



DURHAM JOHNSTON SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 2016

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 12th.

Day		Lunchtime	2.45-3.45pm
Mon	1 st	Chamber Choir	
	2 nd	No Activities	
Tue	1 st	Theory Club	Junior Orchestra Wind Band
	2 nd	GCSE Composition	
Wed	1 st	Aural Skills	Junior Choir Senior Choir
	2 nd	Theory Club/GCSE Performance	
Thur	1 st	Keyboard Club	Senior Orchestra
	2 nd	Guitar Club	
Fri	1 st	Aural Skills	Big Band
	2 nd	Aural Skills	

All enrichment activities are covered by the whole-school EV4 form and 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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Do check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the school website for updates and Music Department news!

MUSICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

AUTUMN 2016

School Christmas Concert - Thursday 8th December, 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).

School Carol Service - Friday 16th December, Durham Cathedral, 12.45.

Senior, Junior and Chamber Choirs and Senior Orchestra will perform. All musicians except Junior Choir will meet in Cathedral at 10.00 for registration at front of nave. Junior Choir will arrive with their forms in time for the service.

SPRING 2017

KS4 and KS5 Celebration Evening - Thursday 5th January, James Hall, 19.00

Musicians will provide entertainment during the celebrations.

Evensong - Monday 30th January, Durham Cathedral, 17.15.

Chamber Choir sing Evensong with a rehearsal in the quire at 15.45. All are welcome to attend the service. Please be seated by 17.00 and the service will be finished by c.18.00.

'North East Festival of Youth Choirs' – Saturday 4th February (TBC) Durham Cathedral.

Choirs take part in a county-wide festival of choral singing. Afternoon rehearsal and evening concert.

School Spring Concert - Thursday 30th March, 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 2017

KS3 Celebration Evening – Thursday 29th June, James Hall, 19.00

Musicians provide entertainment during the celebrations.

DJ Music Festival – Friday 30th June, James Hall

Class 1 (Grades 1-3) – 18.00

Class 2 (Grades 4-5) – 18.45

Class 3 (Grades 6+) – 19.45

More details available after Easter.

Music for a Summer Evening – Friday 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.