



Outstanding Achievement! GASP Students Shine Bright This Spring Term

It's been an incredible few months, working with some outstanding students and watching them grow in confidence, skills and independence.

Even though the spring term is a short one - eleven weeks in total - the 292 GASP students fully engaged and achieved an outstanding 684 AQA Unit Awards! Top achievers this term are Jubilee High School (Mobile)! Top achievers of the year long courses so far are Aspire, closely followed by Jubilee High (workshop) students!



Jubilee High (workshop) students working with Steve towards achieving their 2-Stroke Engine AQA.



Trevor and Heath End School students learning about the Four Stroke Engine and Cycle



Students at Philip Southcote school working on Hand Skills and the correct Use of Tools with Steve.



GASP: Opening Pathways to the Future



We are extremely grateful to Steve Kenward and the team at Station Garage for hosting two more highly informative visits for our students from Jubilee High and Chertsey High.

These visits give the students the opportunity to experience the working environment first-hand, see skilled technicians in action, and better understand the pathways available within the automotive industry.

Feedback from both visits was brilliant: "The staff at the garage were fantastic with our students—friendly, patient, and happy to answer every question. This was really appreciated".

"Thank you so much for this opportunity - the boys had a great time. Please thank the team at Skoda for being so accommodating and so friendly!".



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3D Design and Printing: Precision-Engineered Bottle Rockets Ready for Lift-off!



Stanhope-Seta have been offering unique and engaging experiences for GASP students for over ten years.

This term, a group from Bishop David Brown School visited Seta for four consecutive weeks and gained first-hand insight into the opportunities, skills and careers available within engineering.

During their time onsite, the students used cutting-edge 3D design technology to create their own bottle rockets, which they then manufactured through a planned, staged process. Naturally, the final—and most exciting—part of the project was testing their creations to see just how far they would fly!

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Hands-On at Merityre: A Visit from Therfield School

As a specialist tyre and MOT centre, Merityre offered the GASP students from Therfield School the opportunity to explore a range of career options and understand how different roles contribute to the smooth running of a professional workshop.

Visiting in pairs, the students were able to talk to the technicians and gain a personalised understanding of the tools, techniques, and safety practices used in each of the different roles.

Following these visits, other Merityre sites will be hosting our students later in the year.



GASP was delighted to facilitate a visit for students from Epsom and Ewell High School to NESCOT College in Epsom.

The group were given a tour of the workshop and had the chance to explore the range of courses available to them post-16. For many, it was their first time visiting NESCOT, and all agreed that the experience had helped them feel more informed and confident about their next-step decisions.



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Give It Away, Gives Even More Away!



GASP 's origins started when we worked with Surrey Police and the local engagement officers. I am delighted to report that, thanks to Charlotte Grobien, we ran a hugely successful course over the February half term for children who were known to the Guildford Safer Neighbourhood Team.

The six students had almost 100% attendance and managed to achieve a staggering seven AQA unit awards in just three days!

PC Madgwick-Smith hailed the course a "Huge Success", and we have subsequently agreed another course for the summer break.

We are incredibly grateful that Charlotte has, again, agreed to fund them!



Bentley Apprentice Wows Byfleet United Charity!

Byfleet United Charity have funded a course at Fullbrook school, and this term they were able to meet the beneficiaries of their donation.

This included 'G' - an outstanding student who, having struggled in core subjects, has achieved incredible success with GASP.

His enthusiasm for motor mechanics and engineering was evident, and he spoke passionately to our visitors about his recent work experience and subsequent offer of an apprenticeship at Bentley.

He cited the GASP course as giving him the skills and confidence to follow his dream of working for the luxury car brand.

We wish him all the success in his future career!



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Community Fundraising brings GASP and Local Supporters Together



It was a busy night on Wednesday 25th March, with two fantastic community events!

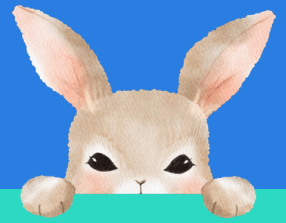
Guildford Rock Choir held their end of term fundraising concert in aid of GASP. The event was an incredibly uplifting with brilliant performances from all of the singers. Thanks to the generosity of the choir members and their guests, over £600 was raised!

The Woodman Pub in Ashted, was raising funds for GASP at their charity pub quiz! It was a challenging set of questions and the GASP team did not have a shameful result. But the winners were a good 20 points ahead and won £200! The quiz raised over £500, and the landlord has promised more GASP quizzes in the future!

Thankyou to everyone who attended and donated at both events!

If you would like to host a fundraising event on behalf of GASP, please contact Rebecca.Feeney@GASPMotorproject.org

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New Faces and Fond Farewells: Trustee Changes at GASP

Like all charities, GASP relies on volunteer Trustees to steer our strategy and uphold robust governance. We are incredibly grateful to those who give their time and expertise, offering invaluable advice and guidance, and supporting the delivery team to ensure best practice and strong, sustainable leadership across the organisation.

This year, we have said good bye to two of our trustees: Bob Pickles and Maggie Jack. With backgrounds in Engineering, Corporate Governance, Education and Fundraising they will be very much missed.

However as Bob and Maggie leave us (although we hope stay in touch!), we are delighted to be joined by five new trustees, who bring an equally diverse and unique set of skills and experiences to the GASP board.

We welcome Steve Kenward, Rob Cooke, Kinga Odendaal, Elena Babkina and Josephine Larcher to GASP. Each brings unique qualities to the Board including staff and volunteer support, strategy, fundraising, safeguarding, quality control and education.

In addition, we have lived experience of SEND and neurodiversity and an understanding of the challenges many of our young people face.

If you would be interested in joining GASP as a trustee, or would like to support the charity as a Board Advisor (strategy and governance), please contact Alexandra.Thompson@GASPMotorProject.org.

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If you would like to know more about the charity, please contact any of the team who will be more than happy to help!

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