



# DURHAM JOHNSTON SCHOOL

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 2022

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 12<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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 2022

### **School Christmas Concert (Part I): Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December, James Hall, 19.00**

Wind Band, Big Band, Junior Choir and Junior Orchestra will take part, with final rehearsals taking place on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

### **School Christmas Concert (Part II): Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December, James Hall, 19.00**

Senior Orchestra, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir will take part, with final rehearsals taking place on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

### **School Carol Service - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 09.30 for registration at front of nave. Junior Choir will arrive with their forms in time for the service.

## SPRING 2023

### **Evensong: Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 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.

### **STAGE & SCREEN Concert (Part I): Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March, James Hall, 19.00**

Wind Band, Big Band, Junior Choir and Junior Orchestra will take part. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

### **STAGE & SCREEN (Part II): Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March, James Hall, 19.00**

Senior Orchestra, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir will take part. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

## SUMMER 2023

### **Durham Johnston Music Festival: Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 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+), 19.30*

More details available after Easter.

### **Music for a Summer Evening: Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

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