

GAM

Gloucester Academy of Music

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Welcome to 2008/09

We hope you enjoyed the summer, despite the weather. We had a busy first week, it was great to see our students again. There are lots of new faces - those of you who are 'regulars' please help new pupils and parents to settle in and explain how things work. This term is packed with exciting events in addition to the usual timetable. Keep an eye on the website for the latest information, where you will also find the 2008/9 calendar.

New opportunities in Brass & Percussion

Brass lessons available now By popular request, we can now offer brass lessons on a Saturday morning. Speak to Janet or Cath in the Office & make the most of this & all the other opportunities.

A chance to learn percussion GAM is offering percussion

sessions on a Saturday morning. This will enhance rhythm abilities and will be ideal for little ones to join in addition to 'Bugs' or 'Infant Singing & Rhythm'. Its good for those too young, or who don't want to` play strings, and will also be taken by Jane.

Recorders: if you are morning recorder group preparation for those instrument once their



aged six and above, join Jane's Saturday while there are still some places. It is ideal wishing to progress to a wind or brass hands are big enough.



Flute workshop & masterclass will be **Carducci Residency**

run by Ian Clarke Saturday 25th October, More opportunities to work with the 10am-5pm. Ask for application form. Carducci Quartet this term, details soon.

Concert & rehearsal dates

Fantasia, Gloucester Cathedral: Saturday 18th October @ 6pm

Get your £10 discount tickets (£2 for under 18's) from GAM office only, on Saturday or Monday from Janet. Tickets for non-GAM families from ESO Box office, 01386 791044.

This concert will involve a vast number of talented young players from across the county, including GAM students, Gloucestershire Youth Orchestra and Youth Choir, Brookfield Music Centre, the County Junior Choir, Voices of Youth and others.

Children involved: all string players of grade 2 and above (**including** Senior & Advanced Strings) will rehearse at Brookfield Music Centre, Chosen Hill School, Churchdown, on **Saturday morning 11th October**. In **addition**, Prima Corda will rehearse on **Thursday 16th October** at St Peters RC School (separate letter from Glyn)

www.gamusic.co.uk

Holiday Courses

A big thank you to Dilys Wynn, for making the 2008 holiday courses a resounding success, with rave reviews from both 'old' and new attendees. In addition to a full time job and family, Dilys took on the courses on a voluntary basis. Dilys will be a hard act to follow.

Bookings now taking place for 2009, dates & booking forms on the website.

Please note, prices will rise, but bookings with a deposit received before the end of September will be held at 2008 prices.

The summer fete

A big thank you to Julia Humphries and Dawn Davies for organising the fete. Thanks to all who supported and helped to make it a special fun day. We raised almost £400, the 'leftovers' were taken to a car boot sale, the proceeds of which have funded a tea urn!



What's been happening

Gloucester Heritage Open Day: A big thank you to GAM pupils, Robyn & Haydn Wynn and Glyn who played chamber music at St Michaels Tower, feedback was excellent "they were a joy to listen to".

Important changes to parking

To increase revenue & keep costs down, a limited number of parking spaces will be allocated to local businesses from October. These will be clearly marked & must be left clear. The car park will be clear for GAM pupils all of Saturday and after 5.30 during the week. All GAM pupils, staff and parents must display parking permits. Due to congestion, please restrict the cars parking at any one time to one per family. More details from the office.

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