



Guernsey Music Centre

February
2018

Spring Term 2018

Fridays 16th & 23rd February
no Jazz or Electric Quartet rehearsals
Saturdays 17th & 24th February
no Music Centre around half term

Wednesday 28th February, 5:00pm
at St James

ABRSM theory examinations

Thursday 1st March to Saturday 10th March

Guernsey Eisteddfod Music Session.
Details of Music Centre groups taking part have already been sent.

Week beginning 12th & 19th March

Trinity practical examinations at the Music Service offices

****Thursday 15th March****

Advanced Performers' Concert
featuring soloists and Flute Choir, 8pm
at Capelles Methodist Church

Wednesday 21st & Thursday 22nd March

ABRSM practical examinations at St James

Saturday 24th March

Guernsey Symphony Orchestra concert with open rehearsal for accompanied Music Centre students from 3pm to 6pm at St James.

Wednesday 28th March

Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools.

Summer Term 2018

Thursday 12th April

Instrumental lessons and weekday choirs recommence.

Saturday 14th April

Music Centre recommences.

No rehearsals for Primary Brass and Primary Woodwind

****Tuesday 17th April****

Bicentenary Event at St James – Youth Jazz early evening performance - details to follow.

Summer Term 2018

****Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th April****

Guernsey Girls' and Youth Choirs to perform with BLAKE at Beau Sejour.
Details to follow.

Saturday 21st April

No Music Centre – auditions for Youth Training Orchestra, Concert Wind Band and Youth Orchestra – by invitation only.

****Sunday 29th April****

Youth Jazz and Training Jazz
perform in Saumarez Park walled garden from 10:00-11:30am as part of the Guernsey Heritage Festival.

Saturday 5th May – Southbank

Sinfonia visit - details to be confirmed.

Friday 11th & Saturday 12th May

Visit from pupils from Derby Grammar School

Fridays 25th May & 1st June

no Jazz or Electric Quartet rehearsals
Saturdays 26th May & 2nd June
no Music Centre around half term

****Saturday 9th June****

Her Majesty's Official Birthday Reception at Government House –
Concert Wind Band and Youth Jazz to perform. Details to be confirmed

****Sunday 10th June ****

Arts Sunday – Training Jazz to perform. Details to be confirmed.

Tickets will be available later from St. James and online at guernseytickets.gg for the following concerts:

****Friday 22nd June****

Summer Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra. Intermediate & Girls' Choir.
7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 23rd June****

Leavers' Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir.
7:30pm at St James

Summer Term 2018

****Saturday 30th June****

Open Morning - last Music Centre of term

Saturday 7th July

Chamber Music and Conducting workshops. Youth and Guernsey Girls' Choir rehearsals for Biberach
Details to follow.

****Monday 9th July****

Town Church Summer Music – Girls' and Youth Choirs perform.

Thursday 12th July to Monday 16th

July - Visit to Biberach by Guernsey Girls' and Youth Choirs.

Staffing Changes

The Music Service will shortly be saying goodbye to Vicky Cole as Administrative Assistant. We wish her well. Her place will be taken after half term by Joanna Feist.

Head of Service	Mervyn Grand
Heads of Department	
Woodwind	Elizabeth Green
Brass & Percussion	Tim Wright
Strings	Carmen Craven-Grew
Vocal Studies	Rachel Wright
Teaching Staff	
Woodwind	Daniel Madden
Woodwind	Polly Fenn
Brass	Neill Hadden
Upper Strings	Azita Mehdinejad
Lower Strings	Chris Holland
Part Time Teaching Staff	
Brass & Woodwind	Neil Burton (Alderney)
Upper Strings	Sarah van Vlymen
Strings	Mary Cordall
Theory	Claire Claxton
Aural	Danny Furness
Office Staff	
Executive Officer	Sue Tostevin-Hall
Admin Assistant	Vicky Cole
Music Centre Staff	
Accessories Shop	Wendy-Anne Dimelow
Shop	Grace Sarre

For Saturday Music Centre, please telephone 01481 252953



Friends of Guernsey Music Centre

The Friends organised a very successful fund-raising event at St James recently which raised nearly £4.000. Many thanks go to the performers in the Jazz Orchestras and Electric String Quartet, parents and friends who supported the event, staff and the very hard-working members of the Friends Committee.

National Children's Orchestra

Many congratulations go to string players Alex Dorey, Ben Davidson and George Walker for auditioning successfully for the NCO. Well done to you all!

Guernsey Eisteddfod Annual Festival 2018

Thursday 1st March to Saturday 10th March

The Annual Festival Programme 2018 has just been published and is available from bookshops. The programme is also available online at <http://guernseyeisteddfod.com>

A timetable for the Music Centre groups taking part has been posted out, but many performers will need to check the dates and times of their individual performances.

All pupils taking part as members of a Music Centre group should wear the appropriate uniform as detailed in the GMC prospectus. Pupils should check venues and times of performances carefully and aim to assemble a minimum of 20 minutes before the start of the class. Groups, ensembles and choirs should arrive 30 minutes beforehand. Parents are advised to seek permission from the Head Teacher of their child's school where necessary, before taking their child out of class.

Winter Concerts



On Friday and Saturday 26th and 27th January, Music Centre staged its two major mid-academic year concerts at St James. Involving over 150 students each evening, the wide range of music included folk, pop, gospel, musicals, opera and films, as well as classical repertoire in the form of Finlandia by Sibelius and excerpts from the Firebird Suite by Stravinsky. Pupils were drawn from all of the island's secondary schools and several primary schools, and special mention should be made of Lois Hantonne from The Grammar School and Sixth Form Centre and Maisie Whiteman from Ladies College who were both soloists in movements from a Mozart Flute Concerto. The Saturday concert was kindly sponsored by Butterfield Bank (Guernsey) Ltd.

Youth Camerata 2018

Past and present Music Centre pupils also featured strongly in this recent concert on 10th February. Ellie Holland and Hanako Dickinson returned from their studies in the UK to perform alongside Rebecca Morris, Annabelle Pizzey, Jack Tostevin-Hall, Lois Hantonne, Maisie Whiteman, Abigail Dempster, Emily Linane, Greg Male, Joel Tucker, and Francois Cloete. Presented by The Guernsey Camerata and The St. James Youth Promotions Trust and organised by Mary Cordall, the programme showed the tremendous range and depth of local musical talent.

Young Pupils at Music Centre

The Grammar School and Sixth Form Centre site gets very busy with pupils coming and going on Saturdays. The car park is used not only by Music Centre parents but also by visitors to the Garenne Stand in Footes Lane for sporting events. Parents are asked to allow plenty of time to meet their children on site and to take them safely to their cars at the end of rehearsals. It is not recommended that pupils in primary groups should meet parents in the busy car park.