

JMS Newsletter - April 2026



Dear Parents & Carers,

Thank you to all our musicians for their dedication and hard work this term - it has been a pleasure to see their confidence grow and their music-making flourish.

This term has been particularly memorable, with highlights including the PwC Jersey Junior and Young Musician of the Year competitions, JMS: World Tour, Trinity and Rock School examinations, and the delivery of our primary project concerts - the term culminating in Tuesday night's wonderful Jersey Opera House *Open House* performance.

As we look ahead to next term, please take a moment to read the important information below.

Summer Music School

We are delighted to be offering a free two-week Summer Music School, made possible through Government funding, the sessions will run from Monday 20 July – Friday 24 July and Monday 24 August – Friday 28 August. Further information will be shared next term.

Summer Term Ensembles & Choirs - Rehearsals & Concert Dates

Please view the summer term rehearsal and concert dates for each ensemble and choir by clicking [here](#).

SING OUT! Jersey Eisteddfod's Choral Showcase

Thursday 30th April 4.30pm - 6.00pm

for Jersey Junior Choir and Jersey Youth Choir Members

We are delighted that the Junior Choir & Jersey Youth Choir will be taking part in this event next term. This performance opportunity will take place at the Jersey Opera House, in place of our normal choir rehearsals on Thursday 30th April. All Junior and Youth Choir members are asked to arrive at the Jersey Opera House at 4:00pm, with collection for both groups at 6:00pm. If a student is unable to attend, please let us know in advance. To prepare for this performance, choir rehearsals will be resuming next term on Thursday 23 April.

Free tickets for friends and family will be available for seats in the Dress Circle and Upper circle. Eisteddfod personnel will be in the foyers of these two seating areas directly before each session to hand out tickets which will then be scanned by Jersey Opera house staff for access into the theatre. The tickets are not transferable, will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis and will be valid for that one session only. No tickets will be available from the Box Office.

Liberation Celebration - Sunday 10th May 11.00 - 11.45am

for Training Wind Band Members

Our Training Wind Band will be taking to the stage in Weighbridge place on Sunday 10th May, as part of the weekend's Liberation celebrations.

Musicians will need to arrive in Weighbridge Place at 10.40am, with the performance commencing at 11.00am. To prepare for this performance, Training Wind Band rehearsals will be starting back next term on Wednesday 22nd April. For members of Training Wind Band, please complete the following form by Friday 24th April to confirm your child's attendance at this event: [Liberation Celebrations Performance - Sunday 10th May – Fill out form](#)

September 2026 - New Lesson Management System & Fees

We are currently in the process of upgrading our lesson-management system and will soon be moving from our existing platform to a new and improved version. This upgrade will enhance how we communicate with you, make lesson information easier to access, and provide a smoother, more reliable experience when managing your child's music tuition.

Our updated fees for tuition and instrument hire can be viewed [here](#), and will apply from September 2026.

Joining an Ensemble or Choir

If your child is not already attending an ensemble or choir, taking part is not only great fun and a wonderful way to meet other young people from across the island; it is also a vital part of learning an instrument or developing as a singer. Ensemble participation helps pupils build performance skills and musical technique in a supportive environment. It is an invaluable tool for progressing as a musician.

Thanks to Government of Jersey funding, all JMS ensembles and choirs are free to attend, something we are very fortunate to be able to offer.

Our ensemble programme provides a clear pathway of progression as pupils grow in skill and confidence - from beginner groups through to youth ensembles. All rehearsals take place at Jersey Music Service, in the Education Building on the Highlands Campus.

Our ensembles and choirs rehearse weekly during term time, working towards termly concerts where pupils can showcase their learning to friends and family, as well as enjoy performances from other groups. Concert venues include the Hall at Highlands College, Howard Davis Park and Government House.

For more information on our ensembles & choirs and to register your child to attend, please visit the ensemble and choir page on our website: www.jms.je

Jersey Contemporary Musician Competition

For guitar, bass guitar, keyboard, drums, and singing students of Grade 4 level and above. The Jersey Contemporary Musician Competition is part of our provision of opportunities for young musicians in Jersey.

The Jersey Contemporary Musician Competition Heats will take place after school over the week of Monday 18th May - Friday 21st May at Jersey Music Service. The Jersey Contemporary Musician Competition Final will take place on Saturday 13th June in the Theatre at Haute Vallée School.

Rules

Competition rules are published on [our website](#).

In order to enter the competition, please:

1. Ensure you have the support of your child's instrumental / singing teacher or Head of Music. Where entrants are school leavers or home educated, advice can be sought from Jersey Music Service.
2. Complete the [entry form](#) no later than Thursday 30th April 2026. Please note that programme details will be required on the entry form.
3. Please make your £15.00 entry fee payment using the payment link displayed at the end of the entry form.
4. Please note that competitors must provide copies of all music to be performed for the adjudicators, as well as backing tracks where relevant, by Thursday 30th April 2026. Please note that clear, scanned copies by email are preferred. Original sheet music must be present in the scheduled rehearsal and during performances.

SUMMER TERM - DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Oboe & Bassoon Masterclass & Discovery Session - Friday 10th April

Brass Experience for Intermediate & Advanced Brass - Sunday 26th April

Sing Out (Choirs) - Thursday 30th April

Liberation Celebrations (TWB) - Sunday 10th May

Brass, Woodwind & Piano Performance Platforms - Sunday 17th May*

Percussion Discovery Session - Sunday 17th May*

Contemporary Competition Heats - Monday 18th May - Thursday 21st May

Guitar & Vocal Performance Platform - Sunday 7th June*

Contemporary Competition Final - Saturday 13th June

Jazz Combo Performance - Jersey Library - Saturday 27th June*

Summer Concert - Government House - Sunday 28th June*

ABRSM Examinations - w/c Monday 6th July

Soirée - Sundown (Jersey Youth Big Band) - Wednesday 8th July*

Children's Day - Howard Davis Park - Sunday 12th July*

*Further information to follow in the Summer term

Please note our office is now closed until 11.00am on Monday 20th April.