

GAM

Gloucester Academy of Music

Welcome to Spring Term 2008

You are invited!

Please come to the official opening of 11A Westgate and enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and a concert by Prima Corda. The Academy took on the building last year and parents, students and supporters have put considerable time and effort into bringing the building back to life. We now have a full programme of tuition including residential summer schools & a professional residency funded for 2008/09. So its time to say thankyou and demonstrate what can be achieved in Gloucester's emerging cultural quarter.

Monday 11th Feb @ 7.30pm

Congratulations

Associated Board

- Grade 3 piano, Robyn Wynn, merit
- Grade 3 violin, Emily Hickman, merit
- Grade 3 dble bass, Kate Docherty, dist
- Grade 4 violin, Patricia Smith, pass
- Grade 4 violin, Fionn Humpries, merit
- Grade 5 piano, Henry Cook, pass
- Grade 6 cello, Ellie Neate, Merit
- Grade 6 cello, Annabel Cook, merit
- Grade 6 horn, Jim Neate, merit
- Grade 7 cello, Chloe Foy, merit
- Grade 8 voice, Jessie Pyewell, dist

National Children's Orchestra

Haydn Wynn successfully re-auditioned for his place in the cello section of the NCO.

Royal Northern College of Music

Alice Earll will be off to Manchester in September after successfully securing a place at the RNCM to study violin.

Royal Academy of Music

Amelia Jones, a former GAM student & current violin tutor, successfully auditioned for a postgraduate year @ the RAM .

Any one missed out? Let the office know, we will include you in the next newsletter.

Thanks to parents & students

Xmas dinner was a huge success mainly to the organisational & culinary skills of Clidna Watkins. Thanks to all who provided food, it was excellent & to those who cleared up the debris afterwards. Lunch was accompanied by the students playing carols and a brief rendition from the adult chamber group. The raffle raised £400 of which part has gone towards heaters!



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Check out the re-vamped website, Dave Clilverd and Simon Kewin have been giving it a makeover!

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Holiday courses update

Book by 31st Jan for the discounts

Just to remind all students and parents of the exciting 2008 holiday programmes. There is literally something for everyone. These are fantastic fun & students make real progress in a week. A parent of a child in the NCO felt that our junior orchestral course made a big contribution to her child's success in getting a place!

There are junior non-residential courses for our younger students; and a great non-residential chamber weekend for adults. There are summer music and drama residential courses for those who want to improve their musicianship and have fun. Two of these courses provide a unique opportunity for our students to work closely with the Carducci Quartet. And of course there is the great jazz week!

If you are keen to get your grade 5 theory, we also offer possibly the only residential theory course in the country, our students get great results.

For more information & to download forms:

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11A New Year makeover

Thanks to parents and students who gave up their Sunday morning to lay carpet tiles, undertake DIY repairs, clean & generally spruce up GAM. With the help of doughnuts and coffee a lot was achieved in a short space of time. We will be having a GAM makeover day at the beginning of each term, so look out for more dates.



Whats happening?



January welcomed a new violin/viola tutor to GAM, Daniel Neville, who has started teaching on Saturday mornings.

Feb 22nd-24th: The Carducci's are coaching a quartet from our Senior Department & GYO who have been selected to attend the National Young String Quartet Weekend this half term at Chetham's School of Music. For Alice Earll, Emily Docherty, Diana Statham and Elin White (GYO), practice has taken on new meaning!

April 21st is the proposed 1st day of the Carducci residency at GAM. Details soon.

April: Don't miss ESO & GAM 'side by side' concert in Gloucester Cathedral.

Gloucester MP Parmjit Dhanda

congratulated GAM quartet, Sam Draper, Kat Beard, Rosie Hawken & Nathaniel Mason who played for the Civic Trust @ St Michaels Tower in Gloucester before Xmas. Many thanks to great ambassadors for GAM

Spring 2008 exam dates

Week beginning 24th March for GAM and Associated Board (provisional)

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