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GASP Motor Project

Summer 2026

GASP Becomes an Approved IMI Centre

We are delighted to announced that GASP is now an Institute of the Motor industry (IMI) approved centre. The IMI is widely recognised as the authoritative voice of the motor industry, setting globally respected standards for automotive skills and professionalism. Achieving approved centre status is a significant milestone for GASP, and we are incredibly proud to be recognised as a trusted partner by such a prestigious organisation.

From September, GASP students will have the opportunity to work towards an IMI Professional Achievement Certificate. These certificates will be available at three levels – Practical Skills, Applied Skills, and Advanced Skills – providing a progression pathway that reflects the length and depth of each course.

With an industry-recognised accreditation, our students will be able to evidence that the work they have completed with GASP is externally validated, professionally recognised, and relevant to industry needs. This valuable credential will help students showcase their achievements and significantly strengthen their progression into further education, training, or employment.



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The Difference we have made together

2,113 AQAs issued so far this year - a 50% increase on 2024/25

1,568 teaching sessions delivered

Over 670 young people have engaged with GASP

"Once again, another academic year has passed and the students at Philip Southcote school have benefited from the hands-on experience of participating in GASP mechanics sessions.

The GASP team have worked patiently and thoughtfully with the students, explaining concepts, and demonstrating how things work. The team are able to vary their teaching and approach according to the needs of our students.

Thank you!"



"The GASP course has been such a positive experience for our students. GASP gives them practical skills and practical experience. For students who struggle to engage with lessons, this course allows them to excel in a different are, improving self-confidence and self-esteem."

Fullbrook School



"GASP has made a real impact on our students at RVC Mechanics this year. Their engaging workshops have not only improved the practical skills of our pupils but also ignited a passion for mechanics in two of them! We are incredibly grateful for GASP's contribution to our students' education and career aspirations."

Reigate Valley College

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Goodwood Glory for GASP

As a charity we entered two of our Greenpower cars, both from the Monday and Wednesday night teams, Brightspark and Go GASP respectively.

These cars are living projects for both nights, and have seen a host of students throughout the years, undergoing various modifications and changes to meet new technical regulations, performance gaps, or student desired mods.

Goodwood is a well-known, historic British motor circuit and is always a lot of fun when it comes to Greenpower as it is a challenging day being one of the larger venues they host at, this circuit boasting a 2.37 mile lap.

The day consists of a 1 hour practice session, and two 1.5hr races where the students aim to go the furthest distance in their Greenpower race cars, on one set of batteries and with a minimum of two driver changes (no driver having more than 45minutes in the car).



The Results:
Race 1:
- Brightspark 11th out of 49, fastest lap: 5:39.189, completing 31.62 km,
- Go GASP 8th out of 49, fastest lap: 5:46.236, completing 32.89 km.

Race 2:
- Brightspark 39th out of 49, fastest lap: 5:45.847, completing 17.18 km

- Go GASP 14th out of 49, fastest lap: 5:43.733, completing 28.74 km

To conclude, an incredibly positive day of racing showcasing some very positive feedback from the upgrades to both cars.

Overall the final team scores meant that GO GASP came 10th and Brightspark 12th for the whole day. Putting both cars in a very competitive place.

A huge thank-you to the students for being constantly proactive and inquisitive on all things automotive, mechanical and electrical.

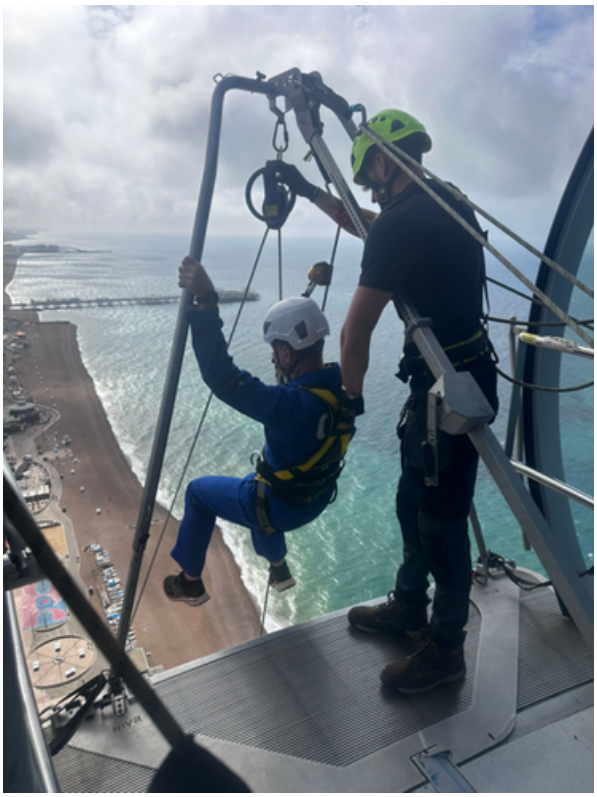
Volunteers, Andy, Steve, Raggs, Darren and Brian who could attend on the day, you are vital to the evening sessions, both GASP and the students are incredibly lucky to have you as an available resource every week.

Andy Hurley
28/05/2026

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Trustee Takes the Plunge for GASP





On Sunday 27 June, GASP trustee Ian Digman demonstrated remarkable courage by descending an incredible 450 feet from the top of the Brighton i360.

The challenge was organised by the Focus Foundation, which invited GASP to nominate a brave volunteer to abseil the iconic Brighton landmark. Ian stepped forward without hesitation, taking on the exhilarating challenge in support of GASP and its work with young people.

Thanks to the generosity of friends, family, colleagues, and supporters, Ian has so far raised an outstanding £1,275, with more than 30 donors contributing to the appeal.

The funds raised will help GASP continue to provide life-changing opportunities and practical learning experiences for the young people we support.

We would like to extend a huge thank you to Ian for his commitment, enthusiasm and willingness to quite literally go the extra mile for GASP, as well as to everyone who has donated and shown their support.

If you would like to support Ian's fundraising efforts, there is still time to donate

https://www.justgiving.com/page/ian-abseil-gasp?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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Welcoming Our Supporters to GASP

We always encourage existing and potential funders to visit GASP, to meet the students and witness the impact of their donations.

We were delighted to welcome Martin from the Worshipful Company of Fuellers to the GASP workshop in May.

We have been very grateful to have recieved funding from the Fuellers, and enjoyed the opportunity to show the impact of the Companys' donations.



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This term, we also welcomed Alix and Heidi from The Focus Foundation.



Following their visit, Alix emailed the following:

"You should all be incredibly proud of the difference you are making and the young people you support. Not only are you providing a safe and welcoming space for them to learn, collaborate, grow in confidence and reconnect with education, but you are also opening up opportunities for them in what can feel like a very challenging landscape, with so much uncertainty around jobs and the future."

Focus Foundation

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GASP attends Godalming Classic Car Show

A huge thank you to the Godalming & District Chamber of Commerce for inviting GASP to attend this year's Classic Car Show.

With more than 250 classic cars displayed across The Burys Field, the event had a wonderful carnival atmosphere, attracting enthusiasts, families, and visitors from across the local community.



The event provided a great opportunity for GASP to raise awareness of our work, speak to members of the public, and connect with fellow organisations and supporters who share our passion for the automotive industry.

Visitors to the GASP stand were able to take part in our popular tombola and test their powers of observation in our "Guess the Number of Tools in the Toolbox" competition. Both activities proved to be a huge success and helped attract plenty of interest throughout the day.



Thanks to the incredible generosity of everyone who took part, we are delighted to report that we raised over £500 in support of GASP's work with young people.

Every pound raised will help us continue providing practical learning opportunities, developing skills, and creating brighter futures for our students.

GODALMING & DISTRICT CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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Ringway Visit Gives Students an Insight into Highway Maintenance

Students from ASPIRE (IET) were delighted to visit the Ringway depot in Merrow this term, gaining a fascinating insight into the vital work involved in maintaining Surrey's roads and highways.

The visit began with a practical planning exercise, where students were challenged to consider how they would organise and prioritise the repair of potholes across a road network. This gave them an opportunity to develop their problem-solving skills while learning about the real-world challenges faced by highway maintenance teams.

Students were then treated to a comprehensive tour of the depot, where they learned more about Ringway's operations and the wide range of services it provides.

The visit provided valuable insight into career opportunities within the highways and infrastructure sector, while helping students understand the importance of planning, teamwork, and public service.

We would like to thank the team at Ringway for their warm welcome and for giving our students such an engaging and informative experience.



Get in Touch!

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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