

Musica Batley News



PART OF KIRKLEES MUSIC SCHOOL

Spring 2019

Welcome

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a relaxing break over the Christmas holidays and you are now ready for another great term of music making. Also a huge welcome to our new members - I hope you enjoy your time at Musica Batley!

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say thank you and well done to everyone who performed in the Christmas Concert - we've had some great feedback from audience members on the standard of performance and the great variety of music. Well done all!

Up-to-date information about all our events and activities can be found on our social media pages so please like us on Facebook (@musicabatley) and follow us on Twitter (@musica_batley).

Parents' Meeting

On February 14 at 5.30pm there will be an informal meeting for parents/carers to discuss ideas for fundraising and our centre. All welcome!

Signing In/Out

All parents/carers who stay during rehearsals are now required to sign in/out of the building for safeguarding and health and safety purposes. The signing in book will be in the tuck room.

Rock School Rock Huddersfield!

Musica Batley Rock School joined pupils from Musica Rock School to play to a packed house at The Parish Venue, Huddersfield, on December 12. The concert was filmed by *Trash II Treasure* film company, and DVDs (£6) are now available to order (order forms available from Mr Merry).

Grade-one-athon

Throughout the Spring term the staff at Musica Batley will all be taking part in a sponsored *Grade-one-athon* – learning to play a new instrument to grade one standard in the space of a term! At the start of the Summer term, the staff will all perform on their chosen instrument in front of pupils and parents/carers, with a special guest 'examiner' (tba) giving feedback. All money raised through sponsoring our staff will go towards centre funds.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

March 27 - Batley Big Sing (6.00-7.00pm)

Annual concert of local schools performing together at **Batley Grammar School**, including Musica Batley **Youth Choir** and **Rock School**. Entrance to the event £3/£1 concessions (available on the door only).

This term we will be splitting our end of term Spring Soirée performances across two venues. Tickets for both concerts will be available from Mrs Graham after the half term break:

***April 4 - Spring Soirée #1 (7.00-9.00pm)**

'The Barn' at Oakwell Hall, WF17 9LF

Groups involved: Guitar Groups, Choirs, Strings and Folk Collective.

PLEASE NOTE: all other groups will rehearse as normal this week at Batley Grammar School.

****April 11 - Spring Soirée #2 (7.00-9.00pm)**

St Thomas the Apostle Church, Batley, WF17 0LX

Groups involved: Elastic Band, Wind Band, Sax Scratch and Rock School with guests Musica Youth Brass.

PLEASE NOTE: Guitars, Strings, Choirs and Folk Collective will rehearse as normal this week at Batley Grammar School.

Rehearsal Dates this Term:

January 10, 17, 24, 31

February 7, 14,

-Half Term-

February 28

March 7, 14, 21, 28

April 4*, 11** (see above)

Tom Merry

Acting Area Manager - Batley