

THE

# FALCON TIMES



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EXCLUSIVE NEWS

## JOGfest 2017!

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, the Student Leadership Team organised a music extravaganza in Wingfield Hall. Many fantastic performers, including ukulele player and singer, Kiera Rosier, and duet act ,Kate Moody and Lydia Bennett, entertained many students, staff and family who attended the evening. Over the course of the night a fabulous amount of money was raised, which is being split between between the JoG music department and the wonderful charity Dorothy House Hospice Care.



*'JOGfest 2017 was a great success and I am sure I can speak for all those who turned up when I say that I look forward to anymore Student Leadership events and hope that there is a JOGfest 2018!'*

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Your school needs you! Do you want to change something about the school? Do it! Want to make a difference? Do it! Join student leadership! Email Kate at [13katemoody@jogschool.org](mailto:13katemoody@jogschool.org) OR have a look at the timetable on page 5.



## Congratulations to Rachel Stonham!

In November 2017, our very own year 12 student, Rachel Stonham, unanimously won Bath's young musician of the year award.

The Bath young musician award, involves 5 musicians who took part in the Mid-Somerset festival in March, each playing a different instrument, from the trumpet to the violin (which was played by Rachel).

The violin is Rachel's main instrument and her favourite, she says she loves playing the instrument because 'It's a really expressive instrument and there's a wide variety of repertoire'. At the competition, Rachel played three captivating pieces; Beethoven: 'Sonata 1', Paganini: 'Sonata 12', and Arnold: 'Five pieces-Moto perpetuo'; her favourite thing about playing these pieces are their "jazzy influences".

When asked about her experience at the competition, she exclaimed that she had "so much fun, because the audience were really appreciative" and that having the "opportunity to communicate and make a connection with people", who she "otherwise wouldn't have known", was a really essential part of her experience. Furthermore, if the opportunity ever arises for any other young musicians she says that "It's a really enjoyable experience" and to "take the opportunity, because you will not regret it".

Rachel's pure passion for music and incredible talent lead to her inevitable win. The judges of the competition expressed how impressed they were with "her eyes... acting out the music" and her "control" of the "sensitive violin". Rachel won £100 and a rose bowl with her name engraved on it for a year.

## The John of Gaunt Christmas Carol Service

In Year 7 music this year, we have been learning the melody line and lyrics to 'Somewhere in my memory' from the Christmas movie Home Alone. We learnt how to play it on the keyboards, during our music lessons, as well as learning the lyrics. On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December Year 7 performed to a whole audience!

At the Christmas Carol Service, there was an orchestra playing normal Carols and the choir singing their songs in Latin (Gaudete) and other songs in English. In the orchestra there was a variety of instruments – some that played in a group of their own, violins and flutes, and some of the orchestra also participated in the choir and/or the hand chimes. We also had readings from Head boy and Head girl in Sixth form.

All together the concert was an hour and a half filled with songs and readings. The traditional songs that the orchestra played were 'Hark the Herald' and 'O come all ye faithful'. They also played another song, which wasn't as traditional, Caribbean Carol.

The service was finished off with the song 'Gaudete' and the choir carrying out candles.

### GET INVOLVED!

Are you interested in journalism? Or reporting on the school? Or simply just want to help? If you're interested in writing stories like the ones you have been reading today, come along the School Newspaper clubs! Tuesday lunchtimes for Year 11s, and Tuesday afterschool for any other years (all in L2). To get involved email: Miss Stork ([Estork@jogschool.org](mailto:Estork@jogschool.org))  
Kate Moody ([13kmoody@jogschool.org](mailto:13kmoody@jogschool.org))  
Or the newspaper email ([Jognewspaper@jogschool.org](mailto:Jognewspaper@jogschool.org))

### Drama Club

Miss Regan is happy to let us know that she is leading drama club in Gloucester drama room. Drama Club is an extremely fun environment Miss Regan would like to have a larger group of students to attend drama club so she can host a play around January or February. Drama club is on a Thursday. Regularly, you will be given a theme in groups to practice and show the rest of the club. However, in on one of our recent gatherings, we did improve which was one of my favourites.

### Calling all Creative Minds!

Do you write stories and poems in your free time? Show off your talents to our lovely English teachers Miss Harwood and Mrs Johnson; they're dying to hear your work.

Every Friday in L25, 3 - 4pm. The fun awaits!



## Cracking Christmas Gifts

Wondering what to ask for this Christmas? Well, look no further! In this article, you will read about some of the most cracking gifts this year. There is an official list but we didn't think you would want a baby doll for Christmas! So, we have scoured the Internet to find some of the best gifts of 2017 that we are sure you will love.

Looking for a fun gadget this Christmas? How about considering the **app-controlled BB-9E** from the new movie, STAR WARS: THE LAST JEDI? Similar to the BB-8 there was a couple of years ago, this gadget is a must-have for any hard-core star wars fan. You don't have to control this gadget on your own, though. There is a mode which lets BB-9E patrol around on his own- which we think is pretty cool. The best part about this gadget? It rolls! Just like in the movie, this gadget rolls like a real droid. We think this toy is a great gift, as you can have a little companion with you all the time, especially for fans of star wars. If this model is too expensive for you, this robot is based on the Sphero, which is around £40.



 Need a new tablet that won't cost the earth? What about a **Kindle Fire**? These great tablets have up to 12 hours of battery life, so you have plenty of time to use a large variety of apps and millions of excellent movies. It also has twice the amount of storage than older fire tablets and is faster than ever before. Amazingly, these tablets are surprisingly affordable. For instance, a 16 GB Fire 7 costs only between £40 and £60! This is stunning for a tablet that doubles up as an e-reader. This tablet is great for all ages and is the perfect pick for anyone.

If you are looking for a gift for a girl, then we have some places to look at. I have asked some friends and family members what they would recommend, and the answers I got were **Claire's Accessories** and **Lush**. These stores offer a wide selection of gifts for girls of all ages. What about some luscious bath bombs from Lush? Or maybe a funky lip-balm from Claire's? If you are looking for some quirky gifts for people, go to **Flying Tiger** in Bath. Here they sell everything from miniature poker tables to funny phone cases. I seriously recommend these places to do a spot of last-minute Christmas shopping for anyone.

Any Lego lovers out there? If so, this awesome set, which is from the Star Wars theme, contains 282 pieces and 3 marvellous minifigures, if you don't count the 3 droids. Those minifigures are: Battle-Damaged Anakin Skywalker, Emperor Palpatine and Darth Vader. 10 years has really added lots to this set, with three features on it rather than one; one of those features is being able to spin the metal table around so now, instead of containing Anakin, it now contains Darth Vader! The next one is an amazing helmet feature that lets you lower the helmet dramatically onto Darth Vader. The third feature is the fact that you are able to blow up one of the medical droids and a lightsabre storage stand. This set is priced at £19.99, I definitely recommend this set to anyone, as it is a great play set and looks really good on display. You may find your dad playing with this one too!



### Here is a list of some other top selling gifts we found:

- Lego Boost
- Laser X-Laser Tag Game
- Lego Star Wars BB-8
- Fantastic Gymnastics
- Nerf Nitro Longshot
- Hachimals
- Anki Overdrive Fast and Furious
- Zoomer Enchanted Unicorn
- Fingerlings
- Anki Cosmo

What do you think of our top picks? We think that these gifts are great for all ages. I hope this list gave you some ideas!

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



# Do you want a job to start earning some cash?



**GOFISH's monthly free newsletter will offer you useful guides to support you in finding and getting a job**

To sign up to our newsletter please go to [gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter](https://gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter)

Many students may decide to get a part-time job to earn some cash and gain valuable experience. However, research has shown that since the 1990's teenagers with Saturday jobs have halved. It is becoming much harder to find and get these jobs! Local organisation, GOFISH, whose sole aim is to support people in preparing them for the World of Work, are offering a brand new free monthly eNewsletter to encourage and support young people in helping to find and getting their own local part-time jobs. To sign up to GOFISH's newsletter please visit [gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter](https://gofishteam.co.uk/newsletter)



Student Leadership (lunchtimes)	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
Week 1	Year 8	Year 7	Year 9
Week	Year 10	Year 11	Full Board



## Expressive Arts Faculty - 2017/2018 Extra-Curricular Activities

Aspire, Create, Express



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch Times</b> 1:05-1:35pm	<p>Strings - NMA in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Choir - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Flute Group - NMA in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Folk Group - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>Hand Chimes - NMA in G1</p> <p>KS3 Keyboard Club - EST in G9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p>
<b>After School</b> 3:15-4:15pm	<p>GCSE and A Level Computer Access - in G5</p> <p>Year 11 Acapella Singers - NMA/EST in G1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p>	<p>GCSE Drama Rehearsals/Revision- GBR/JRE in D/Studio</p> <p>Yr 11 GCSE Art Support - MGI in C1</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>GCSE Music Support - EST in G5</p>	<p>Orchestra - NMA/EST in G1</p> <p>KS3 Drama Club - JRE in Drama Studio</p> <p>KS3 Art Club - HSN/CLA in C10</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>Computer Room access for GCSE Music students</p>	<p>GCSE Art Support - MGI/HSN in C1/C9</p> <p>Open House - music practise rooms</p> <p>GCSE Music Support - EST in G5</p>	<p>GCSE Art Support - MGI/HSN in C1/C9</p>