



DURHAM JOHNSTON SCHOOL

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 2021

Dear Musician and Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back for the new school year. The term leading up to Christmas is traditionally an especially busy time for the Music Department and the musicians of Durham Johnston School, so we are writing to you to let you know what is happening over the next few months and, as best we know, for the rest of the year. Any changes to this schedule will be posted on the **Friday bulletin** on the school website.

The weekly schedule of rehearsals will be as follows and all activities start w/b September 6th.

Day	Lunchtime		2.45-3.45pm
Mon	1 st	Chamber Choir - MU2	<i>(staff meeting)</i>
	2 nd	<i>(no activities)</i>	
Tue	1 st	Keyboard Club – MU2	Junior Orchestra - MU1 Wind Band - Hall
	2 nd	Theory Club - MU2	
Wed	1 st	Aural Skills - MU3	Junior Choir - MU1 Senior Choir - Hall
	2 nd	GCSE Support - MU2	
Thur	1 st	Theory Club - MU2	Senior Orchestra - Hall
	2 nd	<i>(no activities)</i>	
Fri	1 st	<i>(no activities)</i>	Big Band - MU1
	2 nd	Aural Skills - MU2	

The Concert/Event schedule for this academic year can be found on the reverse of this letter. **Please put these dates into your family diary now** and let a member of the Music Department know if you will not be able to attend an event your group is involved in, or if you have any questions.

Members of groups are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts unless they have a very good reason not to, and have given their apologies. Good attendance and hard work are the only ways to maintain the very high musical standards that we have achieved in previous years, and hope to consolidate in future.

Thank you for your continued support of the Music Department and we hope to produce many enjoyable evenings of music for your pleasure over the coming year.

Yours faithfully,

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MUSICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

AUTUMN 2021

Evensong: Monday 22nd November, Durham Cathedral, 17.30

Chamber Choir sing Choral Evensong. Rehearsal in the quire at 15.45. All are welcome to attend the service. Please be seated by 17.15 and the service will be finished by 18.15.

School Christmas Concert: Thursday 9th December, James Hall, 18.30 and 19.30.

All school performing groups will take part, with final rehearsals taking place on Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

School Carol Service - Friday 17th December, Durham Cathedral, 13.00.

Senior, Junior and Chamber Choirs and Senior Orchestra will perform. All musicians except Junior Choir will meet in Cathedral at 9.30 for registration at front of nave. Junior Choir will arrive with their forms in time for the service.

SPRING 2022

KS4 & KS5 Celebration Evening: tbc, James Hall, 18.45 (performing from 18.00)

Wind Band and selected soloists to provide entertainment during the celebrations.

School Spring Concert: Thursday 7th April, James Hall, 18.30 and 19.30

All school performing groups will take part with rehearsals during the school day. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

SUMMER 2022

Durham Johnston Music Festival: Friday 1st July, James Hall

The Whinney Hill Cup (Grades 1-3), 18.00

The Crossgate Moor Cup (Grades 4-5), 18.45

The Durham Johnston Cup (Grades 6+), 19.45

More details available after Easter

Music for a Summer Evening: Thursday 7th July, James Hall, 19.00

An informal evening of music making for Y13 leavers and their parents and friends.

Tickets will be on sale after June half term.

KS3 Celebration Evening: tbc, James Hall, 18.45 (performance from 18.00)

Big Band and finalists from the DJ Music Festival to provide entertainment during the celebrations.

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