

Student Soundbites

Access to Humanities

Dennis Mubaiwa

Dennis joined the University of Cambridge in October 2015 after completing the Access to Humanities course at Guildford College.

Dennis originally joined Guildford as it was the only local College to offer him a place on an Access to Higher Education course. After uncovering his capabilities during his Access to Humanities course, his tutors pushed him to aim high and make an application to the University of Cambridge.



"Were it not for my tutors encouraging me to make the application in the first place, the events leading up to the offer wouldn't have occurred. The support and encouragement I received at Guildford College was incredible, and I hope I'm not being clichéd when I say the work you are doing is changing lives."

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Colin Garland

Colin made the decision to return to formal education after a twenty-five year gap, and enrolled on the Access to Humanities programme at Guildford College. He achieved straight distinctions throughout the year.



Despite his initial nervousness of speaking in front of others, by the end of the year he delivered a presentation with self-confidence. Colin now has a place at King's College, London studying Philosophy.

Counselling BA (Hons)

Helen Baker

Helen studied Counselling at Guildford College where she achieved the highest ever grade for a case discussion and received a First Class Honours degree.

Helen was awarded the Higher Education Outstanding Achievement Award for her consistent hard work and dedication to the course. Helen's deep engagement with her counselling course has allowed her to provide counselling to cancer patients often with a terminal diagnosis.

Since leaving Guildford College, Helen's aim is to develop her private counselling practice.



Hairdressing Level 2 Diploma

Lucy Barber

"There is quite a lot to learn as I have learnt two years' worth of information in nine months, but I feel like I have taken it all in. My tutor is lovely and always bubbly, and she makes an effort to make our lessons understandable and interesting."

"I'm working in a local salon whilst completing the course, so it's great to learn new techniques which I can use when I am at work. We also get experience working on real clients at the College which is building my confidence."



Humanistic Counselling Foundation Degree

Merry Gibbons

Before retraining at Guildford College, Merry was a full time mum, self-employed music teacher and complementary therapist.

Merry wanted to re-train as a counsellor, because whilst volunteering at a local cancer support centre, she saw how therapeutic providing a listening ear can be for those experiencing a very difficult and isolating time.

She is now a qualified Humanistic Integrative Counsellor providing specialist counselling for teenagers and young people with cancer at the Royal Surrey County Hospital. She also runs a private practice and works at a local counselling agency.



"I really enjoyed the learning and gained a new found confidence by going back into education and training for something I really felt passionate about."
