



St. Wilfrid's
R.C. College



MUSIC MATTERS

Edition 2: April 2019

Dear All,

The Music Department has been prolific in its achievements since our last edition with a wide range of opportunities on offer for students of all ages each and every day. We pride ourselves on being a department which promotes an ethos of 'excellence and inclusion', striving to continually offer high quality, enriching musical experiences for all. Music at St. Wilfrid's is dedicated, dynamic and diverse and we are justifiably proud of the accomplishments of all our students. There are many instrumental lessons and extra-curricular activities on offer at our school; this newsletter will give you a flavour of what has been going in our department since February half-term.

ABRSM Exam Success

The following students have undertaken ABRSM exams and achieved some fabulous results:

Nathaniel Cerdena (Grade 1 Clarinet with distinction)

Adam Hodgson (Grade 5 Alto Saxophone with distinction)

Gray Pattison (Grade 1 Clarinet with distinction)

Rebecca Price (Grade 5 Alto Saxophone with merit)

Molly Thornton (Grade 1 Cornet)

Catholic Ethos

We are delighted to have been able to play a leading role in promoting the Catholic ethos of St. Wilfrid's. Our Senior Worship Band and vocal group Counterpoint supported leading worship at both Easter liturgies. A particular musical highlight for many was the singing of 'For Good' from the hit musical 'Wicked'.

Gigging on the Balcony

Due to popular demand our 'Gigging on the Balcony' returned one Friday break time towards the end of term. The Senior Worship Band and Counterpoint furnished a 'buzz' around the school with some great songs including: 'Seasons of Love', 'Don't Stop Believing', '9 to 5' and 'Blame it on the Boogie'.

Spring Concert: 'A Night at the Musicals'

A capacity crowd gathered in Nichols Hall to enjoy a variety of high-quality music performances under the theme of 'A Night at the Musicals'. The Chamber Choir, Crescendo Collective, Counterpoint, Colla Voce, Junior Worship Band, Senior Worship Band, Orchestra, Guitar Group and Woodwind Ensemble all participated during the evening. We were also delighted to hear solo items from Lily Cooke, Charlotte Eyre, Macie Kinghorn, Ben Pennock, Aubrey de Gracia, Jade Wilkinson and Reese Wake. Our programme included an array of very familiar, foot-tapping melodies including: 'Star Wars', 'The Lord is my Shepherd (The Vicar of Dibley)', 'Never Enough' and 'Somewhere over the Rainbow'. We look forward to developing this very successful initiative in the future.

Junior Soloist Evening

Our School Chapel was packed for the second 'Soloist Evening' of the year. This featured a group of students from

Years 7 - 9. Our students excelled and there was truly a very impressive standard of music making enjoyed by those who attended. Big congratulations to following students who performed in this concert:

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| Faye Allcoat | Ewan Bayfield | Cara Callaghan | Nathaniel Cerdena |
| Charlotte Eyre | Ella Jenkins | Macie Kinghorn | Gabe Miller |
| Harriot Nichols | Jessica Price | Rebecca Price | Eve Robson |
| Sophie Stephenson | Amelia Woodley | | |

Visit to Newcastle

Over 50 students visited Newcastle's Theatre Royal to attend a professional performance of Andrew Lloyd-Webber's much-loved musical 'Joseph'. Prior to the show our students also had the opportunity to visit J.G. Windows Music Store where a number of purchases were made for the Music department as well as there being some fabulous music produced by our students on the various instruments on display.

Peripatetic Music Lessons

There are spaces for students to start peripatetic music lessons in all instruments. We have an excellent peripatetic music programme at St. Wilfrid's and we currently offer tuition in: brass, drum kit, guitar, piano, singing, strings (upper and lower) and woodwind. Please contact me should your child be interested in commencing instrumental/singing lessons.

Summer Showcase

Our termly Music Celebrations have been a tremendous success. Details regarding our Summer Concert will be issued very soon...

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Thank you for your ongoing support for all things musical at St. Wilfrid's!

Yours faithfully,

Mr Andrew Mair
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St. Wilfrid's R.C. College Music Department

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| Mr A Mair | Head of Music | Mrs R Watson | Teacher of Music & Lead Practitioner |
| Mr D Bird | Percussion | Miss E Clinch | Vocal |
| Miss C Freeman | Woodwind | Mrs S Lane | Lower Strings |
| Mr A Nyberg | Upper Strings | Mr J Peacock | Piano |
| Mr A Storey | Brass | Mr A Watt | Guitar |



TO COMMEMORATE
THE SERVICES RENDERED TO HIS COUNTRY
BY
CHARLES EARL GREY, K.G.
WHO DURING AN ACTIVE POLITICAL CAREER OF
NEARLY HALF A CENTURY
WAS THE CONSTANT ADVOCATE OF PEACE
AND THE FEARLESS AND CONSISTENT CHAMPION OF
CIVIL AND RELIGIOUS LIBERTY
HE FIRST DIRECTED HIS EFFORTS TO THE ADVANCEMENT
OF THE REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE IN 1792,
AND WAS THE MINISTER
BY WHOSE ADVICE AND UNDER WHOSE GUIDANCE
THE GREAT MEASURE OF PARLIAMENTARY REFORM
WAS AFTER AN ARDUOUS AND PROTRACTED STRUGGLE
SAFELY AND TRIUMPHANTLY ACHIEVED
IN THE YEAR 1832.



What's on in the local area?

| What? | Where? | When? |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| An evening with Katherine Jenkins | The Sage | Tue 30 April |
| Sing-a-long 'The Greatest Showman' | Newcastle Theatre Royal | Sun 19 May |
| Russell Watson in concert | Durham Gala Theatre | Mon 20 May |
| Captain Corelli's Mandolin | Newcastle Theatre Royal | Tue 21 – Sat 25 May |
| Spamalot | Newcastle Theatre Royal | Tue 28 May – Sat 1 June |
| Black Dyke Band in concert | Whitley Bay Playhouse | Sun 16 June |
| Motown the Musical | Newcastle Theatre Royal | Tue 4 – Sat 22 June |
| The King and I | Sunderland Empire Theatre | Wed 5 – Sat 15 June |
| Cosi fan tutte | The Sage | Fri 5 – Sat 6 July |
| Avenue Q | Sunderland Empire Theatre | Wed 10 – Sat 13 July |





Music @ St. Wilfrid's

| Activity | Day | Time | Where | Who |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| Keyboard Club | Monday | 1055-1110 | 191 | Years 7 – 9 |
| Junior Worship Band | Monday | 1230-1310 | Drum Room | Years 7 & 8 |
| Steel Band | Tuesday | 0815-0840 | Drum Room | All Years |
| Keyboard Club | Tuesday | 1055-1110 | 191 | Years 7 – 9 |
| Homework Drop-in | Tuesday | 1230-1310 | 191 | Years 7 & 8 |
| Junior Worship Band | Tuesday | 1230-1310 | Drum Room | Years 7 & 8 |
| Junior Orchestra | Wednesday | 1510-1545 | 191 | Anyone who has started learning an instrument |
| Senior Orchestra | Wednesday | 1510-1630 | 191 | More advanced instrumentalists |
| Senior Worship Band | Thursday | 1330-1410 | Drum Room | Years 9 – 11 Band Players |
| Music Theory & Homework Drop-in | Thursday | 1510-1545 | 191 | All Years |
| Guitar Club | Friday | 0815-0840 | Drum Room | All Guitarists |
| Crescendo Collective | Friday | 1230-1310 | 191 | Years 7 & 8 |
| Senior Choir | Friday | 1330-1410 | 191 | Years 9 – 13 + Staff |
| Composition Clinic | Friday | 1510-1545 | 191 | Years 10 – 13 |

Please see Mr Mair or Mrs Watson for further information.

