

Musica Kirklees News



Spring 2019

With the term well and truly underway it is lovely to be able to welcome everyone to another term of music making. We began in grand style having organised our first ever music education conference on Monday 7 January, titled: 'Power Of Music'. This was attended by over 150 delegates from primary and secondary schools, Musica Kirklees and musicians in the community. Attendees were entertained by keynote speakers, gained new skills in practical workshops and were able to browse stalls in the music marketplace, delivered by some inspiring leaders in music education. We were delighted with the feedback and also the requests to run another one in the not too distant future! Thank you to everyone in the Musica Kirklees office who worked so hard to ensure the event was a success.

Once again the number and range of concerts that took place at the end of last term was astonishing. I must draw attention to Musica Youth Jazz who performed as part of the Music for Youth Schools Prom in the Royal Albert Hall in November. They were absolutely stunning - a real tribute to the hard work and dedication given by performers, their parents, carers and tutors over many years and a great way to keep Kirklees on the national musical map. The Music for Youth Regional Festival (Huddersfield) takes place on the 16/17 March this term and I know that lots of the groups from our area will once again be enjoying the buzz of performing as part of this festival.



Music and the arts have been going through a tough time recently and it is therefore great to see glimpses that the tide may be beginning to turn. Ofsted are drawing more attention to the requirement for a 'broad and balanced curriculum' and Music Mark is organising a national symposium for secondary schools later in February to ensure that concerns about the pressure on music in schools are being heard. The benefits that music has in terms of wellbeing are being pointed out on a regular basis and we must keep fighting for the right of our young people to access this vital part of their education. I will be attending the symposium and look forward to the developments it will bring.

Best wishes for the term ahead,
Thom Meredith, Principal - Musica Kirklees

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Clap your hands, stamp your feet and get ready for...

THE BIG CHANT 2019!

This term sees the return of **The Big Chant**; a composition project run in conjunction with Huddersfield Town Foundation. We had a great response to the first Big Chant competition in 2018 and we know your school can compose a chant worth cheering about in 2019!

Key Stage 2 pupils across Kirklees will be composing new football chants as part of a competition created by Musica Kirklees and the Foundation.

There will be winners from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 as well as an overall winner. Each winning class will receive:

- ★ A school visit from Terry the Terrier and a football signed by the Huddersfield Town First Team
- ★ Winning chant printed in a match day programme and on the clappers

The overall winner will receive:

- ★ A school visit from a First Team player and Terry the Terrier
- ★ A signed football
- ★ A performance of your chant from Terrier Brass
- ★ The chant printed in a match day programme and on the clappers
- ★ Tickets to attend the Town Foundation Match in April 2019

GOOD LUCK EVERYONE!

For more information, please visit our website:
www.musicakirklees.org/the-big-chant-2019

At the end of last term we said goodbye to Mrs Gill McDowell (PA to the Principal) and Miss Ruth Aldred (piano); we wish them both well.

Goodbye!

Hello!

Welcome this term to Miss Hayley Mason (administration) and Miss Niki Matthews (PA to the Principal).



Huddersfield Philharmonic Concert

"To boldly go where no orchestra has gone before!"

Just at the same time that local actors Jodie Whittaker and Patrick Stewart have made worldwide news taking on or reprising roles of famous travellers in (time and) space, Huddersfield Philharmonic Orchestra programme a family concert that explores the far-flung corners of the galaxy.

The concert includes pieces from film composer John Williams, Sir Arthur Bliss - Master of the Queen's Music who wrote for films as well as in the classical forms, and Ron Grainer, the composer of the Dr Who theme.

Thom Meredith (Principal, Musica Kirklees) joins the orchestra to introduce these works to everyone and maybe get some of you to join in. There may be competitions too!

Conductor: Robert Guy
Compère: Thom Meredith

Tickets: Kirklees Town Halls box office
<https://tickets.kirklees.gov.uk/> / 01484 225755



In the event of **bad weather**, please go to our website www.musicakirklees.org where we'll let you know if any services are affected.



Saturday 11 May will bring BIG bands and BIG sounds, with the inaugural **Kirklees Big Band Festival** from Musica Kirklees!
Featuring 7 Big Bands from across Kirklees, this isn't one to be missed!

Musica Kirklees has a new email address!
If you'd like to get in touch with the Musica Kirklees office, please email us at hello@musicakirklees.org

Staff Training Day Friday 12 April

If your child's lesson is affected you will be informed via their Music Diary.

If you need to cancel...

Lessons will automatically continue unless you **email** or **write** to the Musica Kirklees office.

- Email - hello@musicakirklees.org
- Address - Musica Kirklees, 9 Beast Market, Huddersfield, HD1 1QF

If you do wish to cancel your child's lessons from Easter 2019, and in order **not** to incur a 35% notice fee, we must receive written notice of your intention to cancel no later than **Friday 15 February 2019**.

GCSE/A-Level students may finish or suspend lessons at the Summer half term and receive a minimum of 25 lessons for the academic year. Notice must be received by **15 February** otherwise Musica Kirklees assumes that the pupil requires tuition for the full Summer term.

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Concerts, Performances and Events

Please check www.musicakirklees.org and centre newsletters for updates and more information

- FEB 1 Music for Youth Big Bang Local Festival (7pm), St. Paul's Hall, University of Huddersfield. Featuring MHV Percussion Ensemble, MYO Percussion Section, MS Adult African Drumming, Musica African Drumming
- FEB 2 Musicals in the Minster (7pm) - MM Swing Band will be taking part in The Mayor's Charity Concert with Marsh Ladies Choir at Dewsbury Minster
- FEB 3 RNCM Day of Percussion trip for MHV groups to see Evelyn Glennie perform with the trio HLK
MYO - Mrs Sunderland 'Sing Hallelujah!', Huddersfield Town Hall
- FEB 8 MCV Open Evening - all welcome!
- FEB 9 MM Fundraising Concert (7.15pm), St Paul's Church, Newgate, Mirfield
- FEB 13 Newsome Big Sing (6pm), Newsome High School
- FEB 15 MHV String Serenade (7pm), Hade Edge Band Room. Evening concert featuring Intermediate and Senior Strings groups as well as the opportunity to hear some featured soloists
- MAR 1 'Hunt for Horns' with the West Yorkshire 5 Music Hubs
- MAR 3 MCV, MHV, MS Big Bands and MYJ performing at Great North Big Band Jazz Festival
- MAR 16/17 Music for Youth Regional Festival - Huddersfield, Colne Valley High School. MCV, MHV, MM + MS. Supporters welcome!
- MAR 27 Batley Big Sing (6pm), Batley Grammar School - annual concert of local schools performing with MB Youth Choir and Rock School
- APR 3 MYJ + MYO joint Spring Concert, Holy Trinity Church
- APR 4 MB - Spring Soirée No1 (7pm), 'The Barn' at Oakwell Hall
- APR 5 MM Soirée No1 (7pm), St Paul's Church, Mirfield
- APR 6 MS Spring Concert (11am), Shelley College Hall
MHV Spring Concert (am), Holmfirth High School
- APR 8 MCV + MS Spring Celebration (7pm), Huddersfield Town Hall
- APR 11 MB - Spring Soirée No2 (7pm), St Thomas the Apostle Church, Batley
- APR 12 MM Soirée No2 (7pm), St Paul's Church, Mirfield