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ALL-GOLD ALIENS TAKE OVER STREET

GOLD-SUITED aliens invaded Oxford to promote a new art exhibition.

Eighteen-month-old Annabel Hanington was not sure what to make of the space invaders when she encountered them in Wellington Square, *above*.

Ten Oxfordshire students decked themselves from head-to-toe in gold and strolled around the city to highlight an installation by Polish artist Pawel Althamer, *right*, at Modern Art Oxford.

Entitled *Common Task*, Althamer's first solo UK exhibition is described as "highly engaging and often devastatingly simple" which "translates alternative or parallel realities to the ones we experience in everyday life".

The show will run alongside an exhibition by fellow Polish artist Miroslaw Balka, called *Topography*.

Both are free to visit and are open from Saturday until March 7 next year.

Staff at the city centre gallery, in Pembroke Street, are currently transforming the ground floor into a space station and 'teleportation zone'

ahead of the exhibition.

Modern Art Oxford spokesman Sara Dewsbery said: "Both exhibitions are very exciting.

"They are internationally renowned artists and these will be two important events for the gallery.

"A lot of work has gone in to transforming the space we have."



For more information, see modernartoxford.org.uk

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