



14<sup>th</sup> April '10

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a Summer term full of music making. This term we are delighted to unveil a new grand piano for the Great Hall, courtesy of a most generous bequest. Whilst all the concerts in the Great Hall will be using this new instrument, we hope the event on June 18<sup>th</sup> is going to have some special guests. Below are all this term's other public musical events, which we hope you may be able to attend. All details (and any updates) can also be found in the Blue Book or on the website.

**Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 2.15 pm** – House Music competition in the Great Hall. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, only relatives of soloists may attend this.

**Thursday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1.15 pm** – Chapel Choir lunchtime recital (ends c2.00) in Ripon Cathedral.

**Saturday, May 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 pm** – The annual Music Award Holders and Chapel Choir charity concert. We are very fortunate that this year the concert is to be given in the Quire of York Minster, by kind permission of the Dean and Chapter. The Minster Box Office will be selling tickets in advance (0844 939 0015, [www.boxoffice.yorkminster.org](http://www.boxoffice.yorkminster.org)) or at the door. Just to see the wonderful Chapter House is worth the entrance fee alone! There will be a retiring collection for charity, to be decided by the girls.

**Friday, May 21<sup>st</sup> at 11.00 am** – Middle Choir take part in the Wharfedale Festival in Ilkley.  
**at 7.00pm** – Evening Concert in the Great Hall. (drinks and nibbles from 6.30)

**Tuesday/Thursday, May 25<sup>th</sup>/27<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm** – Year 7 production of *The Pirates of Penzance*.  
(drinks and nibbles from 6.30)

**Wednesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> at 5.30 pm** – Junior Choir sing Evensong in Ripon Cathedral.  
As always, Miss Shepherdson will be sending out details of these two events.

**Friday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm** – Evening Concert, to include GCSE Composition *world premieres*, in the Great Hall. (drinks and nibbles from 6.30). To celebrate the arrival of the new piano the concert will include performances from old girls.

**Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 7.30 pm** – In a concert at Holy Trinity church, Ripon, the Chapel Choir sing Andrew Carter's *Missa Brevis*, S3 Music Scholars Faye Parkes (viola), Cecilia Bidie (recorder) and Emily Hill (flute) play concerto movements and Senior Choir perform Pergolesi's *Magnificat*, all accompanied by the Topcliffe Chamber Orchestra. Tickets £8 (£5 concessions) are available from the Office after half term. This date has been chosen not to clash with the World Cup, should we still have a playing interest!

**Friday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7.00 pm** – Final Night Rock Band bash.

## Music Lessons

If your daughter has individual music lessons may I remind you that the peripatetic teachers would appreciate settlement of their accounts within *one month* of receipt of the bill. Charges are currently based on £179 for 10 lessons, with 30 lessons to be taught during the year. The teachers are very happy to speak to you either on the phone or in person at a suitable time, should the need arise. One term's notice, *in writing*, is required if your daughter is to stop having lessons. Would you please also let the teacher know if your address changes.

Should you wish to contact me about any musical matter, particularly your daughter starting an instrument or having a trial lesson (which do not commit you to anything), please ring my direct number is 01845 575012, or email [n.carter@queenmarys.org](mailto:n.carter@queenmarys.org). We are currently short of cellists and flute players but would welcome enquiries about any instrument.

Yours sincerely,

Nicholas Carter  
Director of Music