

# Doncaster Music Service

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# NEWSLETTER

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## Regular communication with parents - Music Service website.

Important information can be obtained from our website [www.doncastermusicservice.org.uk](http://www.doncastermusicservice.org.uk). The first page contains a *Latest news – Urgent information* link which is updated daily. It includes 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 can 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**. Alternatively, 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.

Newsletters are always available from the website by selecting the **Newsletter** link. The diary page of the website will give you details of all events and important dates (closures etc.) during the current term.

## Diary - Forthcoming Music Centre Concerts

**Please remember you will need a permit to take photographs or video recordings at these 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.

Unless stated otherwise, admission to concerts is free, with a retiring collection for Music Centre funds. The concerts last term raised £1990.43, with an additional amount of £170.81 for comic relief.

### Sunday 26 June

Beechfield Youth Orchestra.  
Doncaster Minster at 3.00pm.

Tickets priced at £4 each will be available from the Music Centre office from Tuesday 7 June, or on the door.

### Tuesday 28 June

The Percussion Ensemble, Senior Brass Group, and the Steel Pan Ensemble.  
WAMC Hall at 7.00pm.

### Wednesday 6 July

Electric Guitar Groups (Mr Kyriakidis).  
Hall Cross Lower School at 7.00pm.

### Friday 8 July

Doncaster Schools' Senior Orchestra (Ms Fletcher) and the Wind Quintet.  
Hall Cross Lower School at 7.00pm.

### Saturday 9 July

**Orchestra Concerts at Hall Cross Lower School.**

9.30 Beginner String Orchestras (Mrs Gange and Mrs Roberts) at 9.30am

10.30 Transitional Strings (Mrs Gange) at 10.30am.

11.30 Progressive Strings **and** 12.30 Training Strings (Mrs Roberts) at **11.30am**.

Saturday Afternoon Orchestra (Mrs Gange) at 12.45pm.

### Wednesday 13 July

Classical Guitar Groups (Mr Nockalls)  
WAMC Hall at 7.00pm.

### **Thursday 14 July**

Recorder Groups and Appleby Choir.  
WAMC Hall at 7.00pm.

### **Saturday 16 July**

#### **Band Concerts at Hall Cross Lower School.**

9.00 Beginner Wind **and** 9.00 Beginner Brass at 9.00am.

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.

Vermuyden Concert Band at 7.00pm.

### **Saturday 16 July**

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

**Concert clothes:** dark coloured trousers/skirts and white shirts/blouses should be worn, except where directed otherwise.

**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.

## **Additional Concerts**

No photography/video permit is required for these concerts.

### **Wednesday May 18**

Elizabeth Flanagan and Jack Littlewood (violin and piano recital).  
Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road at 1.00pm.  
The Museum makes a small charge for admission on the door.

### **Saturday 28 May**

Doncaster Schools' Symphonic Band.  
St Peter's Church, Bentley Road, Bentley at 7.30pm.  
Admission payable on the door - £3 and £2 (concessions).

### **Wednesday 22 June**

William Appleby Chamber Orchestra.  
Doncaster Museum and Art Gallery, Chequer Road at 1.00pm.  
The Museum makes a small charge for admission on the door.

### **Rehearsal Dates**

Please note the last rehearsal dates this term:-

Appleby Choir:- Tuesday 12 July.

Theory Lessons:- Tuesday 12 July.

Wednesday Classical Guitar Groups:- Wednesday 6 July.

Wednesday Electric Guitar Groups:- Wednesday 29 June.

DSSO:- Wednesday 6 July.

Wind Quintet:- Wednesday 6 July.

Recorder Groups:- Thursday 7 July.

Steel Pan Ensemble – Thursday 14 July

WACO:- Friday 17 June.

Senior Brass Group:- Friday 8 July.

VCB:- Friday 15 July.

DSSB:- Friday 1 July.

BYO:- Friday 24 June.

Saturday Bands, Beginner Wind and Brass:- Saturday 9 July.

Saturday Orchestras:- Saturday 2 July.

Saturday Guitar Groups:- Saturday 9 July.

Percussion Ensemble:- Saturday 2 July.

## Half term Holiday

**Saturday 28 May. Please note that there will be no beginner brass or wind groups, bands, orchestras and guitar groups on this day. However the Music Centre will be open for keyboard lessons, instrumental lessons for schools and Further Education lessons to take place.**

**The Music Centre will be closed for the half term holiday from Monday 30 May until Saturday 4 June inclusive.**

### **Beechfield Youth Orchestra Auditions.**

Auditions for our most senior orchestra will take place on Friday 1 July and Friday 8 July between 6pm and 8pm. Applications are invited from players of all orchestral instruments of Grade 6 or above standard. To maintain the very high standard of this orchestra, applicants should be available to attend all rehearsals, (which take place every Friday evening during term-time) and all concerts as arranged. Application forms are available from the Music Centre office from 25 May, and should be returned by Saturday 18 June.

### **Doncaster Schools' Symphonic Band Auditions.**

Auditions for our most senior band will take place on Friday 8 July and Friday 15 July between 5pm and 7pm. Applications are invited from all woodwind and brass instrumentalists of Grade 6 or above standard. To maintain the very high standard of this band, applicants should be available to attend all rehearsals, (which take place every Friday evening during term-time) and all concerts as arranged. Application forms are available from the Music Centre office from 25 May, and should be returned by Saturday 18 June.

### **Lost Property**

If your child has lost anything, please call at the Music Centre office. Any unclaimed items will be donated to charity shops during the week before the summer holiday.

### **Instrument Purchase Scheme**

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.

### **Music Centre Sign**

We hope you have noticed the new Music Centre sign visible from the car park. We would like to thank George and Sally Mabon and family for their generous donation which has helped us to announce our presence a little more boldly.

### **Music Centre Accessories Shop**

The shop sells 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.

### **Instruments to buy and sell**

There is a dedicated page for advertisements on the Music Service web site. Go to: [www.doncastermusicservice.org.uk/forsale](http://www.doncastermusicservice.org.uk/forsale).

## **Examination Results**

### **Associated Board March 2005**

| Grade         | Fail | Pass | Merit | Distinction | Totals |
|---------------|------|------|-------|-------------|--------|
| 1             | 1    | 37   | 11    | 1           | 50     |
| 2             | 1    | 5    | 8     | 1           | 15     |
| 3             | 1    | 17   | 6     | 2           | 26     |
| 4             | 1    | 7    | 2     | 0           | 10     |
| 5             | 3    | 10   | 1     | 0           | 14     |
| 6             | 0    | 3    | 1     | 0           | 4      |
| 7             | 1    | 3    | 1     | 0           | 5      |
| 8             | 0    | 5    | 1     | 1           | 7      |
| <b>Totals</b> | 8    | 87   | 31    | 5           | 131    |

### **Trinity March 2005**

| Grade          | Fail | Pass | Merit | Distinction | Totals |
|----------------|------|------|-------|-------------|--------|
| <b>Initial</b> | 0    | 1    | 6     | 2           | 9      |
| 1              | 0    | 1    | 1     | 1           | 3      |
| 2              | 0    | 0    | 2     | 1           | 3      |
| 3              | 0    | 0    | 4     | 1           | 5      |
| 4              | 0    | 1    | 0     | 0           | 1      |
| 5              | 0    | 8    | 0     | 1           | 9      |
| 6              | 0    | 2    | 0     | 0           | 2      |
| 7              | 0    | 1    | 0     | 0           | 1      |
| 8              | 0    | 1    | 0     | 0           | 1      |
| <b>Totals</b>  | 0    | 15   | 13    | 6           | 34     |

### **Summer Holiday**

The Music Centre will close at 4pm on Friday 22 July and will re-open on Monday 5 September. All staff at the Music Centre wish you a relaxing holiday.

**Next term.**

Saturday Ensembles begin on 10 September.

Orchestral players will be given a letter in July informing them of the orchestra they should attend from Saturday 10 September onwards.

Band members and guitarists should attend at their normal time on September 10, when they will be given a letter informing them of the time of the band or group they should attend from September 17 onwards.

Weekday Evening Ensembles will begin during the week commencing Tuesday 13 September.

