

Opportunity open to all families

On Saturday 19th and 26th May, we are hosting the opportunity for our families (pupils from any year group plus at least one of their adult family members) to work with members of the BBC orchestra in a range of exciting workshops. You don't need to be able to read music, just have a love of it and want to perform as a group. It is totally free and open to all ages and abilities and you will work together with guidance and support to create a new piece of music which you will ultimately play in front of friends and family.

This once in a lifetime chance to work with some of Britain's best musicians is a brilliant way to achieve something together as a family.

All you need to do is to be able to commit to the dates and in return you will also be offered free tickets to the BBC's big Music Weekend on Monday 27th. Please see Ms Kennedy to apply for a place



26th April 2018

Ex-pupil Anil Karrara is a finalist in the Birmingham Young Professional of the Year awards 2018. The awards will again celebrate the city's top talent aged under 35 and working in the professional services industry with the overall winner spending a year as BYPY, promoting the city and working on new initiatives and programmes within the business community.

They will also receive a fully funded executive MBA scholarship worth £20,000 from Aston Business School.

Anil is one of the three finalists who have been chosen for the aspiring talent category which celebrates individuals aged 16 to 24 and who are currently in education or training for a professional services career.

The awards ceremony will be held at the ICC in Birmingham on May 24th and the judging panel is pictured right.



Birmingham Young Professional of the Year 2018 judging panel, from left: Caroline Hill, Ian Barnes, Jilly Cosgrove, David Hardman, Deborah Cadman, Michael Parker and Victoria Ball



Dates for your diary:

Thursday 26th April - Year 8 subject evening
Saturday 16 & 26th May BBC Music event



HOUSE UPDATES



This week saw Eagle’s attempt to move themselves back into the lead. The lunchtime activity provided entertainment for spectators and competitors alike as they aimed to throw a wellington boot as far as humanly possible. Such was the Eagle skill and high turnout that they won the competition, pinning Griffin back to a slender ten point lead. The results of the registration riddles competition now proved vital. Through sheer determination and teamwork, Eagle managed to win the riddles competition, catapulting them back into the lead over Griffin by a slim 50 point margin.

Lunchtime competitions this week and next are FIFA18 and the gamers in each house now need to step up and take the glory.

House updates

Eagles back on top

Total

Eagle 4390

Griffin 4340

Phoenix 3955

Lynx 3805

In this newsletter we want to celebrate.....

The Year 7 boys’ football team who won a tournament last week beating Ernesford Grange, Sidney Stringer and Lyng Hall Schools. The team are:

Billy Annals

Taariq Jaffar

Callum Lewis

Luke O’Reilly

Leo Simmons

Farrell Worth



Conservatoire Visit - A pupil’s view

On 23rd March a group of our most talented musicians had the opportunity to visit the world renowned Conservatoire in Birmingham. Gabriel Florea, a year 8 pupils who plays the flute gave us his opinion of the day.



Gabriel with some of our Stoke Park musicians

“We were a group of woodwind, percussion, piano and strings musicians there to perform three pieces we had already been working on. There were around 200 students and our first task was to improvise. It was great fun and a chance to mix with other talented musicians. Although I have experience of performance with The City Band which I am a member of and have performed in front of large audiences at The Belgrade Theatre, Warwick Arts Centre and even The Albert Hall, this was still nerve-wracking because we were performing with people we had only just met. At break times and lunch time we were allowed to wander round and ask questions and I liked being with other musicians. This is definitely a place I am now considering for my future studies.”

