



July 2021

Dear Parents & Carers,

As we now emerge from an intensely busy period of end-of-term events, concerts and, for some, emotional goodbyes, I will start by thanking all of our pupils for their hard work this year, navigating through a second lockdown and showing in our end-of-year concerts and Open Morning how much they have continued to practise and apply themselves over this past year.

We have been fortunate to continue to offer performance opportunities to our pupils at these large events, but also out in the community at various churches around the island and also in smaller settings. Many of these events are captured on the Friends of Guernsey Music Centre Facebook page, which I would encourage you to visit to view some of the great performances (both virtual and face-to-face) that our pupils have participated in this year.

We have also been able to record some of the higher grade examinations which have allowed the pupils leaving the Service to gain valuable qualifications that attract UCAS points to help them to the next stage of their lives.

Staff Changes

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Polly Fenn well for her future endeavours after she leaves Guernsey at the end of the summer term. She has been with us for five years as our clarinet specialist and will be missed by staff and pupils alike. Katie Gough has been appointed to the clarinet specialist role from September.

We also thank Laura Campbell for covering the first part of Liz Green's maternity leave this past half term and we look forward to welcoming Liz Carter to cover the remainder from September to Easter 2022. We wish Liz Green well following the arrival of her second child in June.

Any outstanding printed sheet music should be returned to the Music Service office by midday on Friday, 16th July, after which time the office will be closed until the beginning of September.

Registration Forms

Registration forms have been included in this mail-out.

Please could parents take careful note of which groups their child is in, as these may have changed. Details of the rehearsal times are given in the accompanying prospectus.

Please also note that Data Protection guidelines now require parent & carers to tick boxes on the reverse of the registration form for Digital Imagery Consent.

Reports and Parent Consultations

Parents of pupils who have lessons with the Service will find a report enclosed. If you wish to discuss this with your child's teacher, please ring the Music Service office to make an appointment.

Lessons

The Music Service fees from September 2021 will remain as follows: Music Centre registration will be £99 per year (£66 for the older choirs and £33 for the younger choirs) and fee-payers' lessons £99 per term. The rate for hire of violins, violas and percussion packs for beginners is unchanged at £45 and £70 for brass, woodwind and the lower stringed instruments. These instruments hired beyond the normal hire period will be charged at £100 per annum. Grant Aid is available in certain circumstances.

Year 13 Leavers

The staff of the Music Service would like to pass on their very best wishes to all our Y13 pupils who will be leaving us at the end of this term, thank them for their commitment to Music Centre over many years and hope that they will continue with their music-making in adult life.

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Remaining events this term:-

Sunday 11th – Tuesday 13th July **Visit to Sark by Youth Choir, Youth Chamber Orchestra and Youth Jazz Orchestra**

Dates for September 2021

Staff will spend the first few days arranging timetables and pupils should check school notice boards regularly for the days and times of their lessons with a view to these commencing on **Thursday 9th September**.

Friday 10th September	Jazz Orchestra rehearsals start
Saturday 11th September	Saturday Music Centre starts
Week beginning Monday 13th September	Weekday choirs start

Future Diary Dates

It is our policy to give as much advance notice as possible of important Music Centre performances. Parents and pupils are asked to take careful note of these and remember that it is a condition of registration for Music Centre that six weeks' written notification is required for absence from performances.

Saturday 11 th December 2021	Christmas Open Morning, Grammar School.
Saturday 15 th January 2022	FGMC Jazz Concert at St James, featuring Music Centre Jazz Orchestras.
Friday 28 th January 2022	Winter Concert at St James featuring Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate and Girls' Choirs.
Saturday 29 th January 2022	Winter Concert at St James featuring Concert Wind Band, Youth Orchestra, Youth Choir.
Friday 17 th June 2022	Summer Concert at St James featuring Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate and Girls' Choirs.
Saturday 18 th June 2022	Summer Concert at St James featuring Concert Wind Band, Youth Orchestra, Youth Choir.
Saturday 25 th June 2022	Summer Open Morning, Grammar School.

Prospectus 2021-22

Our updated prospectus once again stresses the importance of commitment and teamwork for successful music-making. I would like to draw your attention in particular to the conditions of registration for Music Centre on page 4.

With best wishes for the summer period & beyond.



T. Wright
Head of Guernsey Music Service