



**Godalming College Discovery Courses –
booking deadline 8th May!!**

Godalming College will be running Y10 Discovery Courses on Tuesdays in June, from 4:30 to 5:30pm. We have lots of subjects for pupils to choose from and students can do a maximum of 4 Discovery Courses, one each week. Places are limited to 20 students per session and there is no charge for the courses. Please see information below:

[Year 10 Discovery Courses June 2026](#)

Try out some taster lessons in subjects offered here at Godalming College.

If you're in Year 10 and starting to think about what to study at Sixth Form (Year 12), our Discovery Courses are the perfect way to explore your options.

With lots of subjects to choose from, these sessions give you the chance to try something new and exciting before making your final A Level or Vocational course choices.

What You'll Gain from Discovery Courses

Our Discovery Courses are designed to help you:

- Get a real feel for what each subject is like
- Understand how subjects are taught at Sixth Form level
- Explore topics in a fun, engaging way
- Discover how subjects link to future careers
- Decide which courses match your interests, strengths, and skills

By the end, you'll have a clearer idea of what you enjoy and what could be the right path for your future.

Course Dates and Booking Information

- Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
- Dates: Every Tuesday from 2nd June to 23rd June 2026
- Flexible Booking: Choose one course or attend multiple sessions (one per week)

- Cost: Completely free of charge
- Spaces: Limited availability – early booking is recommended

If you have any questions, feel free to contact us at admissions@godalming.ac.uk

Take this opportunity to explore your future and make confident choices about your next steps after Year 11.

Choose from the following courses each week...

Week 1 - Tuesday 2nd June

Ancient History: "It's all Greek to me" - The taster session is designed to give you a sense of what it is like to study Ancient History at Godalming college and will focus on the Greek side of the course which is 50% of your A level. In the A level itself this will be studied alongside Ancient Rome which will make up the other 50%. This session will focus on Athens and Sparta and students will get a chance to explore key differences between the two city states and learn more about what it meant to be an Athenian or Spartan. This will cover their military outlooks, cultures, religion and political structures.

Art & Design: Introduction to Drawing Skills - Godalming College Art Department believes everyone can be an artists and they get the results to prove it! Come along and have fun experimenting with a range of exciting drawing techniques – you don't need to be studying Art GCSE to join in! Time to make your mark!

English Language & Linguistics - Find out how English Language A level is completely different from what you're experiencing at GCSE! Ever wondered why people speak differently to one another and why some have such strong opinions about this? Ever thought about how the same media story is presented in multiple ways? Ever thought why language changes and how Gen Alpha are using terms like sigma, rizz and skibidi? If you're interested in knowing the answers to these questions, this is a great course for you!

Environmental Science - In order to meet our goal of becoming a carbon neutral country we will have to rely on natural processes to absorb and store the carbon dioxide we release. Environmental Scientists need to be able to measure carbon stores like forests to estimate how much they can hold. We will examine a method of doing this, and discuss why it's important to have this information, and how it can be used by policy makers to help fight climate change.

Week 2 – Tuesday 9th June

History of Art: Art through the Ages - Every artist and architect is influenced by the times they live in, some break the rules, others continue traditions but all use their creativity to make us see, question and learn. In History of Art, we explore art and architecture from the Classical era to the present day. In this session, you will use your visual analytical skills to consider how one artist uses colour, light, form and other features to convey meaning in a painting. We will

then consider how other factors, including science, technology and the past have also impacted this work of art.

Vocational IT: Cybersecurity & Hacking - An introduction to our newest vocational course that can be studied alongside any other of our subjects, including our Vocational Computing (Applications & Games Development) course.

Week 3 – Tuesday 16th June

Dance: Commercial and Jazz - No matter your dance experience, ability or grades... dance is about having fun, moving and taking on new challenges. 'Do one thing that scares you everyday' to achieve what you want in life it is sometimes necessary to move outside of your comfort zone and take a chance. Come along and try something new. We will learn some movement, share some skills and explore what dance can offer you. (There is a minimum number of students required for this session).

Debates in History - Perhaps you have loved studying History at GCSE, or perhaps you left it behind in year 9 and have become more interested in it since - either way come along to the History A level taster session to find out more about what it's like to study History at A level. We will be exploring topics linked to our two popular courses (Revolutions & Rebellions and Democracy & Dictatorship) through a mixture of activities we use on the courses, including debates, discussions and group work.

Travel & Tourism – Most people have experienced tourism; whether it's enjoying a week's package holiday in Spain, trekking in the Andes Mountains of South America or even a school trip to a museum in London. By any measure Travel & Tourism is a vast industry – so what's it all about, why do people travel? Which are the organisations that enable us to travel and why are some destinations so popular? What impact does Travel & Tourism have on the environment, the economy and people/communities? In this introductory session you will be planning a trip for a client while considering the answers to these questions.

Week 4 – Tuesday 23rd June

Health and Social Care: Is the NHS in crisis? - All of us at some point will need the NHS. If you study Health and Social Care you will probably work within the NHS. Did you know the NHS is the UK's biggest employer and the sixth biggest employer in the World. So why is it struggling? We will look at the current picture in the NHS and the jobs that you might never heard of. Roles in Health and Social Care form a central part of our course here at Godalming College. (There is a minimum number of students required for this session).

Music Production - Music is not just about performing. Every aspect of media, from computer games to films, podcasts to radio, advertising to apps, is enhanced by music. Learn how to create music using professional music production software. Unlock your creativity with an extensive sample library and sounds to make your tracks sound great. Discover which

instruments complement each other and how to arrange your musical ideas into a great sounding product.

PE - An introduction to this popular subject which covers the physiological, psychological and sociological aspects of sport.

Philosophy: The BIG Questions (NOW FULL) - Philosophy attempts to deal with questions that come naturally to children, using methods that would be more familiar to lawyers, mathematicians and scientists. Questions like: "Does everyone else see the world like I do?", "Why should I listen to my parents/teachers?", "Could this all be a dream?", "Can robots be conscious?" and more. We will look at some of these questions you may well have asked yourself and see what great thinkers of the past and present have had to say. Bring your own questions too, and prepare to think hard!

Politics - Did you know that the Labour government got into power in 2024 having achieved only 33.7% of the national vote? Do you think it's fair that Reform UK received 14.3% of the votes but won just 5 seats in Parliament? Are you excited about Zack Polanski and the rise of the Green party? Come along to the Politics A level taster session where you will have the opportunity to find out more about elections and political parties in the UK. You'll also have the chance to learn about the different elements of the course, including UK Government, political ideologies and the Global and US Politics options.



Activate Learning College Open Events and Information

Merrist Wood College: [Merrist Wood College May Open Event Tickets, Wednesday, May 6, 2026 from 4:30 pm to 7 pm | Eventbrite](#)

(Guildford and Farnham Colleges will be hosting additional Open Events from September – Keep an eye on [their websites](#) for more details...

****EHCP's** -When a student applies and they have an EHCP we request the EHCP's from the local authority. If parents/guardians could request this from their caseworker it would be a big help to the college. Please ask them to email the EHCP to surreyehcpteam@activatelearning.ac.uk**

The Country Fair at Merrist Wood- please share with pupils and parents/guardians. Under 16s can enter the fair free of charge. Our students will be delivering demonstrations throughout the day, making it a fantastic opportunity to learn more about our pathways, speak with current students, enjoy the campus, and browse a wide range of stalls. [The Country Fair at Merrist Wood 2026 - Surrey Hills National Landscape](#)

Wisley Horticulture Careers Open Day

The Route to a world of opportunity – Wisley Horticulture Careers Open Day, Saturday 6th June 2026 - [BOOK HERE](#)

At the RHS we are passionate about educating everyone about the fascinating world of plants, how to encourage nature, and create a healthy and greener place for us to thrive in



Our New Shoots initiative aims to inspire the next generation of talent by giving people insights into the horticultural industry and a taste of working in a public garden. Whether you are looking for information about careers in the sector, a useful stepping-stone between education and starting a career, want to bring a job role you heard about to life, or are considering a brand new career change, there is something for most people.

RHS Garden Wisley and RHS Garden Bridgewater

Wisley - Saturday 6 June 2026
🕒 10am – 3pm
Bridgewater - Saturday 13 June 2026
🕒 10am – 3pm

- Meet a range of exhibitors to explore a variety of plant-based roles, training and volunteer opportunities
- Hear talks from a range of guest speakers on their careers and how they got into horticulture
- Take part in behind-the-scenes tours around RHS Garden Wisley (including our Science & Collections department) or RHS Garden Bridgewater
- Speak to members of our New Shoots, Qualifications, and School of Horticulture teams to find out about work-based training, RHS Level 2 or 3 qualifications and New Shoots programmes such as Youth Volunteering and Green Skills Programme at our RHS Hub

These one-day events are free to attend, however tickets must be pre-booked for each person attending via the relevant event page. All ages are welcome, though there will be a particular focus for those aged 16 upwards (anyone under 16 must attend with a parent or guardian).

Oxbridge Open Events

OPEN DAY ACCOMMODATION BOOKING AT ST HILDA'S COLLEGE

The University of Oxford are holding their Open Days this year on Wednesday 1st July, Thursday 2nd July, and Friday 18th September. Find out more information on the University website: <https://www.ox.ac.uk/admissions/undergraduate/open-days-and-visits>. Colleges are open and students can pop in throughout the day, meet current students, and get a tour of the campus. Booking may be required in order to visit some departments. We would love to welcome your students to St Hilda's.

We are pleased to be able to offer some accommodation during our upcoming Open Days in July and September. This overnight accommodation enables students to start their day at St Hilda's and then explore the University's Open Day for the remainder of the day.

Please be aware that we are only able to accept bookings from UK state schools who are bringing students who will be in Year 13/U6 in September 2026.

It is possible to bring a group of 14 for either of the July dates or a group of 12 in September. Please note that this group size includes both students and the teachers who are accompanying them.

Please find more information and the booking form here: <https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/study-here/open-days/open-day-school-booking-request-form>

ST HILDA'S WEBINAR SERIES

What? St Hilda's is embarking on a webinar series for state school students that will look in detail at the Oxford admissions process, aimed at students at different stages in their applications. Whilst information about the University of Oxford will be given, please note that the first and last talks will also focus on university in general and how to make informed decisions about the future.

Who? State school students (Y10-13) and teachers, depending on the talk

When? **'UCAS Personal Statements'**- Friday 24th April 2026 (16:00-16:45)- [Friday 24th April 2026 \(16:00-16:45\) - UCAS Personal Statements | St Hilda's College Oxford](#)

'How to choose a course and a university'- Friday 8th May 2026 (16:00-16:45)- [Friday 8th May 2026 \(16:00-16:45\) - How to choose a course and a university | St Hilda's College Oxford](#)

'An overview of the Oxford admissions process (for students and teachers)'- Thursday 18th June 2026 (16:00-16:45)- [Thursday 18th June 2026 \(16:00-16:45\) - An overview of the Oxford admissions process \(for students and teachers\) | St Hilda's College Oxford](#)

Where? Online

<https://www.st-hildas.ox.ac.uk/study-here/undergraduate-outreach/outreach-online>