



# DURHAM JOHNSTON SCHOOL

## MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 2023

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 11<sup>th</sup>.**

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

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 2023

### **School Christmas Concert (Part I): Wednesday 6<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 Monday 4<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): Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, James Hall, 19.00**

Senior Orchestra, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir will take part, with final rehearsals taking place on Tuesday 5<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 - Tuesday 19<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 2024

### **Evensong: Monday 29<sup>th</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.

### **Captain Noah & his Floating Zoo: Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March, Durham Town Hall.**

Junior Choir – further details TBC

### **WATER OF LIFE Concert (Part I): Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March, James Hall, 19.00**

Wind Band, Big Band, Junior Choir and Junior Orchestra will take part, with final rehearsals taking place on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

### **WATER OF LIFE Concert (Part II): Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, James Hall, 19.00**

Senior Orchestra, Senior Choir and Chamber Choir will take part, with final rehearsals taking place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

## SUMMER 2024

### **Durham Johnston Music Festival: Thursday 27<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 4<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.

**Check the 'Friday Bulletin'  
on the school website for regular updates  
and Music Department News!**