



Dear Parents & Students,

Tuition Fees

I am writing to advise you that fees for instrumental/vocal tuition and ensembles will rise from the start of the Autumn term on 1st September 2011. The fees continue to represent excellent value, underpinned by continuing support from Hertfordshire County Council.

The new prices - per term of 11 lessons - are:

Shared (2) 30 minute lesson	£95.00
Individual 20 minute lesson	£125.00
Individual 30 minute lesson	£186.00
Adult Individual 20 minute lesson	£145.00
Adult Individual 30 minute lesson	£209.00
Ensembles, Bands & Orchestras	£42.50

If you wish to stop lessons a half term's written notice is required or a half-term's fees are payable. *This includes students leaving school at the end of the Summer Term.*

Exams in the Autumn Term

There are new arrangements for entry for ABRSM and Trinity Guildhall exams next term. We are doing as much of this as possible online. Here's how it works:

1. The candidate writes to me at david.boarder@virgin.net requesting an entry form for ABRSM (Practical), ABRSM (Theory) or Trinity Guildhall
2. The candidate completes the form and returns it to me via email.
3. Details of how you pay the entry and our admin fee are on the form.
4. I forward the complete list of candidates to the exam board.

5. I send the candidate the timetable when the exam date is confirmed.

We will arrange two sessions of ABRSM exams next term. The first will be in the week before the October half-term ie the week beginning Monday 17 October (closing date Monday 12 September) and the second in the week beginning Monday 5 December (closing date Monday 26 September) The ABRSM theory exams are on Wednesday 2 November at 5pm

There will be one day of Trinity-Guildhall exams on Friday 25 November (closing date Monday 26 September).

**Residential Weekend Friday 10 Sunday 12 June 2011
St Mark's College, Audley End
grades 3-5 age 10-14**

We have 35 players on the course this year - this is about the maximum we can fit in. I am sure we will have a great time and produce some really good playing in the concert on the Sunday afternoon at 3.00.

I will publish the dates for next year's course in September. Of course you register your interest at any time phone or email the office and we will put you on the list.

Enrolment forms and further details will be available in September.

Music Centres' Groups

There are many groups after school on weekdays and on Saturday mornings in the Music Centres in Bishop's Stortford, Broxbourne, Hertford and Ware. All have vacancies and need to recruit new players. These include wind, string, recorder, guitar and brass groups, choirs, theory and musicianship for players and singers at most ages and stages. If you are looking to join a group please let us know and we will tell you what is available locally.

Area Groups

This is the time in the year when we are looking for new players for East Herts Concert Band (EHCB) and East Herts Youth Orchestra (EHYO)

EHCB rehearses at Simon Balle School, Mangrove Road on Monday evenings in term-time 7.00 - 9.00.

EHYO rehearses at Simon Balle School, Mangrove Road on Friday evenings in term-time 7.00 - 9.00.

There are vacancies in both groups for players at grade 5 and above. Please write in for further details if you think you have reached the standard we require.

East Herts Youth Choir (EHYC) rehearses at Simon Balle School, Mangrove Road on Friday evenings 6.00 - 7.15 in the 5/6 weeks before a concert. Our next 'gig' is on Saturday 2 July with North Herts Youth Orchestra. The annual Carols Concert with Hertford Symphony Orchestra is on Sunday 11 December.

If you would like to sing please write or phone for further details.

Adult Groups

A10 ORCHESTRA: The orchestra meets 5/6 times per term on Wednesday evenings 8.00 - 10.00 or Saturday afternoons 2.30 - 5.00 at Roselands School, Highwood Road, Hoddesdon EN11 9AR.

A10 CONCERT BAND: this group meets 5/6 times per term on Saturday mornings 10.15 -12.15.

RECORDERS AGAIN: the Music Centres' adult recorder group rehearses with Catherine Wild 3/4 times each term early on Saturday afternoons.

I will send players the rehearsal dates for next term by e-mail. If you would like to join one of the groups please write in and I will add you to the circulation list.

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414 CHOIR: the Music Centres' Adult Choir rehearses at St Mary's Church, Hertingfordbury on Mondays 8.00-9.45.

Bishop's Stortford

Our Solo Concert will take place Friday 8th July at 6 pm in 6th form block at St Mary's. Forms will be sent out after half term so do sign up if you have a piece you'd like to try out on a very friendly audience.

Our end of term concert for all our groups will be on Saturday 16th July. More details to follow after half-term.

Thanks to your kind donations at last term's concert, we raised £57 for Macmillan Cancer Support, so thank you very much for your continued support and kindness for our music centre, and the charities we support.

Email

If you are happy to receive this newsletter and other relevant notices via email please write to me at david.boarder@hertscc.gov.uk and I will add you to the parents' address group.

...and finally

The newsletter is about telling you what we are doing next. You can always look back to the last one to see what we have now done and what you may have seen or maybe missed.

There are many dates in the diary section please make a note of these and let me know if you want more details about anything.

Thank you to all who have tutored and played/sung in all of our groups and events, workshops days and concert this year. Thank you to all parents and friends who have come to listen.

Yours sincerely,

David Boarder

MUSIC CENTRES' DIARY : JUNE DECEMBER 2011 INCLUDES

June

Wednesday 8 A10 Orchestra Roselands School, Hoddesdon 7.30
Fri 10-Sun 12 Residential weekend at St Mark's College, Audley End grades 3-5 age 10-14
Wednesday 15 A10 Orchestra Roselands School, Hoddesdon 7.30
Sunday 19 414 Choir + A10 Orchestra at St Ethelreda's Church Hatfield 7.30
Saturday 25 EHCB + A10 Band + EHYO wind & brass + Royston Choral Society + German Choir
ffortissimo at Comberton Village College 7.30

July

Monday 4 ABRSM exams at Broxbourne this week
Friday 8 Bishop's Stortford Solo Concert 6.00
Saturday 9 EHYO Picnic Concert 7.00 venue tbd
Monday 11 Trinity Guildhall exams at Broxbourne this week
Saturday 16 Bishop's Stortford end-of-term concert
Wednesday 27 EHYO Tour in Germany (returns Thursday 4 August)

September

Saturday 10 A10 Orchestra concert at Epping 11.00
Saturday 24 A10 Band at Music4Lunch at Waltham Abbey Church 12.30 – *NB revised date*
Monday 12 closing date for October ABRSM exams
Monday 26 closing date for theory exams on 2 November and ABRSM practical exams in December
Monday 26 closing date for Trinity-Guildhall exams on Friday 25 November

October

Friday 14 EHYO Thundridge Village Hall

November

Wednesday 2 ABRSM Theory exams at 5pm

December

Saturday 3 EHCB at St Andrews Hertford - tbc
Sunday 4 A10 + 414 Choir concert - tbc
Monday 5 ABRSM exams at Broxbourne this week
Sunday 11 EHYC + Hertford SO Carols