

School gains music award

A SECONDARY school's collaboration with music venue Bristol Beacon has helped it achieve an award.

Fairfield High School, which draws hundreds of its pupils from Eastville, has been named as a Music Mark School for the third time, in recognition of the quality of its music education and commitment to music.

The school says its engagement with Bristol Beacon, which reopens in November after five years of renovation work, offers many educational opportunities for students.

This year's work with the venue starts with assemblies from a Bristol Beacon coordinator and an opportunity to visit its new studios, where students can try their hands at experimentation, music production, DJ skills, rap and vocals with support from professional musicians.

Beatboxer, producer and live

looping technologist SK Shlomo will be sharing his expertise with assemblies and a workshop, leading up to a Saturday night performance at Bristol Beacon as part of the venue's opening celebrations.

Fairfield High School head of music Tim Roderick said: "We are thrilled to again be receiving this accolade. Our eight-year relationship with Bristol Beacon, formerly known as Bristol Plays Music, has given endless opportunities to offer a more representative and diverse Bristol-focused curriculum.

"We are particularly excited by the prospect of welcoming SK Shlomo to Fairfield, who has a rich and exciting career, having collaborated with musical geniuses Ed Sheeran, Bjork and Damon Albarn.

"A big thank you to Bristol Beacon for helping our music department to shine."