

# GAM

Gloucester Academy of Music

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## Welcome to the Summer Term 2008

**The Carducci Residency:** started with a workshop for the advanced string course and concert on Wednesday 23rd April as part of Music at the Priory, Leonard Stanley. Fun for the Junior Department with Matt, Michelle, Eoin and Emma on the morning of their first day back, followed by a strings workshop in the afternoon for all players grade 4-6.

### Medieval Fayre: Saturday 14th June

After this successful event last year, the Junior Department, and others who can come, will be involved in this year's festivities. **Students**, can you come up with ideas for dressing up! **Parents**, we need you to hand out flyers and talk to passers by whilst the students are performing please.

### Folk workshop:

#### Saturday 28th June:

There will be a folk workshop in the afternoon. See Glyn for details

**Fete Day: Saturday 12th July:** All the usual stalls, help needed to get things together, and to run the stalls on the day. Please let Dawn know how you can help on 01452 309315.

Dawn will be ringing around for offers of help over the next few weeks. Thankyou.

### Worcester Competitive Arts Festival



John Summers (left) secured a grand slam by winning the under 16 string & senior cello awards, the Grade 8 & under 20 piano class PLUS the overall prize for outstanding musician.

### Trinity College of Music

Sam Draper (right), will be off to Greenwich in September after being offered a place to study violin.



## Congratulations

### GAM Exams

Grade 1 clarinet, Amy Hall, *hons*  
 Grade 1 violin, Imogen Grayling, *dist*  
 Grade 1 violin, Charlotte Phelps, *merit*  
 Grade 1 violin, Alex Stefanyszyn, *dist*

Grade 1 violin, Bethany Tyrrell, *dist*  
 Grade 1 cello, Carus Barnes-Moffat, *dist*  
 Grade 1 cello, Caitlin Wilde, *merit*  
 Grade 3 cello, Laurie White, *merit*  
 Grade 3 cello, Alice Stanton, *merit*

### Associated Board Exams

Grade 1 violin, Preet Gosal, *dist*  
 Grade 1 trombone, Ben Arkell, *merit*  
 Grade 2 jazz clarinet, Haydn Wynn, *dist*  
 Grade 3 trumpet, Charlie Docherty  
 Grade 4 violin, Hannah Woodliffe  
 Grade 5 piano, Aislinn Watkins  
 Grade 6 Bassoon, Heather Hawken, *merit*  
 Grade 8 violin, Kat Beard

Grade 8 cello, David Docherty  
 Grade 8 clarinet, Iain Docherty, *merit*  
 Grade 8 viola, Emily Docherty, *dist*  
 Grade 8 piano, Alice Earll  
 Grade 8 piano, Elin White, *merit*  
 Grade 8 violin, Rachel Hobby, *dist*  
 Grade 8 violin, Tom Macleod, *merit*  
 Grade 8 cello, Aislinn Watkins

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2008/2009 calendar downloadable from the website

# Holiday courses update

Our Easter courses were a great success. The Adult Chamber Group had a great weekend despite competing for their lunch with rugby fans from Munster! The children had a great time; parents were impressed with how much their children had learnt in just 3 days. There will be pictures of the courses on the website very shortly.

Now is the time to turn to thoughts of those long summer holidays. Check out the website, our leaflets or ask in the office about our great summer courses.

These are fantastic opportunities for our young people to spend time constructively improving their playing and at the same time having a good time.

If you have already been on a course in 2008 you get a 10% discount and if you come with a group of friends, there are special group rates. Places are now going quickly on some of these courses so let us know as soon as possible if you are interested.



## Success for past GAM pupils

The Alea quartet, in which **Esther King** plays 2nd violin, was awarded the Royal College of Music's string quartet prize & a new prize awarded by the Sacconi Quartet. The quartet are currently on a 2 yr postgraduate course at the Royal College of Music. **Jonathan King** (trumpet) passed out of the Royal Marines School of Music. He has just returned from a 3 week concert tour of New Zealand & will be playing in the Edinburgh Tattoo this coming August

## What's been happening

### Cheltenham Big Easter Weekend



Following on from the prestigious London String Quartet Foundation string weekend, Alice, Elin, Emily & Diana progressed to busking outside Cavendish House in the rain & hail as part of the Cheltenham Big Easter Weekend celebrations.



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### Launch of 11A Westgate Street

Monday 11th February saw the successful opening of 11a Westgate Street. The Mayor was welcomed along with other supporters from within the Gloucester community and the South West Regional Development Agency. Prima Corda, our advanced string group, played to a full house.

**Welcome to new voice, piano, violin & viola teachers:** Rachel Gay (voice) & Kirrili Rahim (piano) on Saturdays, & Bethan Morgan (violin/viola) in the evenings. Interested? See Janet in the office.

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