



Gloucester  
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# Christmas Newsletter

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We are now accepting Bursary applications for the academic year 2014/2015.

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## Junior Department Christmas Concert & Fayre

On **Saturday 6th December** we will be holding our annual Junior Department Christmas Concert starting at 9.30am and lasting throughout the whole morning. Any sessions that are normally held between 9am and 10.45am will be performing in the first half of the concert and any sessions that are normally held between 11am and 1pm will be performing in the second half of the concert (approx. start time 11am).

**All of the children** from our Gloucester & Cheltenham Junior Departments will be invited to perform and all GAM friends and families are invited to come and watch.

Alongside the concert, Mrs Skene will be running **party games and stalls** including cake stalls, tea & coffee, and lucky dip in the Recital Room from mid morning.

**Not to be missed**, after the concert, Mrs Skene is also offering a Christmas party lunch. Sign up and book your place now on the list in the Barbican House Hallway or email Naomi with your details.

**Look out** for a visitor from the North Pole. We normally have a visit as long as you have been good!

**Wanted!** Donations of Raffle Prizes, Cakes, Stall Gifts & Parent volunteers! Please let Naomi know if you are free to help.

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### Senior Department Christmas Concert followed by 'Bring & Share' Supper & Raffle

*On Monday 1st December the Senior Department will meet together to perform in front of family and friends in the Barbican House Hall.*

*The concert will start at 7pm and everyone is invited to come and listen.*

*We look forward to seeing you!*



## Sinfonia Needs You!

Sinfonia is our Adult Orchestra meeting on a Monday evening for orchestral players of grade 5 standard and above. Sinfonia exists to give people the opportunity to develop their musical skills in ensemble playing within a friendly atmosphere where players hone their musical abilities and gain confidence. There are vacancies in most departments so do please come and join the Monday evening fun—you will be made most welcome. Come and hear us play at the Senior Department Christmas Concert!

I love coming to GAM each week but I wish it didn't stop in the holidays!



### Easter & Summer Holiday Courses

for all players from recent beginner to advanced standard. Adult options also available.

See [www.gamusic.co.uk](http://www.gamusic.co.uk) for details.

BOOK YOUR EASTER OR SUMMER HOLIDAY COURSE NOW TO RECEIVE **10% EARLY BOOKING DISCOUNT!**

FOR 2015 ONLY, INTRODUCE A FRIEND TO RECEIVE 20%\* OFF!

\*Conditions Apply

## Congratulations! More ABRSM Results Summer 2014

Student	Instrument	ABRSM Grade	Result
Katy Daly	Piano	2	Merit
Katy Daly	Clarinet	3	Distinction
Isobel Seaward	Theory	5	Merit

On Saturday 31st January 2015 we will once again have the opportunity to Pack a Bag at Sainsbury, Gloucester Quays to raise money for GAM. Last time we raised over £330! If you have an hour or more to spare on the 31st January please let us know.

Students and/or parents all welcome!



GLOUCESTERSHIRE  
**GYM** YOUNG  
MUSICIAN 2015

Entries are now closed for GYM 2015. A record number of young musicians entered this year, including some of the very talented GAM students, and we look forward to hosting the first round of auditions at Barbican House in January.

The final will take place at Pittville Pump Rooms on Tuesday 24 February 2015 - details of finalists and how to buy tickets will be available in the New Year.