

# Looking Ahead



## Exam results summer 2009

Full results for 2009 can be viewed at [www.godalming.ac.uk/achievements/examination\\_results](http://www.godalming.ac.uk/achievements/examination_results)

## Applications for 2010

This year the College has received an unprecedented number of applications from students at non partner schools and has now closed both its applicant and waiting list for September 2010.

## Applications for 2011

We shall be holding an Open Evening for current year 10s next summer on Wednesday 14th July. For the latest updates visit [www.godalming.ac.uk/news\\_events/events](http://www.godalming.ac.uk/news_events/events)

## Over the page...

**Online information for parents is launched**

**Friends and families join celebration event for college leavers**

**Diary Dates, December 2009 to March 2010**

## Principal's update

**My general impression is that our new students have settled very well into the College.** They seem industrious, look happy, and appear well-integrated into the routines and way of life at Godalming. Of course appearances can be deceptive but I trust that this isn't the case. I do some teaching myself - on the Art History course, and these students have already demonstrated that they are open to new ideas and new ways of working and are making the transition from GCSE to level 3 programmes pretty successfully.

Some students will really need to push themselves further in the coming months. And what I would say to you as parents is if you are able to influence your sons and daughters (and this isn't always easy with adolescents) then you should be encouraging them in the direction of organising their homework on an effective and committed basis. Work demands will get greater as the year progresses and good routines are essential.

To help all our students with their work we have a very good Student Intranet site known as Godalming Online which provides them with information and resources

for each of their courses. It also serves as a bulletin board and student handbook, advertising events and providing general information about the College. Students should make full use of this resource to help them with their studies.

But learning isn't just about making use of computers, our Godalming Online site, the Intranet, and so on. This year we are having a good old-fashioned push on getting students to read more, both to support their studies and for pleasure. Yes, books are back! Reading extends the mind, enhances our knowledge of the world, and improves literacy skills. Given that most of our students will go on to university getting into the habit of reading is very important – computers mustn't be the be all and end all. So, anything you can do to encourage your sons and daughters to read is appreciated.

I will be at both the lower and upper sixth parents' evenings next month and please do drop in if you would like a word about anything.

## News in brief

### College among design winners

This year's Waverley Design Awards have been announced and once again the College is celebrating success. The outside Piazza is the winner of the Environmental Enhancement Award and we were also Highly Commended for the Performing Arts Centre in the New Buildings category. The overall winner will be announced at a ceremony to be held in Haslemere next month.

### New Parent Governor announced

Following a three-way ballot Helena Hockridge has been elected as the new parent governor. She currently has two children at Godalming and will represent the views of parents at full Corporation meetings and on the committee that manages curriculum and quality, and human resources.

For Corporation news visit [www.godalming.ac.uk/](http://www.godalming.ac.uk/)

**Our Annual Report for 2008/09 is published shortly. A copy will automatically be sent to everyone who receives this newsletter and it will also be available on the College website.**



Please do tell us if there is anything you would like to see added to the new Parents' Portal.

## Parents' Portal helps to spread the word

The re-development of the College's website this summer now features a new area on the site dedicated to providing helpful information to current and prospective parents.

Whether you want to find out how you can support your son or daughter during their studies or what could make their application to Higher Education stand out from the crowd, this online resource has the latest advice from our student guidance team. There's also a page of *Frequently Asked Questions* and links to other areas of the website to help give you the all-round picture of life at Godalming.

Visit [www.godalming.ac.uk/parents\\_portal](http://www.godalming.ac.uk/parents_portal)

## Sun shines on *Let's Celebrate 2009*

Former BBC Director General and Chancellor of York University Greg Dyke was the special guest at our new event for college leavers held at the end of the summer term. *Let's Celebrate* recognizes both academic achievement, and, effort and determination across all the subject areas offered to sixth formers, as well as individual contributions made to both college life and to the community. Over three hundred and fifty students, families and members of staff attended a reception and presentation evening which was held at College's Sports Centre.

The 2010 event takes place on Friday 2nd July; individual prize winners will receive more details in April.

Left: trombonist Jane Salmon entertains the audience. The 2008/09 College Annual Report will feature more photos.



## Diary Dates Winter/Spring 2009/10

- The last teaching day of the autumn term is Friday 18th December.
- The College is closed for Christmas between Monday 21st December and Friday 1st January.
- Spring term starts Monday 4th January and ends Thursday 1st April.

December	January	February	March
<b>1 &amp; 3</b> L6 Parents' Evening	<b>4</b> First day of spring term		<b>15</b> Student reviews posted out
<b>9</b> U6 Parents' Evening	<b>14</b> Inset day	<b>9, 10, 11 &amp; 12</b> <i>Evita</i> Drama Production	
<b>9, 10 &amp; 11</b> <i>Everything in Colour</i> Drama Production		<b>15-19</b> Half Term	<b>25 &amp; 30</b> Parents' Evenings all years
<b>17</b> College Concert			<b>31</b> College Concert



