

# Doncaster Music Service

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Regular communication with parents and the new Music Service website

We have recently introduced a new system for getting important and frequently required information to you. This is via the new website – [www.doncastermusicservice.org.uk](http://www.doncastermusicservice.org.uk) and email option. The very first page of the website contains a [Latest news – Urgent information](#) link which is updated daily. This will include details of last minute unavoidable and unforeseen changes to normal classes or rehearsals and reminders of events taking place that week.

As an alternative to remembering to check the website, we will be pleased to send this information to you by email. If you wish to receive this, please send a blank email to [messages@doncastermusicservice.org.uk](mailto:messages@doncastermusicservice.org.uk) with the subject line as **subscribe**. Alternately, if you go to the Service website, select the [Latest news – Urgent information](#) link you will be able to subscribe to this service on-line.

This, and previous Newsletters are always available from the website should you mislay this one. Just select the **Newsletter** link. The diary page of the website will also give you details of all events and important dates (closures etc.) during the current term.

## Diary

### Forthcoming Concerts

**Please remember you will need a permit to take photographs or video recordings at concerts. This can be obtained from the Music Centre office anytime up to 48 hours prior to the concert.**

Please would the performers arrive at least 15 minutes before the start of the concert.

Admission to the concerts is free with a retiring collection which will be used to fund repairs to Music Centre instruments. The concerts last term raised £1851.93 for this purpose.

#### Friday 4 March

Vermuyden Concert Band **and** the Beginner Wind Group. Concert at Hall Cross Lower School, 7pm.

#### Saturday 5 March

Band Concerts at Hall Cross Lower School.

10.00 Band at 10.00am.

11.00 Band at 11.00am.

12.00 Band at 12.00pm.

1.00 Band Concert at 1.00pm.

Doncaster Schools' Symphonic Band **and** the Beginner Brass Group at 7.00pm.

#### Wednesday 9 March.

Guitar Groups (Mr Nockalls) and the Wind Quintet. Concert in the Music Centre Hall at 7pm.



### **Thursday 10 March**

Recorder Groups and Appleby Choir. Concert in the Music Centre Hall at 7pm.

### **Friday 11 March**

Concert at Hall Cross Lower School at 7pm.  
Beechfield Youth Orchestra, Doncaster Schools' Senior Orchestra and the William Appleby Chamber Orchestra.

### **Saturday 12 March**

Orchestra Concerts at Hall Cross Lower School.

9.30 Beginner Strings at 9.30am.

10.30 Transitional Strings at 10.30am.

11.30 Progressive Strings at 11.30 am.

Saturday Afternoon Orchestra (Mrs Gange) and  
12.30 Training Strings (Mrs Roberts) at 12.30pm.

### **Saturday 12 March**

Classical Guitar Groups (Mr Belbin-Wood).  
Concert at WAMC in the Hall at 11am. Rehearsal at 10am

**Directions to Hall Cross Lower School, St. Michael's Road, Bessacarr, DN4 5LU.**

From the south (Cantley and Bessacarr) - after Cantley traffic lights take the first left turn into St. Augustine's Road. At the end of the road turn left. The school is on the right.

From the Race Course roundabout, proceed along Bawtry Road to Cantley traffic lights and U turn. Take the first left turn into St. Augustine's Road. At the end of the road turn left. The school is on the right.

### **Half term**

The Music Centre will be open as normal on Saturday 12 February. It will be closed from Monday 14 to Saturday 19 February inclusive, and will reopen on Monday 21 February.

### **Easter Holiday**

The Music Centre will close on Friday 18 March, and reopen on Monday 4 April.

### **Parents' Evenings**

These will take place on Tuesday 5 and Wednesday 6 April at the Music Centre. Please bear in mind that it is not possible for most of our teachers to see the parents of every pupil they teach, so in this case a targeting system will be in operation.

If your child's teacher wishes to see you, a letter will be given to your child for you to indicate which day and approximate time you prefer, and an appointment time, (10 minutes per family) will be sent to you via your child.

### **May Day Bank Holiday**

The Music Centre will be closed on Saturday 30 April and Monday 2 May.

### **Instrumental lessons**

There are currently vacancies for keyboard classes. Please pick up a leaflet from the Music Centre office if you are interested.

### **Instrument Purchase Scheme**

The Doncaster Music Service is able to offer parents or guardians the opportunity to purchase new musical instruments at a discounted price and without the addition of VAT. Considerable savings may be achieved. Some second hand instruments may also be available. The offer is subject to the continuation of approval by Customs and Excise and certain conditions must be met.

If you are interested in the scheme please ask your son/daughter to contact his/her Peripatetic Music Teacher or collect a form from the Music Centre reception.

### **Danum Strings (Adults)**

If you already play a string instrument you could join this ensemble. Rehearsals are on Thursday evenings from 7.00pm – 8.15pm.

Cost per year:- £48.00 or £34.50 concessions, £22.50 students.

### **Medical Conditions**

Could the parent of any child with a medical problem please make sure the Music Centre is aware of it. Any medication needed by the child should be brought to rehearsals.

## Music Centre Accessories Shop

The Music Centre has a shop for the sale of a wide range of accessories including music stands, reeds, strings, mutes, valve oil, thumb rests, pull-throughs and instrument stands. We can order most accessories through our suppliers and we are able to sell at an educational discount. The shop is open from 9.00am – 1.00pm on a Saturday in our Reception upstairs.

## Music Makers

These classes are for pre-school children with their carers. The sessions are fun and include singing, dancing, instrumental playing and play-acting. Classes take place on Monday mornings and Thursday afternoons. Each session costs £3, payable each half term in advance.

## Examination Results

### *Associated Board December 2004*

Grade	Fail	Pass	Merit	Distinction	Totals
1	0	16	11	4	31
2	0	7	9	2	18
3	0	9	4	3	16
4	2	3	2	3	10
5	0	11	4	1	16
6	0	4	0	2	6
7	0	0	2	1	3
8	0	2	1	0	3
<b>Totals</b>	2	52	33	16	103

### *Trinity December 2004*

Grade	Fail	Pass	Merit	Distinction	Totals
<b>Initial</b>	0	2	0	4	6
1	0	1	1	3	5
2	0	0	1	2	3
3	0	0	1	0	1
4	1	1	2	0	4
5	0	0	0	0	0
6	0	2	0	0	2
7	0	0	0	0	0
8	0	0	1	0	1
<b>Totals</b>	1	6	6	9	22

