vegetables and fruit were surprisingly plentiful. This term Grow@Goldington saw strawberries and tomatoes. The commitment of the Goldington Academy gardeners has allowed the garden to blossom, and the gardeners even supplied our school canteen, with the abundance of tomatoes grown! With winter approaching the Goldington Academy gardeners are going from strength to strength, and are always happy to have more helping hands in the gardening team. Mrs Sacre and Mrs Oates work very hard to ensure that Grow@Goldington is a continual success, along with the gardening ambassadors. Next month's projects include: finishing the greenhouse, so we can build and install new vegetable beds ready for the spring plants, planting the trees and hedgerows. We were lucky enough to be awarded by The Woodland Trust, and planning our spring bulb presentation beds.

### **COMPETITIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES:**

#### **January 2019**

- Duke of Edinburgh Award Bronze, year 9 students who are interested please contact Mr Lincoln ASAP – Award will start in February

#### **25<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (closing date)**

- Remember that the Imperial College Faculty of Natural Science STEM competition deadline is on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2019. Contact Mrs Mckenna for further assistance/ help.

#### **25<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

- VEX robotics competition at Goldington Academy

#### **29<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

- GCSE dance workshop at the University of Bedfordshire

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

- Battle of the Bands at Goldington Academy

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

- Trip to watch the Swan Lake

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

- Gym and dance show from 7:00 pm-9:00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> February

### **11<sup>th</sup> February – 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019**

- Bikeability levels 1-3

Bedford Radio - Youth Democracy Show Episode 1-anyone interested in youth democracy and politics Bedford Radio have a short interview with local MP.

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