



May 2023

Dear Musicians (and Parents/Carers),

## Durham Johnston School Music Festival – Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June - James Hall

I am writing to let you know about the arrangements for the Music Festival this year. On the evening of Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July, there will be three classes.

<b>Class 1 (Grade 1-3)</b>	<b>The Whinney Hill Music Cup</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>
<b>Class 2 (Grade 4-5)</b>	<b>The Crossgate Moor Music Cup</b>	<b>6.45pm</b>
<b>Class 3 (Grade 6+)</b>	<b>The Durham Johnston School Music Cup</b>	<b>7.30pm</b>

The competition is open to all pupils who take music lessons outside school (including piano and singing), as well as those who receive tuition in school from DMS. Pieces, which must be solo (accompanied or unaccompanied), must last no longer than 3 minutes for Classes 1 and 2, and 4 minutes for Class 3. Pupils who play more than one instrument may enter a maximum of two different classes and the grades for each round refer to the standard of the piece performed and not to any formal qualification held.

After the closing date for entries (Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May) if there are more than 12 entries in a particular round, a member of the Music Department will arrange to hear pupils perform their pieces. A list of finalists will then be produced and successful students will be informed. If there are 12 or fewer entries in each round everyone will perform at the festival. On the evening itself, students will perform, refreshments will be served during the judge's deliberations, then the audience and participants will hear the adjudication, and the winner will be presented with the cup.

If you wish to enter the competition (and pupils may like to discuss this with their instrumental/vocal teacher), please complete the slip below and return it to a member of the music department no later than Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May. If you have questions about the rules or procedures of the competition, please ask.

In the past this has provided a great opportunity for pupils to perform in public to a supportive audience, and receive feedback and helpful advice about their performance.

With thanks in anticipation of your support,

Mr E N Holmes - Subject Leader for Music

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Name ..... Form..... Instrument .....

Piece & Composer .....

Approximate Grade of piece to be performed .....

I do not need an accompanist/I will provide my own accompanist/I need an accompanist\*

*\*If you need an accompanist, please submit an original of the accompaniment with this slip and please note that rehearsals with the accompanist will take place earlier in the week of the Festival.*



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