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# Welcome Back to all of our students!

# **Summer Holiday Courses**



It was great to see lots of new and familiar faces on the music courses this summer. 'The best course ever' and 'relaxed and friendly teachers' were just some of the comments made by students. Thank you to

everyone who made the courses so enjoyable—the teachers, the welfare team and of course all of the students. For 2014 we have been offered the opportunity to hold the summer courses at Dene Magna School in

Mitcheldean. This promises to be an exciting move with even more space and onsite facilities available. The dates for the 2014 Courses are now being finalised and if you have been to a course this year and would like to take



advantage of the Early Bird End of September Booking Discount then please reserve your place now for 2014. Please email

holidaycourses@gamusic.co.uk. For 2014 we are sorry to say goodbye to Natasha who has been the Courses Administrator for the last year. The courses will now be administered by Naomi in the GAM office and we are

delighted that Anne Ingram will be returning as Courses Manager. Anne will be looking after the Early Music Course and will also provide onsite support during all of the summer courses as well as providing support throughout the year. Welcome Back Anne!



## **CHARITY CONCERT WITH**

GLOUCESTERSHIRE POLICE MALE VOICE CHOIR.

On the 29th November Gloucestershire Police Male Voice Choir are holding a charity concert in aid of Gloucester Academy of Music. In addition to the Male Voice Choir performances, selected ensembles from GAM will be invited to perform. Please make a note of the date in your diary and come along to support our students. For ticket information please email Naomi on admin@gamusic.co.uk

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# Dates for the Diary

- Performance Platform Saturday 19th October at 1.30pm. Please come along to support our young musicians.
- GAM in Noye's Fludde at Gloucester Cathedral Saturday 19th and Sunday 20th October
- Charity Concert in aid of GAM at Dene Magna School 29th November



GAM director Viv Hargreaves on her Forest of Dean trails run in aid of GAM funds on Sunday, September 29 at Speech House. In an unwise moment Viv said she would complete the Forest trails run on Sunday September 29 to raise funds for GAM having taken up half marathon running when she reached 60 two years ago!

PLEASE SPONSOR VIV! - forms available in the office

#### TEACHING TEAM ADDITIONS

This term we are very pleased to welcome Erica McCarthy back to our teaching team. Erica will be offering individual violin tuition and will tutor in Infant Singing & Rhythm and String Starters. Erica, who has just returned to teaching after having her second child, has already started teaching through GAM Schools Music Agency and is already in high demand so we are very pleased that she will be joining us on a Saturday morning.



We are also pleased to welcome Jessi Pywell. Jessi is an ex GAM student who now combines conducting, teaching and performing with running Musicland Publications. Jessi read music at Leeds University before completing a MMus in choral conducting at Cambridge University. Jessi teaches Cello & Singing and is an expert in Music Theory. We are delighted that Jessi is available to join our Junior Department on a Saturday morning where she will offer individual lessons and tutor in Junior Singing & Rhythm and Theory.

Exam Results: Congratulations!		
ABRSM		
Blossom Calderone	Grade 7 Merit	

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Alice Candish	Grade 4 Merit	Cello
Amy Hall	Grade 5 Pass	Clarinet
Allison Hyman	Grade 8 Merit	Cello
Eleanor Jones	Grade 5 Merit	Violin
Martina Jones	Grade 4 Pass	Cello
Nina Jones	Grade 4 Pass	Violin
Katie Kiely	Grade 3 Distinction	Piano
Ellie Neate	Grade 8 Distinction	Singing
Ellie Neate	Grade 5 Merit	Piano
Ross Phipps Coltman	Grade 3 Pass	Violin
Alexander Price	Grade 4 Pass	Violin
Amelia Skipp	Grade 2 Merit	Singing
Esme Spry	Grade 7 Distinction	Cello
James Thomsen	Grade 2 Distinction	Trombone
William Webster	Grade 4 Merit	Cello
Emily Wan	Grade 5 Merit	Violin
TRINITY		



Singing

Cello

Cello

Violin

Cello

Prelim Distinction

Grade 1 Honours

Grade 1 Merit

Grade 2 Distinction

Grade 5 Merit

#### Caitlin Wild **GAM EXAMS**

James Matthews

Katya Oxley

Henry Hart

**Emily Poole** 

Hannah Stefanyszyn **Prelim Distinction** Violin Manon Houldey **Prelim Distinction** Cello Samuel Prouse Grade 1 Merit Cello Martha Green Grade 2 Merit Violin Peter Candish **Prelim Distinction** Violin **Emily Wiles** Grade 2 Distinction Violin **Evie Perfect Grade 4 Distinction** Cello Alexandra Ellard Prelim Distinction Cello

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### **GAM IN CHELTENHAM**

In April of this year Gloucester Academy of Music began offering GAM sessions on a Saturday afternoon in Cheltenham. These sessions mirror some of those offered at Westgate Street on a Saturday morning. If you have any friends who are unable to come in the morning but would like a Saturday afternoon option then we can now offer Scutterbugs, String Ensemble up to Grade 3 and a String Ensemble for Grades 3 to 5. We also have some students who come to Westgate Street in the morning followed by Cheltenham in the afternoon. If you would like to know more about the Cheltenham option then please speak to Caroline or Naomi.



