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Dan and Anny have been offered places at one of the world's leading music schools

Two students from The Bournemouth & Poole College have accepted offers to study at one of the world's leading music schools, Trinity College, London.

Dan Grinstead, a brilliant young cellist from Poole, and pianist Yuan Li, also known as Anny, have been invited to join the famous conservatoire in September.

The college is building quite a reputation for developing musical talent. Last year Bournemouth's Jack Bond, a double bass player also progressed from the college to Trinity, with a £6,000 scholarship.

Dan, aged 18, said: "It's been quite a journey but I'm looking forward to this new challenge. I'd like to thank my tutors for all their support. I hope one day to join a large international orchestra - maybe even the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra."

For Anny the challenge faced was even tougher, moving half way round the world from China last autumn, as well as improving her piano to the level that's taken her forward.

"I've really enjoyed my time at the college. Everyone has been helpful and friendly. My mother back home in China is proud of me."

Music lecturer, Natalie Burton, said: "Our Advanced Studies in <u>Music</u> A Level programme has a long history of preparing students for top music colleges and Russell Group universities.

"Students benefit from individual lessons from highly qualified visiting instrumental teachers alongside focused, academic study, and this combination has clearly served Anny and Dan very well."

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