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SPORT ENRICHMENT GETS OFF TO A GOOD START

Sport Enrichment is proving a great success. We have over 60 social footballers taking part on a Wednesday afternoon, netball has a very strong participation with 25 women, and Varndean rugby saw Plumpton and East Sussex College come to the College for a rugby festival with 25 boys taking part!

The Russell Martin Academy started their pre-season off by playing Chelsea Football Club Women's team using professional facilities and training by Chelsea FC. They have also started the season very strongly with wins over Shoreham College, Claremont Sixth Form, Haywards Heath College and Steyning College! Best of luck for the season ahead!



SUCCESS FOR VARNDEAN'S BASKETBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to Varndean College's two basketball teams who in May travelled to Woking College for a basketball 3v3 tournament. The Varndean B team played very well all day and came away with 3rd place in the plate competition. The Varndean A team did extremely well and were runners up of the overall competition. They played against Esher, Godalming and Bexhill Colleges who are used to playing matches week in week out. This was our boys' second only competitive fixture, so well done to everyone.

VARNDEAN STUDENT DENIZ DINC BREAKS GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

Congratulations to Year 2 student Deniz Dinc who, as part of the Brighton Table Tennis Club team, broke the Guinness World for the number of consecutive opponents in a table tennis rally. The previous record was 115 people; they broke it on 1st May with 192 people! Deniz is coached by Wen Wei.



VARNDEAN DANCE STUDENTS SECURE PLACES WITH NATIONAL YOUTH DANCE COMPANY

After running 22 workshops throughout the country, the National Youth Dance Company (NYDC) invited two Varndean College Dance students, current Year 2 student Milly Bajpai and recent alumni Emma Staples, back to Sadler's Wells for the final audition with guest Artistic Director, Wayne McGregor, and both dancers were successful in being awarded a place with NYDC for 2023.

This was an amazing accomplishment, as the process was hugely competitive. National Youth Dance Company is run by Sadler's Wells and they create and perform innovative and influential dance, bringing together the brightest talent from across England to work intensively with the Sadler's Wells renowned Associate Artists and visiting companies.

Milly said: "My Varndean College dance tutor, Chess, told me to

apply and audition for NYDC; with her support, I went for it. Getting through to the final round was so exhilarating! Being in this inspiring space filled with so many talented dancers encouraged me to push myself through to the end of the exhausting final audition. It was incredibly inspiring being taught by Wayne McGregor who I have studied in class. Getting into the company was such a special day for me and receiving that message gave me confirmation that this is my path."



CREATIVE MEDIA STUDENTS WORK WITH DENTSU CREATIVE

Creative Media students got to take part in a workshop with Cannes Lions 2022 Agency of the Year, DENTSU CREATIVE in October.

Head of Innovation and renowned expert on the Metaverse, Alex Hamilton, worked with our students by giving them an authentic brief from real clients. They then presented their ideas to Alex, with the most successful getting the chance to attend work experience at the global offices of Dentsu's parent company ISOBAR, one of the largest marketing firms in the world.



WE ARE OFFICIALLY A CARBON LITERATE ORGANISATION!

In September 2022, Varndean College was awarded the Bronze status as a Carbon Literate Organisation. This accreditation is the visible 'badge' that shows we are both committed to Carbon Literacy and serious about maintaining our low carbon culture. We are incredibly proud of this achievement.

A Carbon Literate Organisation (CLO) is an organisation that has been accredited by The Carbon Literacy Project as having a substantial commitment to Carbon Literacy. This accreditation supports the development (in addition to the recruitment and retention) of a Carbon Literate workforce and requires an organisation to engage positively with its audience or community in developing and delivering low carbon behaviour.

This follows the successful completion and subsequent implementation of the Carbon Literacy Qualification, a course which has been offered as a pilot scheme across Sussex colleges, with Varndean being one of the first in the country to offer this course.

Achieving the Bronze CLO status is an important milestone for the college especially in light of the impending developments under the Masterplan. The proposals within the plan seeks to improve the current college campus with works that ensure energy efficient buildings with a low carbon footprint in addition to the implementation of the college-wide sustainability projects such as the ecology garden.



CARBON LITERACY STUDENTS TOUCH BASE WITH NATURE

At the end of last term, students who had completed their Carbon Literacy Qualification course were invited to visit Sacred Earth, a beautiful rewilding site in the heart of Sussex for a day of 'Wellbeing in Nature'.

The Wellbeing in Nature project aims to support people's physical and mental wellbeing and gave students the opportunity to reduce depression, gain a more emotional wellness and improve their sleep quality using deep nature connection principles and practices such as mindfulness, bushcraft, earth care and horticulture, creativity and play.

RAMPION OFFSHORE WIND FARM



In April, as part of the CLQ qualification, we hosted a very successful talk from Rampion Offshore Wind Farm, one of the largest employers in the South Coast of 'green jobs' and one of the largest suppliers of renewable energy in the region.

Students were provided with information on how the wind turbines are designed and constructed discussing the crucial work of geologists, marine biologists, environmental scientists as well as engineers. The talk enabled students to understand more about how wind energy is produced and distributed along the Sussex coastline. This was of particular interest to our Engineering students.

Information was also provided on the variety of career opportunities available in the green energy sector. The offshore wind power industry offers a wide variety of career opportunities other than just engineering; from design, finance, marketing, technology, building, education and communications to name a few.

ANNUAL SAM PATERSON AWARD

In June this year, Varndean College students performed a collection of comedy sketches and songs at our regular "Watch This Space" event at the exciting Electric Arcade performance space in Brighton.

The evening was a celebration of talent and our second years finishing quite an extraordinary two years of study following the pandemic. Performers and audience alike were thrilled to be able to get back into public theatre spaces and celebrate the talent and skills of our wonderful students.

It was also the venue for the presentation of our annual Sam Paterson Award. Now in its ninth year, the award is handed out each year to the student or students 'that have made the most of their studies in drama and performing arts'. Mary Gwynn and Marlon Read were this year's joint winners. They are both applying to acting courses this year and we wish them all the best and look forward to seeing them again soon, as they have agreed to come back and talk about their auditioning experiences to our current students.



UPWARDS THROUGH BUSINESS AWARDS

Fifty-nine Business Studies students across both year groups, studying either A Level Business, BTEC Vocational Business or GCSE Business, were accredited with an 'Upward Through Business' award in April. Certificates were awarded to those students who had demonstrated either perseverance, attendance, engagement/attitude, quality of work, research skills, meeting deadlines, online engagement, or contribution to class.

Certificates were presented by Principal, Donna-Marie Janson, with even retired College dog Digby lending a helping hand. Congratulations everyone, keep up the excellent work.

CHEMISTRY NEWS



ROYAL SOCIETY OF CHEMISTRY ANALYTICAL COMPETITION

Three teams of Vardean students took part the RSC's Analytical Competition in June which comprised of four practical lab tasks. Team 1 (Anna Zhang, Lola Clarke and Daniela Torres Cuoco, pictured) came first in the local round and were then runners up in the SE Regional Division, being compared very favourably to winners, Oxford International College.

Over three days, their task was to complete four experiments and analyse a group of ingredients to determine the perfect recipe for fish and chips! They had to analyse the amino composition of flour which required careful handling of thin-layer chromatography paper and the spraying of Ninhydrin solution to determine multiple Rf values. They also used the principles of gravimetry to identify the residue left behind after the decomposition of sodium bicarbonate. They then conducted titrations and food tests on starch to further analyse the acidity and composition of the ingredients.



A LEVEL CHEMISTRY STUDENTS WIN AWARDS IN RSC CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

A strong team of A Level Chemistry students again took part in the Royal Society of Chemistry's (RSC) Annual Chemistry Olympiad. Designed to challenge and inspire students to excel in the field of chemistry, the competition is one of the leading UK chemistry competitions for students, providing an enriching experience and an opportunity to push themselves further. Students develop critical problem-solving skills, learn to think more creatively and get a chance to test their knowledge in real-world situations.

This year, our students won 6 Gold, 4 Silver and 2 Bronze awards, with the 2 Bronze going to first year students which was an outstanding achievement.

UNIVERSITY OF CAMBRIDGE C3L6 CHEMISTRY CHALLENGE

Vardean students also competed in Cambridge University's annual C3L6 Chemistry Challenge. The C3L6 competition is open to Year 12 UK students and takes the form of a 90-minute written exam. Students are awarded certificates of achievement (either a copper, silver or gold award), and those who perform best win an invitation to a residential camp at



EX-VARDEAN STUDENT, NATASHA, RETURNS TO TALK TO VARDEAN'S ASPIRING MEDICS

Ex-Vardean student, Natasha Wilcock, who studied here from 2013-15, made yet another welcome return visit in May when she gave a very informative and inspiring talk to our current students aspiring to follow a career in medicine.

Natasha, or Tash as she is best known, studied Biology, Chemistry, Maths and French, as well as AS Level in Modern History. She progressed on to study a challenging six-year Medicine degree at University College London (her final year during a global pandemic), graduating in 2021. She is now a qualified junior doctor working at St. George's Hospital, London

the University of Cambridge. This year, 17 Vardean students won an impressive array of awards; 2 gold, 11 silver and 4 copper, with Ella Tingley only 4 marks off of being invited to the University of Cambridge. Congratulations to everyone.

MOCK MULTIPLE MINI INTERVIEWS

In November, doctors will again be visiting Vardean to talk to our aspiring medicine students and run two hours of mock multiple mini-interviews (MMI). Interview stations will be set up, giving students the opportunity to experience what it is like to participate in a medicine interview and tackle some of the questions they may face to get into medical school.



CHEMISTS ACROSS THE CONTINENTS COMPETITION

Chemistry student Tamsin Quelch came fourth, out of thirteen shortlisted finalists, in the RSC/QMUL I&D 'Chemists Across the Continents' Poster Competition in June with her poster 'Tu You You - The First Chinese Women to Receive Nobel Prize'. Tamsin received a £50 Amazon voucher and the college received a voucher of £100.

JUMPING HIGH FOR CHARITY

Back in July, Year Two student Bailey Loncarevic had the once in a lifetime experience of jumping out of a plane, whilst at the same time raising £510 for the charity Mind. Organised by Skydive Buzz in Honiton, Bailey jumped from 15,000ft (the highest in the UK you can jump), the first 60 seconds of which were free fall. Bailey said "It was very exhilarating and I would recommend everyone to do it! Thank you to all the students and teachers who donated money, it was highly appreciated. I chose the charity Mind because I support them with all the work they undertake and due to Covid there has been a huge increase of people with mental health issues. Charities like Mind are needed more than ever now."



GEOGRAPHY & ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY ...

BOTH ENRICHING SUBJECTS



We all know that these are dynamic subjects in which students get out and about and involved in hands-on activities and this year is no exception. It is great to get back into this way of learning following the break due to COVID.

Already this term, Year Two Geographers have visited the London Olympic site to look at the 'legacy' of the games in terms of providing local amenities, housing and infrastructure. Our

overall impression was that the authorities and planners have made a very good job of building on the success of the games and developing ongoing positive benefits for locals and London as a whole.

Then at the beginning of October, Geography and ES students went on an exciting trip to Iceland, 'The Land of Ice and Fire'! It was a most interesting and well-planned trip. Iceland is geared up for academic groups and the quality of our experience was extremely high. We saw a glacier, lava flow, some dramatic waterfalls, small settlements, the boundary between two tectonic plates, basaltic cliffs and beach, a geothermal power station, several hot mud pools, as well as a geyser. Iceland is a wonderful venue for students and we all came home feeling we had witnessed some

amazing sights. The icing on the cake was that we got to see the Aurora Borealis (Northern Lights). These courses lend themselves to these types of trip and tutors are keen to build more of them into their study programmes.

Year Two students are also currently working on their coursework investigations in which they undertake research into a small-scale human or natural environment. The outcomes will make a real contribution to our understanding of local issues as well as developing the students research and analysis skills. The coursework counts for 20% of the A level grade. The ES programme is based on 100% coursework so again these students research a variety of important topics and issues such as climate change and biodiversity loss.



GEOGRAPHY STUDENTS VISIT LONDON'S OLYMPIC PARK

Year Two A Level Geography students visited the Olympic Park on Friday 30 September to investigate the socio-economic impacts of regeneration in London, as part of their Geography A Level 'Regenerating Places' unit. A secondary aim of the trip was to gain ideas and skills for individual investigations. The group were guided around the site still being regenerated after the 2012 games by two excellent tour guides. A highlight was seeing inside the Velodrome cycling arena as well as the large Stratford shopping centre. The site should provide some excellent case studies for their A Level exam.



SPANISH TRIP

From 20-25 November, Year Two Spanish A level and IB students will be visiting the fabulous city of Cordoba, in Andalucia, Spain. This is the resume after the pandemic of our amazing Modern Foreign Language trips to Spain, France and Germany. Students will be attending Spanish lessons in the language school, Academica Hispánica/Británica, and living with host families while immersing themselves in the Spanish culture.

ASPIRING OXBRIDGE STUDENTS VISIT OXFORD

In September, a group of our aspiring Oxbridge students, together with two members of staff, spent two days in Oxford staying at St John's College where we were treated to free food and accommodation. Students attended subject specific Q&A with tutors, had a tour of the different colleges, whilst at the same time got a feel for the city when exploring Oxford in the evening.

Year One student, Amelia, said: "I thought this was a wonderful opportunity to see the place we've all been talking about for years. Getting a feel of the city was one of the most important aspects to see whether you'd be happy living there. Everything was so lovely and staying on campus, despite it being quiet, showed what it might be like to live there; the facilities and the opportunities to interact with other students. Experiencing meals was also helpful since there is less emphasis on self-catering there.

Talking to students was particularly helpful; they were incredible in helping to narrow down what college you might like to apply to. The honesty from the students was amazing because you could ask them anything and generally have a chat with them. Interacting with the tutors also made the application process seem more manageable - they're real people too and want to see students do well."



Varndean College could not have been prouder of its students this year and celebrated the considerable achievements of its students who yet again achieved an outstanding record of A Level, IB and Vocational course results.

Students completing their studies this year had an educational journey like no other, besieged with severe disruptions to their studies through ongoing Covid 19 challenges. For the majority

of students, it was their first public examination as their GCSEs were replaced by Centre Assessed Grades following the very first lockdown in March 2020. Throughout their studies students were unsure of just how their final grade would be calculated, as there was a 'Plan B- Covid Contingency Plan' in place until April '22 in case examinations were cancelled.

Despite this, students were truly exceptional and rose to

the challenges, demonstrating remarkable resilience, positivity and strength of character. We are immensely proud of how they responded. Our teachers worked tirelessly with them to ensure that they were prepared for their examinations and that their results reflected this.

The overall pass rate at A level was 97%, with 57% of students achieving A*-B grades and 75% of students A*-C grades.

PRIDE AND SUCCESS FOR VARNDEAN COLLEGE STUDENTS



ALICE BROOKER - OFF TO OXFORD



MILD WHEELER - OFF TO MANCHESTER

Students were similarly successful in our vocational courses with a 98% pass rate overall, with 56% of students gaining the very highest grades of Distinction* and Distinction.

- 100% pass in A level Maths with 35% of students receiving an A or A*
- 100% 3D Design students got a high grade with 74% receiving an A* or A
- 75% of A level English students received an A* - B grade
- 100 pass rate in all Arts A Levels with high grades of 94% in Photography, 90% in Fine Art,
- 70% of students completing the EPQ gained an A* - B grade with 47% gaining an A* or A.
- 60% of BTEC Environmental Sustainability students gained the highest grade of a D*
- 56% of BTEC Sport students studying Level 3 Sport Science gained the highest grade of a D*
- 60% of Level 3 double Health & Social Care gained a Distinction or above.

This A Level success follows on from Varndean's successful International Baccalaureate results in July. An impressive 95% of students passed the Diploma, with students achieving an average

"WE ARE INCREDIBLY PROUD OF OUR STUDENTS THIS YEAR"

College Principal, Ms Donna-Marie Janson, said; "We are incredibly proud of our students this year, particularly under the circumstances they have found themselves to be in due to the global pandemic and to what have they have achieved in what is for most of them their first set of public examinations. We cannot underestimate just how challenging their educational journey has been; they have studied through lockdowns, through huge disruption due to surging Covid cases and the plan B contingency arrangement was in place until this April, creating additional uncertainty and anxiety for them. They have dealt admirably with these challenges, taking everything in their stride and continuing to focus. They have been inspiring to work with, to teach and to get to know. Our students are quite frankly amazing and they and their loved ones should feel as proud of themselves as we do for their spirited determination and for all they have achieved. I would like to thank and commend my entire staff for their hard work and dedication working throughout the pandemic, adapting and responding throughout and ensuring that students have the best possible opportunities and the best possible experience. I would also like to thank all the parents and families of our students who have supported us throughout, we could not have done it without you."

point score of 36.24 out of 45 (equivalent of 3 A grades at A Level) and 61% of subject scores were at the top points 6 or 7.

63% of the cohort achieved 36 points or more; an incredible 32% scored 40 or more (the equivalent of 3 A* grades at A Level) with 4 students achieving 44 out of 45,

the equivalent to five A* at A Level! 93% of our IB UCAS applicants received offers for Russell Group universities with two-thirds of the Oxbridge applicants securing their places.

Congratulations and well done to all our departing students and the very best of luck for your future.

VARNDEAN COLLEGE WELCOMES RECORD NUMBER OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS



We are delighted to welcome 96 Year One international students this September - the highest number ever. They have come to us from 18 countries across four different continents, with 83% coming from Europe.

As individuals and as a group, they have settled in very quickly and are loving it in the UK! Feedback already is "It is the best decision I have ever made; everyone is so friendly. I love the way we learn here and I have already made friends from across the world."

We would like to commend them for their enthusiasm

and commitment to learning with us, as well as their maturity in venturing out into new cultural experiences with their host families and in Brighton.

In July 2022, our A Level International leavers received excellent results progressing on to a range of destinations such as Law at Leeds University, Neuroscience at Sussex University, International Business at Bristol University and Film & Spanish at Manchester University. As second language speakers and with a Covid-interrupted two-year period, they did remarkably well - we are so proud of them.

EARLY YEARS STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Our Early Years Department are continuing with their popular monthly Student of the Month awards. Congratulations to Year One student Max Whitmore, who has been awarded 'Early Years Student of the Month' for September for a great approach to his work and a determination to do well. We are excited to see how Max progresses in his journey to pursue a career working with and teaching young children. Well done Max.



FIRST AID TRAINED AND READY

Twenty Early Years students have successfully passed their Level 3 Paediatric First Aid course. A mix

of blended learning, online and face to face, the students learnt how to deal with medical emergencies, developed essential life-saving skills and had lots of fun. As they all start placement after half term, they can enter the workplace confidently and well-equipped. This is the fifth year Sarah from Daisy First Aid has run the course with our students and was as brilliant as usual!



REBECCA ACHIEVES GRAND PRIOR'S AWARD WITH ST JOHN AMBULANCE

Back in June, Year 2 A Level student Rebecca Stanley was honoured with awards by St John Ambulance, South East for providing 7 years of service to the organisation.

Rebecca has attended weekly meetings and served over 300 hours of service to the community in providing first aid cover at events such as Wimbledon, Brighton and London Marathons, Lewes Bonfire Celebrations, and many more. She has reached the medical rank of Cadet Advanced First Aider and was awarded 'The Grand Prior's Award', which is the ultimate cadet achievement award demonstrating commitment, compassion and self-improvement in 24 subject areas. In addition, she was awarded the ranking position of 'Lead Cadet'

which is the highest serving rank of a cadet.

Soon, when she reaches the age of 18, she will move into the adult unit and will take on the medical role of Adult First Aider and a Non-Commissioned Officer role of Acting Event Lead for her unit in Sussex.

Congratulations Rebecca, what an amazing achievement. We are so proud of your dedication and hard work.



PSYCHOLOGY STUDENTS VISIT BETHLEM MUSEUM

Thirty-two Psychology students visited Bethlem Museum of the Mind, Bethlem Royal Hospital on Tuesday 17th May 2022. The hospital is the original 'Bedlam', one of the world's oldest hospitals for the treatment of mental illness. Mental health is a topic covered on the A-Level, IB and BTEC Psychology courses.

The day included:

- an illustrated talk on the history of the hospital and mental health treatment
- a museum and gallery visit
- a workshop giving students the opportunity to go through original archives detailing admissions and treatment from 150 years ago

WEB DEVELOPERS IN THE MAKING

Last term, A Level Computer Science student, Judah Fuller, won a web development competition as part of Varndean's 'Web Developer Club' (now Web Developer Enrichment).

The competition was run by volunteer web developer, Ollly Chadwick, who last year came into Varndean weekly to run 'Web Developer Club' with a small group of Computer Science students. Learning from Ollly's expertise, students developed small games that ran in a web browser and Ollly was particularly impressed with Judah's 'Breakout' game because it included some extra technical features such as cloud storage to store a leader board of high scores. Judah won a £20 Amazon voucher. Other projects entered into the competition included unique takes on the classic games Hangman and Pong.

Ollly is supporting the new weekly Web Developer Enrichment run by Computer Science tutor Tim Bowry. The enrichment is open to anyone interested in learning how to program in html, CSS and JavaScript, and who would like valuable career advice from an industry expert.

Ollly also ran a work experience hub for the College in June 2022, aimed at students interested in a career in the tech sector. He showed us how software companies work together as part of a team using the popular 'Agile' methodology. Students took on different project roles and developed a project by completing tickets.



SUMMER VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

After a two year break due to Covid, our Visual Arts Department were excited to be back staging their annual Summer Visual Arts Exhibition in June. The exhibition supports the work of more than two hundred Photography, Art, Textile Design, Graphic Design and 3D-Design students and this year the doors were opened once again for the public to view the students' incredible work.

Assistant Head of Visual Arts Rob Macdonald said, "the exhibition is a wonderful celebration of the creative talents of our students. We are proud to champion how important creative subjects are for the future success of our brilliant young people."

Check out some of our successful students and their awards this year:

PHOTOGRAPHY

Anne Howard Memorial Golden Shutter Award 2022

The Anne Howard Memorial Golden Shutter Award is given to students for excellence in Photography. Anne was a tutor at Varndean College for over 30 years and established photography as the thriving A Level course that it is today. Anne passed away in 2016 and with support from her family we give a prize to one student in each of the Year 2 A level Photography groups in recognition of their achievements.

This year it was awarded to: April Paice, Sandeep Dhanjal, Mattie Farmer, Zachary Tenquist and Lukas Colbourne



PICTURED: GAIL EASTWOOD, PROGRAMME LEADER FOR PHOTOGRAPHY, WITH MATTIE FARMER

ART

Owen Harding Prize

Immen Kennedy has been awarded this prize due to her determination to resolve and improve her artwork. Immen revised and reworked several paintings and showed great integrity in her project. Her paintings deal with relationships and focus on the bond between mother and young child, displaying the exhaustion and protective nature of this bond. Her perseverance is the mark of an artist and we congratulate her on her tenacity and motivation. The Owen Harding Prize was introduced in remembrance of student, Owen Harding, who has been missing since March 2020.

Narwhal Purchase Prize

Meg Millar: Meg's painting was chosen by the Principal to be hung in the College reception area. Megs outstanding use of colour and texture produced several large and ambitious pieces throughout her A level journey and we feel sure she is destined to do great things with her creativity.

Draw Brighton Prize

Eva Adjare: Eva was chosen by Draw Brighton to receive three months of free life drawing classes in acknowledgment of her excellent figurative work. Eva's wonderful paintings explore colour and family heritage.

PICTURED: EVA ADJARE

GRAPHIC DESIGN

Ellie Carter's graphics project 'Disconnect to Reconnect' encourages you to disconnect from the screen and reconnect with people as a way of promoting positive connections with friends and family and raising awareness of the amount of time we spend on digital devices. She designed a series of branded items including a mobile app to encourage health and wellbeing while taking inspiration from the style of Matisse. She is now studying Graphic Design at university.

PICTURED: WORK BY ELLIE CARTER



3D DESIGN

Architecture Award

Louis Campeau was inspired by the 2008 Serpentine Pavilion created by Frank Gehry. His own concept was inspired by plant and tree structures and he created a spiralling tree house with branching platforms and an intricate roof structure taken from the patterns found in a sycamore seed. The entire structure has a twisting motion and a strong sense of movement. It is a beautifully executed piece with a strong concept behind it which is why it was selected for the Architecture Award.



PICTURED: APRIL PAICE

TEXTILES

Charlotte Farrant - Textiles Award for exceptional exploration of a personal narrative

Destination: BA (hons) Hand Embroidery Degree, The Royal School of Needlework

"I have loved my time at Varndean. The Textiles and 3D course allowed me to learn so many new techniques and skills and the teachers have been so supportive regarding my application to university."

Imogen O'Toole - Textiles Award for exceptional creativity

Destination: Art and Design Foundation, Manchester Metropolitan University

"My Art and Textiles courses really were the highlight of my experience at Varndean, especially my tutors who helped me expand on all my ideas and bring them to life."

April Paice - Textiles Award for hard work, perseverance and excellence in artwork

Destination: BA (Hons) Photography, UAL

"Taking Textiles allowed me to explore my creativity in the most experimental ways. I am so lucky to have had the opportunities at Varndean and I have really enjoyed my time here. I really have never felt so at home and free to express myself."





NEW CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new Chair of Governors, Jill Arnold. Jill has an impressive history of working at senior levels in the sixth form sector as well as being an OFSTED inspector for a number of years. Jill also has close connections to Varndean College, both her sons both attended the College and Jill retired as Deputy Principal in 2018.

We are all very grateful to Janice Robinson, our outgoing Chair of Governors who provided exceptional support to the College for 14 years.



VARNDEAN COLLEGE CELEBRATES 30 YEARS OF ADULT EDUCATION PROVISION

2022 marked the 30th Anniversary of Adult Education provision at Varndean College. We couldn't let this landmark go by without a celebration and on Saturday 25 June, the College held a 30th anniversary celebration event opened by The Mayor of Brighton & Hove, Councillor Lizzie Deane.

Visitors had the opportunity to sample a range of free taster sessions, including Flamenco, Qi Gong, flower arranging, herbalism, drawing techniques and a host of many more activities. Children were able to join in the fun playing giant Jenga and Connect 4.

As well as showcasing the achievements of our many adult learners, the event provided a great opportunity for visitors to find out what courses are on offer at Varndean College. Staff were on hand to discuss any learning ambitions and to advise on the wide range of courses available; including GCSEs, Counselling qualifications, Languages, Health and Fitness, Gardening, IT, Music and Skills for Employment.



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