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With GAM It's In The Bag



On Saturday 10th May Sainsbury Gloucester have invited Gloucester Academy of Music students to come and 'Pack a Bag' to raise money for GAM. Students will be asked to stand at the checkouts and offer to pack Sainsbury customer's bags in return for a donation. For the event we will need teams of students plus adult supervisors to watch over the event and take care of the money raised. If you are free and able to help us on **SATURDAY 10th MAY** please sign up for a place (two hour slots or less for younger children are available) on the list in the GAM office or email Naomi on admin@gamusic.co.uk. We will also need **8 BUCKETS**. If you have any spare, clean black buckets that we could borrow for the day, please let Naomi know.

Holiday Courses News

Nearly 50 children filled 11a Westgate Street for the Bow It and Blow It Easter courses. The three day courses ended with a fantastic combined concert where all the students showed how much they had learnt. A quote from a Blow It parent 'you took a little guy with little 'public' playing experience and gave him the confidence to fly - thank you!' A big thank you to all the children who took part and to the Tutors and Welfare team.

For those of you who enjoyed the Easter Experience - why not book now for the Singing Weekend or Junior Orchestra in the summer holidays. Don't forget that anyone who has already been on a course in 2014 will be entitled to a 10% subsequent course discount for the summer courses.

Over the weekend of the 5th & 6th April we also held our Adult Chamber Weekend and Adult Bow It course. Likeminded adults joined together to benefit from the inspirational teaching of Glyn Oxley assisted by Jessi Pywell. An enjoyable weekend was had by all!



Nicola Benedetti
comes to
Cheltenham

On the 5th & 6th July Nicola Benedetti will be hosting a Workshop Weekend as part of the Cheltenham Music Festival. In order that GAM Strings students are able to participate we have changed the last day of the GAM Junior Department summer term to the 12th July.

There will be no GAM sessions on Saturday 5th July.

If you are a String Player of grade 2 standard or above you will need to book your place with Cheltenham Festivals to be able to attend the Nicola Benedetti weekend. Please go to:
<http://www.cheltenhamfestivals.com/education/take-part/2014-music-festival-programme-for-schools/>

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The closing date for Bursary applications for the Summer Holiday Courses is 30th April 2014 . The closing date for Bursary Applications for Term Time Activities in the 2014/2015 Academic Year is 30th June 2014.



Well done Ellie!

GAM student Eleanor Neate was one of just two sopranos belonging to Gloucester Cathedral’s Youth Choir invited to join the Cathedral Choir in their Good Friday’s performance of Bach’s ‘St John Passion’. Accompanied by the Corelli Ensemble and conducted by the Cathedral’s organist, Adrian Partington, Ellie sang the aria ‘Ich folge dir gleichfalls’ and some recitative, as well as joining in the Cathedral’s Choir for the many choruses.

Ellie sang this demanding aria in a most assured and stylish manner, her voice having no problem being heard above the orchestra in that great space. This will be an experience Ellie will surely treasure as she continues in her music studies.

ABRSM EXAM RESULTS—CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Jacob Barns	Cello	Grade 8	Distinction
Isaac Blanc	Alto Sax	Grade 5	Merit
Blossom Caldarone	Singing	Grade 6	Distinction
Cameron Elliott	Piano	Grade 6	Pass
Cameron Elliott	Clarinet	Grade 6	Merit
Rosie Jones	Violin	Grade 5	Merit
Sharan Kannan	Violin	Grade 4	Merit
Noah Oxley	Double Bass	Grade 5	Pass
Anoushka Oxley	Viola	Grade 7	Pass
Hermione Smith	Cello	Grade 5	Merit
Lawrence White	Cello	Grade 7	Pass
Georgina Wood	Piano	Grade 2	Pass

GAM EXAM RESULTS—CONGRATULATIONS TO:

Katya Oxley	Cello	Grade 3	Distinction
Oliver Barley	Cello	Grade 1	Merit
Daisy Denton	Cello	Grade 1	Distinction
Martha Green	Violin	Grade 2	Merit
Caitlin Allen	Violin	Grade 1	Distinction
Alexandra Ellard	Cello	Grade 2	Pass
James Matthews	Cello	Grade 2	Merit
Henry Hart	Recorder	Grade 3	Honours



Do you feel good about yourself?
Would you like to feel even better?



Well why not buy yourself a drink at GAM from our new **coffee machine.**

CALLING ALL YOUNG ARTISTS

In September we are hoping to relocate our Gloucester Centre to alternative premises which, although warmer, will still need some bright art work on the walls to keep us smiling. We are asking all students to take part in an Art Competition to design pictures to be displayed on the walls in September. The pictures should be based on one of the following categories:

1. What or Who is GAM
2. The City of Gloucester
3. Music makes me Happy

A Prize will be awarded for the best three pictures. All artwork should be given to Naomi in the office no later than the 14th June.

The next Performance Platform will be on
Saturday 17th May at 1.30pm.

The performance platforms give students the opportunity to perform in front of a small audience of family and friends. Please contact Naomi in the office if you would like to take part.

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