



Doncaster Music Service

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NEWSLETTER

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Music Service website.

Important information can be obtained from our website 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.

Doncaster Music Service could send this information to you by email. If you wish to receive this, please send a blank email to 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.

MUSIC CENTRE ATTENDANCE

So that the high standards of all our ensembles can be maintained, it is vitally important that all ensemble members attend rehearsals regularly, and are available to play in the concert each term. Full attendance is expected of all players in Senior Ensembles. If you know your child will not be able to attend a rehearsal or concert for any reason, please let the conductor of the ensemble know in advance by telephoning the Music Centre office. A message can be left outside office hours.

To help monitor attendance, Doncaster Music Service is introducing a new system to follow up unexplained absence. If a pupil has three consecutive unexplained absences from rehearsals, the ensemble conductor will send a letter home for completion by the parent. You will be asked to explain the reason(s) for the absences and to state if you wish your child to carry on playing in the ensemble or not, with the intended return date for your child, as applicable. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Diary

Forthcoming 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 could the players arrive at least 15 minutes before the start time of the concert.

Admission to the concerts is free with a retiring collection for Music Centre funds.

Wednesday 14 December

Classical Guitar Groups. Concert at WAMC in the Hall at 7.00pm.

Thursday 15 December

Recorder Groups. Concert at WAMC in the Hall at 7.00pm.

Friday 16 December

Beechfield Youth Orchestra, Doncaster Schools Senior Orchestra and the William Appleby Chamber Orchestra.

Concert at WAMC in the Hall at 7.00pm.

Saturday 17 December

Orchestra Concerts at WAMC in the Hall as follows:-

9.30 Introductory Strings (Mrs Gange) at 9.30am.

9.30 Introductory Strings (Mrs Roberts) at 10.15am.

10.30 Transitional Strings (Mrs Costigan) at 11.00am.

10.30 Transitional Strings (Mrs Roberts) at 11.45am.

11.30 Progressive Strings (Mrs Gange) at 12.30pm.

12.30 Training Strings (Mrs Roberts) at 1.30pm.

Saturday Afternoon Orchestra (Mrs Gange) at 2.30pm.

Saturday 17 December

Classical Guitar Groups. Concerts at WAMC in Room 8.

10.30am Group at 10.30am.

11.30am Group at 11.30am.

Saturday 17 December

Band Concerts at Hall Cross Lower School as follows:-

10.00 Band Concert at 10.00am.

11.00 Band Concert at 11.00am.

12.00 Band Concert at 12.00pm.

1.00 Band Concert at 1.00pm.

Vermuyden Concert Band and Wind Quintet at 2.15pm.

Doncaster Schools Symphonic Band and the Senior Brass Group. Concert at 7.00pm.

Concert dress: except for DSSB, dark coloured trousers / skirts and white shirts / blouses.

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

From the south (Cantley / 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 Racecourse roundabout, proceed along Bawtry Road to Cantley traffic lights and turn right in a U turn. Take the first left into St. Augustines Road and left at the end. The school is on the right.

LAST REHEARSALS THIS TERM

For groups playing in concerts, there will be no more rehearsals this term after the concert has taken place. Please note these last rehearsal dates for groups not playing in a concert:-

Saturday 10 December:- 9.30am Beginner Guitar Group and the 9.00am Beginner Brass and Wind Groups.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

The Music Centre will close on **Wednesday 21 December** at 4.00pm and will re-open on **Tuesday 3 January 2006**.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

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

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 for a form.

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/

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 £3.30, payable each half term in advance.

CAR PARKING

In the interest of the safety of Music Centre pupils, please would parents ensure that they **park only in the designated parking spaces** and take the utmost **care** when driving away, especially at busy times such as Saturday mornings. Parents who are only dropping off their children may find it more convenient to do this at the front of the building. **Please do not drop off or pick up your children around the rear door area, or outside the Hall.**

LOST PROPERTY

If your child has lost anything, please call at the Music Centre office. We will donate any unclaimed items to charity shops during the week before the Christmas holiday.

EXAMINATION RESULTS

ABRSM JULY 2005 – 98% PASS RATE

| GRADE | FAIL | PASS | MERIT | DISTINCTION | TOTAL |
|--------------|----------|-----------|-----------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | 1 | 28 | 25 | 10 | 64 |
| 2 | 3 | 13 | 13 | 2 | 31 |
| 3 | 0 | 19 | 14 | 6 | 39 |
| 4 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 3 | 15 |
| 5 | 0 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 15 |
| 6 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| 8 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| TOTAL | 4 | 75 | 72 | 27 | 178 |

TRINITY JULY 2005 – 98% PASS RATE

| GRADE INITIAL | PASS | MERIT | DISTINCTION | FAIL | WITHDRAWN | TOTAL |
|---------------|------|-------|-------------|------|-----------|-------|
| 1 | 5 | 15 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 27 |
| 2 | 1 | 6 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 10 |
| 4 | 1 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 |
| 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 6 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| 7 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 8 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| TOTALS | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| | 16 | 35 | 15 | 2 | 2 | 70 |