

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWSLETTER
AUTUMN TERM 2010



Welcome back!

We hope that you all enjoyed the holidays.

We have a busy term planned and thought that it would be helpful to send you an overview of dates and some general information:

DIARY DATES

DATE	TIME	DETAILS	VENUE
Monday 11th October	8.30am-5.30pm	Wind Day	Radley
Thursday 14th October	8.30am-7.00pm	String Day	Stowe
Monday 18th October	4.30pm	Tea Concert - Guitar	Barn
Wednesday 3rd November	5pm	AB Theory exams	TBA
Tuesday 9th November	4.30pm	Tea Concert - Piano	Barn
Friday 26th November	4.30pm	Tea Concert - Strings	Barn
Tuesday 30th November	7pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal & Supper	Clanfield
Thursday 2nd December	7pm	CHRISTMAS CONCERT	Barn
Monday 6th December		Requested week for AB exams	
Tuesday 7th December	7pm	Adult Choir rehearsal	TBA
Wednesday 15th December	2.45pm	CAROL SERVICE	Buckland

EXTRA CAROL SERVICE REHEARSALS

DATE	TIME	VENUE
Thursday 2nd December	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Barn
Monday 6th December	3.15pm - 4.15pm	Barn
Friday 10th December	1.15pm - 2.30pm	Barn
Monday 13th December	9.30am	Buckland Church
Tuesday 14th December	1.15pm - 2.30pm	Barn

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To help make sure that instruments are brought to school on the correct days:

WEEKLY REHEARSAL TIMES

DAY	TIME	DETAILS	VENUE
Monday	1.15pm*	CHOIR (yrs 5-8)	Barn
Tuesday	10.45am	BRASS GROUP	Barn
Tuesday	1.15pm*	ROCK BAND 1	Barn
Thursday	10.45am	CHAMBER CHOIR	Lecture Theatre
Thursday	1.15pm*	THEORY CLASS	Ensemble Room
Thursday	1.30pm	Middle School CHOIR	Middle School Hall
Friday	10.45am	FLUTE GROUP	Lecture Theatre
Friday	10.45am	STRING GROUP	Music Room
Friday	10.45am	ROCK BAND 3	Barn
Friday	1.15pm*	ORCHESTRA	Barn
Friday	1.15pm*	ROCK BAND 2	Ensemble Room

* All Upper School pupils should go for priority lunch at 12.45pm

For all music performances:

DRESS CODE

GIRLS	BOYS
White blouse/shirt	White shirt
Tartan skirt/tunic	Grey Trousers
Music Tie (optional)	Music Tie
Navy socks/tights	

Who can be involved involved:

- CHOIR - Everyone welcome
- CHAMBER CHOIR - Upper School, by Invitation
- ORCHESTRA - Instrumentalists Grade 1 and above
- ENSEMBLES - Instrument teacher recommendation
- THEORY CLASS - All years and standards, Beginner - Grade 5

Anyone who would like to join a group should talk to Miss Ewins or Mrs Havelock.

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

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We have 12 teachers, some visiting, some in-house, who can offer lessons on the following instruments:

Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Recorder, Piano, Violin, Viola, 'cello, Double Bass, Harp, Guitar, Voice, Drums, Trumpet, Cornet & Trombone.

Mrs Havelock will be pleased to talk to any parents or children who would like to find out more. (01235 531695, or havelockj@st-hughs.co.uk).

REPORTS

A written report will be sent to parents of children who take instrumental lessons within school at the February half term.

TEA CONCERTS

Tea Concerts are the music department's version of parent's evening - an opportunity to sample the children's work and a chance for a brief chat with the teacher.

NOTEBOOKS

Notebooks are the easiest way for parents to check on work set and to communicate with instrumental teachers on a weekly basis. Please read it after each lesson and encourage your child to do the work that has been set and feel free to use the notebook to feed back to us.

MUSICAL INSTRUMENT STORAGE

There are two areas for storing instruments during the school day.

1. Wind and Brass: the cupboard next to the Staff Cloakroom, halfway along the music corridor. The shelves are labelled and instruments should be stored neatly and NOT left on the floor please.
2. Strings: purpose built shelves in the area at the very end of the music corridor.

Please could ALL instruments be clearly named. We suggest "bag-tags" available from www.easy2name. Their credit card type tags are durable and practical.

CONTACT

Please don't hesitate to contact us with any queries.

Sally Ewins	sally.ewins@zen.co.uk	Practice Room 5	Mon, Thurs & Fri
Joanna Havelock	havelockj@st-hughs.co.uk	Practice Room 2	Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri
John Ridgway	ridgwayj@st-hughs.co.uk	Music Room	Every Day

We look forward to a happy, music-filled term and hope to see you at a concert soon.

