



DURHAM JOHNSTON SCHOOL

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

September 2018

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. This year we are delighted to welcome Mrs Wiggers to the Music Department. Mrs Anderson has taken up the post of Faculty Leader of Creative Arts at Wolsingham for this academic year and we wish her all the best.

The weekly schedule of rehearsals will be as follows and all activities start w/b September 10th.

Day	Lunchtime		2.45-3.45pm
Mon	1 st	Chamber Choir (MUS2)	NO ACTIVITIES
	2 nd	NO ACTIVITIES	
Tue	1 st	Keyboard Club (MUS2)	Junior Orchestra (Hall) Wind Band (MUS1)
	2 nd	GCSE Composition (MUS2)	
Wed	1 st	Theory Club (MUS1)	Junior Choir (MUS1) Senior Choir (Hall)
	2 nd	Theory Club (MUS2)	
Thur	1 st	Aural Skills (MUS1)	Senior Orchestra (Hall)
	2 nd	GCSE Performance (MUS1)	
Fri	1 st	NO ACTIVITIES	Big Band (MUS1)
	2 nd	Aural Skills (MUS2)	

All enrichment activities are covered by the whole-school EV4 form and 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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Do check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the school website for updates and Music Department news!

MUSICAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY!

AUTUMN 2018

Festive Concert at North Road Methodist: Saturday 8th December, 14.00.

Johnston Brass, Junior Choir, Chamber Choir and soloists perform a programme of Christmas Music.

School Christmas Concert: Thursday 13th December, James Hall, 18.30 and 19.30.

All school performing groups will take part, with final rehearsals taking place on Tuesday 11th and Wednesday 12th December. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

KS4 and KS5 Celebration Evening: Monday 17th December, James Hall, 19.00

Johnston Brass and other selected soloists will provide entertainment during the celebrations.

School Carol Service - Friday 21st 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 9.30 for registration at front of nave. Junior Choir will arrive with their forms in time for the service.

SPRING 2019

'North East Festival of Youth Choirs': Saturday 9th February, Durham Cathedral, 19.00

Chamber Choir takes part in a countywide festival of choral singing. Afternoon rehearsal and evening concert.

Evensong: Monday 25th February, Durham Cathedral, 17.15.

Chamber Choir sing Choral Evensong. Rehearsal in the quire at 15.45. All are welcome to attend the service. Please be seated by 17.00 and the service will be finished by 18.00.

School Spring Concert: Thursday 21st March, James Hall, 18.30 and 19.30

All school performing groups will take part with rehearsals during the school day. Please purchase tickets in advance (check the 'Friday Bulletin' on the website to see when these go on sale).

SUMMER 2019

DJ Music Festival: Friday 28th June, James Hall

Class 1 (Grades 1-3) – 18.00

Class 2 (Grades 4-5) – 18.45

Class 3 (Grades 6+) – 19.45

More details available after Easter.

Music for a Summer Evening: Friday 5th 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.

KS3 Celebration Evening: Monday 8th July, James Hall, 19.00

Big Band and finalists from the DJ Music Festival to provide entertainment during the celebrations.