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MAY/JUNE NEWSLETTER

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HALF MARATHON COMPLETE!



Pip, Lewis, Emma-Jayne, Lisa-Marie & Megan after the ½ Marathon

On Sunday 15th March, Academy tutors Pip, Emma-Jayne, Lisa-Marie & Lewis along with our former receptionist Megan, ran the Adidas Silverstone Half Marathon in aid of St Margaret's Hospice.

As you all know, Pip's mum sadly passed away last September & she was cared for by St Margaret's Nurses throughout her illness.

Family donations at the funeral came to over £500, and with the £1,300 raised through the run, St Margaret's will be able to continue providing the best possible care for the families that need their support.

The day of the 13.1 mile run was gloriously sunny (which was a shock to the system as they'd all been training across British Winter Time—in fact, it had snowed only two weeks previously!) and all five runners completed the run along with over 10,000 other competitors ranging from professional athletes to charity runners.



Daniel Lucker who won the London Marathon Wheelchair Race 2009

The family are so grateful for the donations received & feel that it was well worth the effort!

Special mention to Daniel Lucker whose sister attends the Academy. Daniel has once again won the Wheelchair Section of the 2009 London Marathon! Congratulations Daniel!

EXAMS

Individual Instrument, GCSE & AS-level exams are all underway at the moment.

GCSE Music Written Paper is on Wednesday 13th May, GCSE Dance Written Paper is on

Thursday 14th May & AS-level Music Written Paper is on Thursday 21st May. All will be afternoon exams.

Rockschool Exams will be either Sunday 28th June or 5th July. Times

will be confirmed closer to the date.

LCM exam date is 15th July, times are yet to be confirmed, & ABRSM dates still to be confirmed. Good luck to all entered!

GCSE, AS & A-LEVEL COURSES



2008 GCSE A-Grade Candidates Max Grabner, Alex Hopkinson, Jonny Pugh & Dan Pugh

It's that time of year again where students who are considering vocational qualifications need to start making decisions!

As a GCSE, AS & A-level centre, the Academy has been producing some

spectacular results, with all of 2008's GCSE Candidates achieving A's or B's.

The GCSE course is aimed at musicians who play to Grade 3-5 standard. Candidates study Music In Wales, Musical Structure, Music for Special Occasions, Music for Stage & Screen and Musical Evolution, through Performing, Composing & Appraising skills.

The AS & A-levels are aimed at Grade 5-8 standard musicians. It is a continuation of the GCSE in places, with some Set Works (ranging from Zadok The Priest to Bohemian Rhapsody). The A-level allows the student to choose their strongest element to concentrate on; performing, composing or appraising. An AS-level in Music can be worth up to 60 points, and an A-level up to 120 points towards University Applications.

MONTHLY PAYMENTS

With the addition of GCSE, AS and A-levels now being offered, we are extremely busy on the administration side and need all students where possible to pay by standing order. Because of our system of charging £45 per calendar month rather than for the full amount of lessons taken that month, which would be £49, or £61.25

in a 5-week month, we must be assured that over our holiday periods payments are still made on the 1st of the month.

To this end all students who are not yet on standing order, unless they have already agreed with May to pay by cash or cheque due to special cir-

cumstances, will be asked to complete a standing order form to begin on June 1st, as per the Terms & Conditions which everyone signs on starting lessons with us. Please remember that with a standing order all control remains with you.

EXAM RESULTS

Our last session of exams once again gave us a **100% success rate**, with a large number of distinctions across all disciplines. Congratulations to all who passed, and special congratulations to those who achieved distinctions: Rockschoool candidates Autumn Mason, vocals

g.1, Casey Thomas, Drums g.3, Duane Edwards, Piano g.2, Mark Davies, Guitar g.1.

London College of Music candidates Tara Vasir, Keyboards g.7, Amy Burgess, Music Theatre g.4. Apologies if we've missed anyone out!

A lot of hard work by student and tutor goes into each exam, and we are rightly very proud of our students' results. And don't forget that grades 6, 7 & 8 will gain UCAS points towards university entrance!

DISNEYLAND PARIS STUDY EXPERIENCE

After January's very successful trip to Disneyland through Study Experiences, we have decided to go again! The next trip will be from Sunday 24th to 27th January 2010 and will cost £219.

The trip includes three seminars especially designed to run in line with the GCSE, AS & A-level courses in Music, Drama & Dance.

The seminars include Parades, Stunts, Shows, Atmospheric Music, Costumes, Page-to-Stage, as

well as interviews with cast members including the Artistic Director for Disneyland Resort Paris.

Students will also gain an insight into the audition process to become a cast member at any of the Disneyland Parks. It is a fantastic way to spend a gap year, and many have gone on to forge successful careers as actors, singers, dancers, musicians, artistic directors etc.

The cost of the trip also includes coach travel,

return ferry crossings, three nights' accommodation with continental breakfast at the Disney Hotel Cheyenne.

For more information please contact Lisa-Marie or Emma-Jayne



Academy Tutors Emma-Jayne & Lisa-Marie with Minnie Mouse in January 2009

SATURDAY SCHOOL OF ROCK

Every Saturday during term time, Academy tutors James & Lewis run the Saturday School of Rock.

This is a great opportunity for students who have a good command of their instrument to meet

other students and play all of the classic rock songs they've always wanted to play, as well as some more recent songs.

Repertoires have included Smoke on the Water, Bohemian Like You, Starlight to name but a

few.

Saturday School of Rock only cost £30 per half term, with rehearsals 10am-12pm on Saturdays during term times.

For more info please Lewis or James.

FAME!

Visions In Glass's current Summer Production of "Fame!" is progressing nicely at the moment!

A fresh, young & enthusiastic cast are rehearsing every Sunday morning at Llanwenarth Hall, getting all of the 80's moves down to a tee!

The 2008 production of

the 70's Disco Show "Disco Inferno" was a huge success, attracting more new members, and the theme of decade inspired music & dancing is continuing to keep Academy students on their toes!

Fame! Is being staged at Abergavenny Borough Theatre on Friday 10th &

Saturday 11th July 2009 as part of Abergavenny & District Carnival Week.

Tickets are £8, available from the theatre Box Office on 01873 850805.



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Diary Dates

May

- 13th GCSE Music Written Exam (PM)
14th GCSE Dance Written Exam (PM)
15th AS-level Music Coursework Deadline
16th WhY Factor Talent Showcase (Riverfront Theatre)
21st AS-level Music Written Exam (PM)
25th Bank Holiday—NO LESSONS
25th—31st HALF TERM—No Dance Lessons
Music Lessons AS NORMAL

June

- 28th Deposit Deadline for Disneyland Study Experience
28th Rockscool Ltd Exams

July

- 5th Rockscool Ltd Exams
8th& 9th Fame! Dress & Tech Rehearsal
10th & 11th Fame! Performances
11th Carnival/It's A Knockout
12th Picnic at the Castle with Tom Jones Tribute Act
15th London College Exams
15th Dance Show

August

- 2nd LAST TEACHING DAY
3rd/4th/5th ROCKSKILLS MUSIC WORKSHOPS

September

- 1st LESSONS RESUME FOR NEW TERM