



April '09

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a Summer term full of music making. Below are all this term's 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.

An Evening of Song We are very fortunate to welcome Charlotte Tetley (Mezzo Soprano) back to give our first concert of the term on **Friday, April 24th at 7.30pm**. Charlotte is an ex Queen Mary's pupil who is currently studying as a postgraduate on the Opera Studies course at the Royal Scottish Academy in Glasgow. She is undoubtedly a star of the future, having already sung in the Glyndebourne Chorus. She and her accompanist Inju Oh, who is on the teaching staff at the Academy, are performing to help raise funds for the school's Choral Commission. The programme will include music by Haydn, Schumann, Mozart, Massenet, Rossini, Britten and Sondheim but Charlotte has also asked that the Chapel Choir perform with her and on their own, which they are delighted to do. The concert is by ticket only, available from the office, priced £15 to include interval refreshments. It should be a wonderful evening's entertainment.

Thursday, April 30th at 2.15 pm – House Music competition in the Great Hall. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, only relatives of soloists may attend this.

Saturday, May 2nd at 7.00 pm – The annual Music Award Holders and Chapel Choir charity concert, given this year in Aysgarth School chapel. Tickets from the Office (£8 & £5 concessions, to include refreshments afterwards) are usually in short supply so early application is advised.

Thursday, May 7th at 1.15 pm – Chapel Choir lunchtime recital in Ripon Cathedral.

Wednesday/Friday, May 13th/15th at 7.00 pm – Year 7 production of *Grease*.

Tuesday, May 19th at 7.00 pm – Evening Concert in the Great Hall. (drinks and nibbles from 6.30)

Friday, May 22nd in the afternoon – Middle Choir take part in the Wharfedale Festival in Ilkley. The time of the event will be put on the website as soon as we know it.

Friday, June 12th at 7.00 pm – Evening Concert, to include GCSE Composition *world premieres*, in the Great Hall. (drinks and nibbles from 6.30). Year 7 give a concert in Thornton Steward

Wednesday, June 17th at 5.30 pm – Junior Choir sing Evensong in Ripon Cathedral.

Wednesday, July 8th at 7.30 pm – Senior Choir and the Topcliffe Chamber Orchestra perform Vivaldi's *Gloria* and Chapel Choir give the world premiere of the 30 the school's Anniversary choral Commission *Laus Trinitati* by Francis Pott in a concert at Holy Trinity, Ripon. Tickets £8 (£5 concessions) available from the Office after half term.

Friday, July 10th 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 £175 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.

Yours sincerely,

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