

Musica Mirfield News



Autumn 2018

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed a wonderful sunny break. A big thank you to all who contributed to our concert in July. It was a fantastic way to end the term with excellent playing from all our performers. Thanks to those who donated raffle prizes and to all helpers on the night - we couldn't manage without you!

EVENTS THIS TERM

Christmas concert - Friday, December 7

All our players will be performing at the concert in Dewsbury Town Hall; we will be joined by various school. Start time is **7.00pm**. Tickets can be bought, either online or in person, at Dewsbury Town Hall, **not from Musica Mirfield**. Tickets are now available to book online, (<https://tickets.kirklees.gov.uk>) priced £5. There are no concession prices, but tickets are free for under 16s.

Our last rehearsal this term will be on **Friday, December 14** where we will be taking part in steel pan workshops with Mr Melvyn Zakers – it promises to be a fabulous fun way to end the term.

Intermediate Guitars – Our Biennale – Tuesday, November 20

'Our Biennale' is a new arts and culture festival, running throughout the autumn, with children and young people in Kirklees. The Festival which has been put together through EvoKe (Kirklees Cultural Education Partnership) is being supported by Musica Kirklees. To round the Festival off on **Tuesday, November 20** guitarists and Musica Youth Orchestra will be involved in two spectacular free* concerts, featuring internationally acclaimed guitarist, Craig Ogden.

Musica Mirfield Intermediate Guitars is excited to be performing at both of these concerts:

*Darkness and Light, Huddersfield Town Hall (5.45-6.30pm)**

Performances of commissioned works by Callum Dewar and Musica Kirklees teacher, Eleanor Cully. Musica Youth Orchestra and guitarists from four Musica Kirklees centres and ukulele groups from local schools will be joined on stage by Craig Ogden.

*Biennale Finale, Huddersfield Town Hall (7.00-8.00pm)**

A celebration of the work created throughout the Biennale, featuring dance, music and performance. The concert will include a solo performance from Craig Ogden.

*both concerts are free, but donations on the door are welcome

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*In the run up to the event, there will be two important rehearsals for all guitarists taking part. These will be on Wednesdays **October 24** and **November 14** at Netherhall Learning Campus High School, Nether Hall Avenue, Rawthorpe, Huddersfield, HD5 9PG. All guitarists will rehearse together 7.00–8.00pm, followed by a run through with Musica Youth Orchestra 8.15–9.00pm.*

Senior Wind Band – Saturday, December 1

Senior Band will be performing at the Duke of Edinburgh Christmas Fayre, Shepley Bridge Marina, Mirfield. Details to follow.

Swing Band

Marsden Jazz Festival - Saturday, October 13

Swing Band will be performing at the Jazz Festival from 2.15-3.00pm on the Bandstand in the Park, Marsden town centre. There's lots to enjoy for the whole family; food stalls, a great playground and of course, wonderful jazz music. www.marsdenjazzfestival.com for details.

Friday, October 5 (7.00–9.30pm) St Paul's, Birkenshaw.

Saturday, October 20 – private event

Youth Choir - open to students (year 5 or above)

It's been great to see more singers join us throughout the year. We enjoy performing from a wide repertoire as we learn to harmonise and sing together. If you would like to develop your vocal skills and perform with an enthusiastic group of young singers please come along on a Friday 4.15-5.00 pm.

Rehearsal dates for all groups this term

September 7, 14, 21, 28

October 5, 12, 19, 26

November 9, 16, 23, 30. No rehearsal on November 2 - half term.

December 7 (concert Dewsbury Town Hall), 14 - final rehearsal.

Congratulations

A huge 'well done' to so many players on their success in instrumental exams last term. We send our best wishes to all our leavers as they move onto pastures new. We are very proud to have contributed to their musical development during their time with us. We wish you all luck in your endeavours and hope you'll come back and visit us when you're in the area.

Christmas gift idea!

Musica Kirklees music book bags are available to buy at our centre again this term. They're a good investment for players, with a shoulder strap and handle so carrying your music books is easier. They cost £10 with any profit going to the Gift of Music sponsorship scheme. www.musicakirklees.org/gift-of-music

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Belgian Tour

Senior Wind Band and Swing Band spent five wonderful days in the beautiful Tournai area of Belgium in July with concerts in Ypres, in a wonderfully majestic church in Ghent and finishing in Wavre Town Hall where the students ended the tour with a standing ovation. We wandered through the lovely town of Bruges, went on a boat trip through Ghent and spent a day at a theme park where we got some brilliant photos of students looking terrified on the big rides! A fantastic trip with great musical abilities displayed, new friendships made and memories of laughter and music to last a lifetime!

2018/19 Ensemble Times

4.15-5.00pm	6.15-7.30pm
Youth Choir – Mrs Bennett & Mrs Bell	Intermediate Strings – Miss Broadbent
5.00-6.00pm	Intermediate Guitars – Miss Edwards
Junior Strings – Miss Broadbent	Intermediate Wind Band – Miss Dowd
Junior Guitars – Miss Edwards	
Blow and Bash Band – Mrs Bennett	6.30-7.30pm
pBonium – Mr Dolling	Friday Nightingales – Mrs Bennett
5.00-6.15pm	6.30-7.45pm
Senior Wind Band – Mrs Bell	Swing Band – Mr Dolling

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