

Suffolk County Music Service
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To: All BCMS Members, and their Parents/Carers

Bury St Edmunds County Music School Newsletter

Welcome Back and Summer Term Dates

Even though we are now well into the new term, welcome back to all members and their families. We wish any new members joining *Bury St Edmunds County Music School* for the first time, a particularly warm welcome.

You are reminded that there will be no Saturday morning Music School on Saturdays 28 May and 4 June (half-term holiday).

Term ends on 2 July when we will be holding a concert in the Lower Hall at King Edward VI School.

Punctuality

We would like to be able to start all our Music School sessions at their advertised times and with all members present. It is understandable that there will be some absences from classes from week to week, but the tutors would like to be able to start all their rehearsals on time. There is always lots to do, especially with our big summer concert looming, with only 8 rehearsals, or less, remaining this term.

End of Term Concert

Our Summer Concert will be held on Saturday 2 July in the Lower School Hall at King Edward VI School, Bury St Edmunds, beginning at 10.00 a.m. There will be the usual £3 charge for all adults attending and the *Friends of Bury St Edmunds County Music School* will be organising a 'Buns n Biscuits' event for that day.

All members of music school will be taking part, so please put the date in your diary now. Final arrangements for the morning will be sent out shortly and consent forms will need to be returned for all members, as this is an off-site activity.

Suffolk County Music Service Exams, Summer Term 2016

Our SCMS Summer examination session will take place during the week beginning 4 July. Parents/Carers are reminded that the last date for receipt of examination entry forms at Northgate Arts Centre is Monday 9 May. Your child's tutor will have spoken with your child already if they would like them to take an instrumental music exam and should have already handed them an entry form.

Fire Drill

Please familiarise yourself with the emergency evacuation procedures on Saturday mornings and make sure you know which member of staff with whom you need to register in the event of an emergency. It is essential that all members and their parents/carers sign in AND out so that we know exactly who needs to be accounted for in the event of an emergency. The signing in and out procedure will be explained to all new members as they join us, but if you are unsure about how the registration process works, please do speak to a member of staff, as they will be happy to help out with this.

Housekeeping and Practical Arrangements

The Library in the adjacent building to the Performing Arts Block is open on Saturday mornings and parents/carers are very welcome to wait there while their child is involved in activities. The *Friends of Bury St Edmunds County Music School* operate a fundraising coffee bar all morning and there is internet access available, so why not find a quiet corner to relax with a cuppa and catch up on the Saturday papers perhaps while your child is occupied? Please see Mr Carlson if you require wi-fi access, as he can provide you with the appropriate log-in codes. You are reminded that, in the interest of child protection and safety, parents may only wait in the Library, and not in the corridors around the Performing Arts Block.

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Primary School Concert

The *West Suffolk Youth Orchestra* and *West Suffolk Youth Wind Band* will be giving an informal concert for Primary aged children in the Main Hall of County Upper School at 5.30 p.m. on Friday 20 May 2016. Entrance to this concert is free. Information about this concert will be coming to you through your schools. Please ask your teachers at school about this event if you don't hear from them soon.

Contacts and Emergency Arrangements

If you are unable to attend Music School unexpectedly, please let us know in advance, if possible, by leaving a message on the West Suffolk Music Centre answer phone 01284 723105 or by sending an email to county.musicsservice@suffolk.gov.uk (emails are read Monday-Friday until 5.30 p.m.).

Friends of Bury St Edmunds County Music School

The *Friends of Bury St Edmunds County Music School* continue to work hard to support all the activities on Saturdays by providing tuck and refreshments throughout the morning, and providing support and catering for all *West Suffolk Youth Music* activities. All profits are used towards providing extras for music school such as workshops, outings, and, occasionally, equipment. We are very grateful to the new volunteers we have had for tuck shop duty this term, and would welcome any more volunteers who are prepared to give up the occasional Saturday. The *Friends* do have a website which provides additional information about their activities www.friendsofbcms.org.uk. New volunteers for committee duties are always needed as older students move on and their parents are no longer involved with us.

Other concerts this term

Members and their friends and families may be interested in the following:

Friday 6 May at 7.30 p.m. at Tattersalls, Newmarket

West Suffolk Youth Orchestra, *West Suffolk Youth Wind Band* and *West Suffolk Youth Jazz Orchestra* in concert

Admission £8.00 Adult, £6.00 Senior Citizens/Students, £4.00 Children under 15

Tickets available from Mildenhall Rotary Club on 0800 9992258 or, Balaams Music Shop, Bury St Edmunds

Friday 20 May at 5.30 p.m. at County Upper School, Bury St Edmunds

Primary School Concert: *West Suffolk Youth Orchestra* and *West Suffolk Youth Wind Band*

Admission: Free of Charge

Tickets available from Suffolk County Music Service (01284 723105) or county.musicsservice@suffolk.gov.uk

Sunday 29 May at 12.30 p.m. in The Apex Bar, Bury St Edmunds

Bury St Edmunds Festival Concert: *West Suffolk Youth Jazz Orchestra*

Admission: Free of Charge

Friday 1 July at 7.30 p.m. at The Apex, Bury St Edmunds

West Suffolk Youth Orchestra, *West Suffolk Youth Wind Band* and *West Suffolk Youth Big Band*

Admission: £7.00 Adult, £5.00 Student/Child

Tickets available from The Apex Box Office (01284 758000) or www.theapex.co.uk

Contact

Please speak with Mr Carlson, Tutor in Charge, should you require further information on any of these matters.

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