

INFORMATION

DECEMBER 2019



NEWS

193 new students commenced lessons with JMS this term, along with inspiring our students in their weekly instrumental lessons the term has also involved many events for JMS students and staff:

- Royal Marine's Band Service workshop with the Jersey Youth Wind Band
- JMS Performance Platform at Jersey Library
- JMS Winter Spectacular at Highland's College
- Introduced a new cohort to our Learn to Play initiative at Grainville and Haute Vallée Schools
- Introduced the Island Wide Singing Strategy to schools
- Introduced the Pilot Jersey Assessment Framework for Music to schools
- Delivered Whole Class Ensemble Teaching Projects at Mont Nicolle (trumpet), St Martin's (clarinet) and Plat Douet (ukulele)
- Jersey Youth String Orchestra performance at the One Gov. Awards Ceremony at the Radisson Blu
- Guest speakers at the annual Music Mark conference in Sheffield
- Launch of our termly Singing Weekends for children in Years 4, 5 & 6
- Guest speakers at Every Moment Matters - a conference for Early Years Practitioners in Jersey
- Celebrated the achievements of two members of staff, Natasha Ronayne and Brent Connan who each received a CME
- Co-delivered the Orchestral Challenge at Victoria College
- Delivered a composing & improvising and singing inset to schools
- Provided a brass ensemble to perform carols at Ogier's client Christmas Party
- Performed with les cors jèrriais at Liberty Wharf (Christmas light switch on), the Jersey Museum (a Victorian Christmas) and in the Royal Square (Simply Christmas)
- Contributed to Curriculum Guidance for schools
- Performed at the 'I WILL' event at St Helier Town Hall, celebrating the encouragement of women in to leadership
- Supported students involved with Learn to Play at Grainville with a performance at their Christmas Talent Show
- Saxophone Workshop with Rob Burton in partnership with the Jersey Symphony Orchestra

Performance Platform

If you would like to register your interest for your child to perform at one of our next Performance Platforms (Summer Term), please contact us.

Ensemble Provision

With rehearsals each week, playing a musical instrument in our ensembles is an essential part of learning, allowing students to enhance their technique, meet other musicians, learn new skills and develop their confidence in a fun and supportive environment. If your child is not already attending an ensemble, please find more information about each ensemble and a registration form on our website.

Friends of Jersey Youth Music

The Friends of Jersey Youth Music (FoJYM) are a fundraising association with the aim of supporting the Jersey Music Service in its efforts to teach, promote and encourage young musicians. We would like to say a big thank you to the team behind FoJYM, Mike Stock (chairman), Stephen Higginson (treasurer), Tracy Cox, Martine Heys & Lisa Howkins. They do so much behind the scenes, organising and providing refreshments and raffle prizes at concerts as well as administering the JMS t-shirts and hoodies and we are so grateful for their time and support.

If you would like to be more involved with supporting our musicians, the committee meets once a term and raises funds throughout the year. You can join the committee without having a specific role or you could become their next Vice Chairman or Secretary – both vacant positions. As well as being able to create some memorable moments for JMS students, committee members are also entitled to complimentary concert tickets. The next meeting is on Tuesday 21st January 2020. FoJYM can be contacted by email: fojym@outlook.com

DIARY DATES

Please visit www.jms.je to view other dates for your diary as the online calendar will be updated throughout the term.

w/c Monday 6 th January	Ensemble Rehearsals Commence
Friday 21 st February	Please email JMS@music.sch.je by this date to make any amendments to lessons for Summer Term 2020 tuition
Saturday 18 th January	PwC Jersey Junior Musician of the Year Competition PwC Jersey Young Musician of the Year Competition Heats
Saturday 29 th February	PwC Jersey Young Musician of the Year Competition Final
Saturday 7 th & Sunday 8 th March	Singing Weekend – More Details to Follow
Friday 27 th March	Gala Concert Rehearsal*
Saturday 28 th March	Gala Concert*
w/c Monday 30 th March	Trinity Examination Week

*Gala Concert 2020

Congratulations to all of the musicians that showcased their talents at our Winter Spectacular on Sunday 30th November in the beautiful Concert Hall at Highlands College, the audience was treated to such a high standard of performance from the Training Wind Band, Training String Orchestra, Intermediate Wind Band, Intermediate String Orchestra, Guitar Ensemble, Jersey Youth String Orchestra and Jersey Youth Wind Band.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our students and parents for their commitment to our ensembles, every child plays an important role within their ensemble and regular attendance is of great importance to the progress of each group.

The next event for our ensembles is our annual **Gala Concert** which will be taking place at 7.00pm on Saturday 28th March 2020 at Le Rocquier School. Musicians will be required to wear concert dress (white blouses/shirts (bow ties), black trousers/skirt, black shoes). Doors will open at 6.30pm and musicians should arrive by 6.40pm.

As there are a number of joint pieces, the dress rehearsal will take place on Friday 27th March **for all members of ensembles from 4.15pm – 6.00pm** (concert dress for the rehearsal is not required). At 6.00pm members of the following ensembles will stay to rehearse their individual programmes and the following **end** of rehearsal times will apply:

Training String Orchestra collection time: 6.15pm
Training Band collection time: 6.25pm
Guitar Ensemble collection time: 6.35pm
Intermediate Wind Band collection time: 7.05pm
Intermediate String Orchestra collection time: 7.15pm
Jersey Youth String Orchestra collection time: 7.25pm
Jersey Youth Wind Band collection time: 7.35pm

Tickets will be available to purchase from next term and information on this process will be sent in due course.

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Please note our office is closed from Friday 20th December (5pm) and will re-open on Monday 6th January 2020.