



Autumn Term 2019

Fridays 25th October & 1st November
- no Jazz or Electric Quartet rehearsals

Saturdays 26th October & 2nd November - no Music Centre around half term

Wednesday 6th November at 5:00pm
ABRSM theory examinations

Thursday 7th November
FGMC AGM 7:30pm at the Music Service offices. Please show your support.

Saturday 9th November
Eisteddfod entries to be handed in at Grammar School between 10am and 12:30pm.

****Tuesday 12th November****
Youth Jazz Orchestra plays for the Community Foundation Awards at St James - 5pm-5.30pm

Saturday 16th November
Southbank Sinfonia visit-
Joel Roberts - French horn workshops weekend

Saturday 16th November
Guernsey Symphony Orchestra concert with open rehearsal for accompanied Music Centre students from 3pm to 5.30pm at St James.

Saturday 23rd November
Music Centre groups that normally rehearse in the **hall at Grammar** transfer to the **hall at Les Ozouets**, the former St Peter Port School. **Other groups rehearse as normal.**

Week beginning 25th November
Trinity practical examinations

Saturday 30th November & Saturday 7th December
Music Centre groups that normally rehearse in the **Performing Arts Centre hall** transfer to the **hall at Les Ozouets**, the former St Peter Port School. **Other groups rehearse as normal.**

Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th December
ABRSM practical examinations

****Saturday 7th December****
Guernsey Concert Brass concert, St James, 8pm-Brass Band to perform

Wednesday 11th December
Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools

****Saturday 14th December****
Christmas Open Morning, Grammar School.

****Friday 20th & Saturday 21st December****
Junior and Intermediate Choirs perform in Guernsey Choral and Orchestral Society Christmas Concert - St James 7.30pm

Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 7th January
Instrumental lessons in school & weekday choirs recommence.

Friday 10th January
Jazz and Electric Quartet rehearsals recommence.

Saturday 11th January
Music Centre groups that normally rehearse in the **Performing Arts Centre hall** transfer to the **hall at Les Ozouets** (former St Peter Port School) **Other groups rehearse as normal.**

**** Saturday 11th January ****
Friends of Guernsey Music Centre Jazz Evening at St James - featuring Training and Youth Jazz Orchestras and Electric String Quartet 7:30pm. Ticket price will include a light supper

****Friday 24th January****
Winter Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate & Girls' Choirs.
7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 25th January****
Winter Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir.
7:30pm at St James

Fridays 14th & 21st February
no Jazz or Electric Quartet rehearsals
Saturdays 15th & 22nd February
no Music Centre around half term

Thursday 27th February-Saturday 7th March
Guernsey Music Eisteddfod

Friday 3rd April
Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools.

Summer Term 2020

****12th-16th May ****- A La Perchoine - details tba

****Saturday** 16th May - Training Jazz - Torveval - details tba**

Saturday 16th May
No Music Centre - auditions for Youth Training Orchestra, Concert Wind Band and Youth Orchestra - by invitation only.

****Friday 19th June****
Summer Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate & Girls' Choirs.
7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 20th June****
Leavers' Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir.
7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 27th June****
Open Morning, Grammar School.

Head of Service	Tim Wright
Heads of Department	
Woodwind	Elizabeth Green
Brass & Percussion	Neill Hadden
Strings	Carmen Craven-Grew
Vocal Studies	Rachel Wright
Teaching Staff	
Woodwind	Daniel Madden
Woodwind	Polly Fenn
Brass	James Hatton
Upper Strings	Azita Mehdinejad
Lower Strings	Chris Holland
Part Time Teaching Staff	
Brass & Woodwind	Neil Burton (Alderney)
Upper Strings	Sarah van Vlymen
Lower Strings	Sam Holland
Theory	Claire Claxton
Office Staff	
Executive Officer	Sue Tostevin-Hall
Admin Assistant	Jo Feist
Music Centre Staff	
Accessories Shop	Antonio Strappini
Shop	Grace Sarre



Recent Opportunities for Music Centre Students

Since Music Centre started back for the Autumn Term there have been many opportunities for our students to be inspired by various visiting musicians through participation in workshops and masterclasses with them.

In September some of our singing students attended workshops given by Olivier Award winning opera company, OperaUpClose, who were visiting the island to perform at St James. Music Centre students were given the chance to perform to the singers from the company who gave them great help and advice on technique and also performed to our students (*pictured below*).



In October, saxophone students attended a masterclass by Rob Burton (BBC Young Musician Woodwind category winner 2018) who spent time listening to our players, giving them advice and also performing to them.

This was then followed by a visit to Guernsey by the Maxwell Quartet who were performing at

St James, but who also gave a lunch time concert to 300 pupils from island schools. They then held masterclasses for two young string quartets.



Above: 16 Strings.

Below: Vivace



On 16th October there was a chance for Music Centre students to see 'Harry the Piano' (otherwise known as Paul Harris) who gave an exhilarating performance at St James which also included a masterclass for the pianists from our jazz orchestras.

All of these events were in conjunction with St James – events for the concert hall can be found at www.stjames.gg

Music Centre Canada Course

85 students and 14 staff made the trip to Brock University from 8th -19th July as part of the Music Centre 40th anniversary celebrations. Read all about it in the special course report attached.



Pride of Guernsey Awards

At an event in September the Music Service was delighted to be awarded the Pride of Guernsey Award for Arts Contribution of the Year. Having been nominated for this award by Roy Sarre, the public then cast votes which resulted in the Music Service being shortlisted and ultimately winning the award. In accepting the award Tim Wright acknowledged that this was a team effort from all the dedicated staff that have worked for the Music Service over the last 40 years and the students who have progressed through the Service, many of whom now regularly contribute to Guernsey's rich cultural life.