

GAM

Gloucester Academy of Music

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Boring but important!

Car parking: the outer car parking area can **ONLY BE USED BY GAM AFTER 5.30pm Tuesdays -Fridays and AFTER 1.15 pm on Saturday.** It can not be used outside of these times, except for dropping off and collecting children for individual lessons. The rest of the time this parking area is rented out, the money is a vital part of income and goes to pay for our considerable council tax bill. We are sorry for the inconvenience this may cause parents. **Thankyou**

Whats on this term

Saturday 9th April: Easter raffle and cake stall at GAM. See FROG update.

Friday May 20th: Joint Concert between Prima Corda and Police Male Voice Choir at St Lawrence Church, Stroud. Please support this fund raising event for GAM. Tickets from the office @ £7 for adults, £5 concessions. If you are able to put up a poster, help sell tickets and/or help on the night then we would be very grateful. Please speak with Janet in the office.

Saturday 21st May: Cello Masterclass at GAM with Peter Adams in the afternoon.

Saturday 16th July: Sponsored event at St Michael's Tower (see below)

FROG Update

The money raised from the car parking activity was successfully used to buy 2 new stereos with better quality sound to play the accompaniment to your children's pieces.

More car parking dates have been offered between May and July so if you can help please keep an eye on the notice board and put your name down to man the Ecclesiastical car park on a Saturday.

Spring is in the air and your parents committee is looking for help to organise Easter activities and the sponsored event.

Our last day of term is 9th April – cake stall, name the bunny and a raffle is being organised, don't forget to bring cakes and Easter eggs or other suitable Easter prizes for the raffle.

We need some help manning the Cake stall and Easter activity section between 9am and 11am. If you can help just put your name down on the notice board.

The sponsored event has been organised for the 16th July at St Michael's tower. We are teaming with the County Youth Orchestra for a "playing marathon". We will be sending more details in May and a sponsorship form. We will need your help on the day to make it a success. If you know anybody we could contact for advertising the event. Please contact Flavia Jones on dfmm@blueyonder.co.uk

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Holiday Courses

The Easter courses are less than a month away now. Still not too late to book your children onto '**Bow It**' & '**Blow It**'. Remember that anyone who does an Easter course and then does a summer one as well, gets 10% discount for a subsequent course which greatly reduces the cost of the summer one!

We would love to have a few more on the **Adult Chamber Weekend** - we particularly want **violinists!** Don't be shy - give it a try! Other instruments also welcome. Talk to Glyn, Wes or Janet if you want to know more or contact holidaycourses@gamusic.co.uk. If you have a child doing a course and come on a course as a parent you still get the 5% family discount as it's applied to all in the family.

Looking beyond Easter, there's the **Singing Weekend** which is a tremendous course, directed by the very popular John Jenkins for the past 20 years or so! Singing is excellent for developing all round musicianship.

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Congratulations

National Childrens Orchestra: well done Hannah Brookes-Hughes who is now a member of the NCO.

National Schools Chamber Music Competition: Emily Docherty and her string quartet, Therese de Souza, Jonathan and Rebecca McNaught have reached the finals of the National Schools Chamber Music competition. They are one of just half a dozen groups selected to perform at the Wigmore Hall in London in July.

Exam results: Charlotte Phelps who obtained a distinction for her Grade 1 Piano. Correction to last set of exam results – Alex Price gained a Distinction in his ASB violin exam before Christmas, not as previously reported.

Changes to Senior Department

New opportunities: as from next term there will be new opportunities for players above grade 5 standard and a 'menu' of different sessions to take part in for more advanced students.

Masterclasses: We will also be running masterclasses beginning with Peter Adams (Principle cellist in English Symphony Orchestra) on Saturday May 21st.

wonderful opportunity for young players to watch and for advanced students to take part in.

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