

September 2010,

Dear Colourstrings parents,

Please read through our latest news! We celebrate our recent achievements and inform you about our upcoming events.

End Of Year Reports:

There were a large number of written reports left uncollected at the end of last term. These will be available in the parents' room on September 18th. Every musicianship and instrumental student should have had a report.

External Music Exams:

Our students achieved excellent results in external Trinity Guildhall music exams held at the school last term.



DISTINCTION: David Mason, grade 2 'cello, Isobel Mason, grade 5 violin, Zosia Niedermaier-Reed, grade 6 violin, Eva Northcott, grade 3 violin, Hannah Northcott, grade 6 violin

MERIT: Erin Ailes, grade 2 violin, Kuba Niedermaier-Reed, grade 3 'cello, Ruxaana Hutton, grade 3 'cello

PASS: Edward Dixon, grade 1 violin, Bryony Jones, grade 2 viola, Isabella Larkum, grade 2 violin, Samuel Miguet, grade 6 violin, Elizabeth Saleh, grade 3 violin.

Hannah Evans was awarded distinction in ABRSM grade 4 piano and Dominic Johnson also achieved distinction in his ABRSM grade 2 guitar earlier in the year.



I'm happy to organise exam sessions at CMS once again this year if we have a suitable number of students wishing to take grade exams. Students should discuss this with their instrumental teachers.

ABRSM Theory Classes at C.M.S:



A number of our students do wish to take Associated Board Theory exams, particularly grade 5 theory. Material is covered within the Kodaly Musicianship classes, but because the format of these exams is different it is useful to work through some papers. Elizabeth Willcocks who runs the parents' choir and is head of music at Oakfield Prep has agreed to take a class at 10.30am every Saturday in room 140.

Please can you e-mail me if you are interested in attending this class...even if you have already been working towards a paper with Angela Fogg. There will be a small termly charge for the class which will depend on the number of students taking papers.

Play-ins:

Will be in room 140 at 11.15 and 12.30 every Saturday (note the slightly earlier time of the second play-in)

Parents' Choir:

Liz is also going to continue to run the parents' choir which will be at 11.45-12.30 in room 140. Everyone is welcome. It is a relaxed affair so there is no problem if you need to pop out to pick up your child etc. The charge for each session is £5.00, but this would be reduced further if more parents join the group.

Café Facilities at Colourstrings:

The Café will be CLOSED the first week of school (18th September) because it is being refurbished. The good news is that from the following week there will be two new outlets providing refreshments in the café area:

Costa coffee: open 8.30am – 6pm

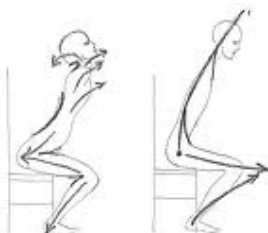
Peri Peri food: open 11am – 2pm.



October 9th: a day of special events

Alexander Technique Taster with Leslie-Anne Lewis
9.30-10.30 am, room 043:

Leslie is a trained Alexander Technique teacher and conductor.



Everybody is welcome to attend this session. Leslie will be giving a practical introduction to the Alexander technique. The technique is taught at music colleges worldwide but can also help us to use ourselves better in our everyday life. Leslie will also be available every Saturday to give private Alexander Technique sessions. Anyone who is interested in individual lessons should email Leslie at leslieannelewis@yahoo.com

'HOW TO HELP YOUR CHILD PRACTISE' with Gerry Drought
11.15am- 12.30pm, room 043:



Gerry, a very experienced Colourstrings violin teacher who gave a superb day of workshops to our violinists on May 15th last term, has agreed to return to give a workshop to our parents to impart a lifetime of ideas about how you can support your child and be as much help with their instrumental practise as possible. This will be relevant to all of you...whether or not you have any musical training....and to all instruments.

The school is going to fund this event, but I need parents to commit and sign up before the event so that I have an idea of numbers. There will be a sign-up sheet on the main whiteboard in the corridor.

Fundraising Recital: Fiona Huggett (violin) and Lisa Garson (piano)
1.00pm



Fiona and Lisa are coming to give a recital of short pieces by composers including; J.S. Bach, Shostakovich and Kreisler. The concert will last 30 minutes so hopefully suitable for our students. We will not be selling tickets, but any donations will go towards the running of Colourstrings Music School.

Fiona Huggett came from Canada and played with many baroque orchestras in London such as The English Concert and The Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment. She now teaches at St. Paul's School and The Harrodian School.

Lisa Garson came from South Africa and is a busy accompanist and performer. She now teaches at Fulham Prep. School and Ibstock Place School.

Advanced piano workshop with Carlina Carr:
2.00pm-5.00pm

Carlina has asked me to let the Colourstrings parents know about this series of three workshops that she is running in Chapman Hall. These workshops take place on October the 9th, November the 13th and December the 4th. They are group piano sessions available to pianists from grade 7 upwards through diploma standard. It is a chance to review skills that may have slipped or simply to develop and expand your repertoire in the company of sympathetic friends who also have a keen love of the piano. There will be technical assistance and interpretative coaching. The cost for the 3 sessions will be £60.00. Enquiries to Carlina Carr on 020 7624 2977 or email carlina.carr@btinternet.com



Pianist Carlina Carr has had wide experience as a soloist, in chamber music adjudicating and teaching. She was a gold medallist at the Royal College of Music. She has performed concertos and recitals throughout Canada and the UK, made numerous BBC broadcasts including the proms. Much of her teaching has been with adult classes including many years at Roehampton University with music degree students.

I hope you have found this letter useful. If you have any questions or concerns or just want to get in touch with any one of us then please do so. Looking forward to the term ahead.

With all best wishes,

Rachel Erdos

