



MALVERN ST JAMES

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That beautiful season ... Summer

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Welcome back after the Easter break. What glorious days we have experienced, and now we greet, in Longfellow's words, "that beautiful season, Summer".

With Olympic fever in the air, we look forward to an exciting Midsummer Spectacular with a sporting theme. This will be a great community event with contributions from the ESO Brass Quintet, the Elgar Chorale and our own musicians – both staff and students.

We were delighted to hear that Helen Liu, Genevieve Phillips, Epiphany Poon and Ronnie Yeung were successful in the final round of the Worcestershire Young Musicians competition and have been selected to perform in the showcase concert in Worcester Cathedral on 4 May. I would particularly like to thank all the girls' teachers for their support, and Mr Forbes-Peckham for his fine accompanying of our girls for this event.

Finally I would like to congratulate all those who contributed to the Spring Concert which raised £400 for Friends of Community Action. As their secretary, Mary Wetherall, wrote: "It was a wonderful event". Thank you to all our talented girls. 🎵

A Midsummer Spectacular with a Sporting Theme

Sunday 26 June at 7.30pm in York Hall

This concert will feature songs from the UK and abroad that have become closely associated with sporting occasions, together with showstoppers from American musicals which will include the most famous sports anthem of them all - 'You'll Never Walk Alone'.



There will also be a performance of Gershwin's great 'Rhapsody in Blue', featuring our dynamic pianistic duo, Malcolm Forbes-Peckham and Levi Moscovici. Mike Halliday will perform on clarinet and Ruth Minton will join in the Carousel Waltz. The concert will end - in traditional Prom style - with Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance March No. 1!

Tickets: £10 Adults, £5 under 18.

Available from Malvern St James Music Department:
01684 564609 or music@malvernstjames.co.uk 🎵



Malvern Concert Club

Thursday 5 May at 7.30pm - Forum Theatre, Malvern

The seven young and outstanding members of the Aronowitz Ensemble will be returning to Malvern in May to perform an exciting programme which includes Mendelssohn's *Variations Concertantes* for Cello and Piano, Schnittke's Piano Quintet (1972-76) and Brahms's second String Sextet in G major.

The MSJ Music Department will be hosting a reception after the concert which will be a lovely opportunity for our girls to meet the performers.

It will be a brilliant concert. Don't miss it! Tickets are available from Malvern Theatres. 🎵



Choral Evensong

Tewkesbury Abbey on Wednesday 4 May at 5.30pm

Lying at the southern edge of the old town, Tewkesbury Abbey quietly dominates the land and skyline with its long nave and one of the largest and finest Romanesque towers in England.

We will be giving the first performance of Responses composed by Kate Hill (above right), who has taught in the Music Department and whose daughter Francesca completed her A Levels at MSJ last year. We have already performed lovely canticles and anthems by Kate and we look forward to singing her latest composition.



You are all warmly invited to come to the service to hear the girls' lovely singing in the Abbey's wonderful acoustic. 🎵

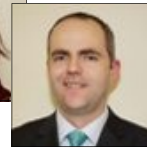


VMT Consultations Week

Monday 9 May - Friday 13 May

All parents and guardians are invited to attend a music lesson with their daughter in order to speak with the Visiting Music Teacher and receive a progress update.

This is a valuable opportunity to hear your daughter perform and to discuss her musical future. 🎵



Junior Department Celebration of Music

Friday 27 May at 12.45pm in York Hall

The Music Department celebrates the boundless talent and bubbling enthusiasm of the Juniors in this lunchtime concert. It is the culmination of the theme 'Music Around the World' which they have explored in Class Music, and it will be a lovely opportunity to hear them perform.

All parents and friends are most welcome to come to support the girls. 🎵



Christine Sjolander

Friday 6 May at 1.00pm in the Lawnside Room

We are in for a treat when our newly appointed singing teacher, Christine Sjolander, performs this recital, which will include music by Mozart and Brahms and some lighter songs by Kern and Gershwin.

You are all welcome to meet Christine and enjoy her stylish singing. 🎵



Elgar Birthplace Visit

Friday 17 June

Years 5 and 6 are going to visit the Elgar Birthplace Museum, which we are supporting in their current expansion of the educational experience that they offer.

Sir Edward Elgar was born, and spent most of his life, in Worcestershire. The Malvern Hills and the beautiful surrounding countryside were an inspiration for him.

This will be a wonderful opportunity for the girls to learn more about this great British composer from our County. 🎵



Choir Tour Update

The Choir Tour to Paris is from Friday 21 October to Tuesday 25 October 2011.

The MSJ Choir will be performing Mass, giving a recital at La Madeleine, visiting the Cité de la Musique and enjoying a workshop at Euro Disney. And they will have a chance to perform on the Euro Disney Paris Fantasy stage!

We are sure it is going to be brilliant, and should not be missed! 🎵



Instrumental Musicians' Workshop

Wednesday 8 June 4.30pm - 6.30pm



This workshop provides an opportunity for the girls to play a diverse range of music in a full rehearsal, with a short performance at the end of the session.

All instrumentalists are welcome to enjoy this chance to have some fun and make music! 🎵



Expressive Arts Week

Monday 13 June to Friday 18 June

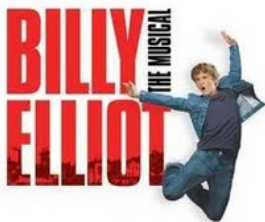
Years 7 and 8 will experience a range of Arts as they work towards the Bronze Arts Award. Mrs Fisher, the Head of Expressive Arts, has devised a diverse and exciting programme of activities, such as Stage Fighting, Bollywood Dancing, Mosaic Art, and Trestle and Mask work.



The girls will record their experiences and present what they have produced during workshops for the whole class. As we discover each year, this week is a valuable experience for each girl, and great fun too. 🎵



Highlights from Spring Term 2011



On Saturday 23 April, I together with parents and girls attended the remarkable Jago Performers in the musical 'Billy Elliot' in the Forum Theatre. Lizzie Lewis in the role of the grandmother was superb, as

was Jodie Coates as one of the panellists in the Royal Ballet scene. Alice Bendall, our dance teacher and an Old Girl, showed her immense talent as Director of the show. All the performances were packed and received standing ovations, not least the Saturday one, which was attended by the Director of the West End production, who had heard how brilliant the show was, and was out scouting for talent. So there was added excitement and buzz for the cast!

During the vacation two of our talented singers, Zara Edwards (Yr 12) and Rachel Mackie (Yr 5), both members of the Youth Choirs of Great Britain, attended week long courses. The senior course culminated in a fabulous concert in the London Barbican, where a new work *Scatty* by Karl Jenkins was premiered. Zara and Rachel both learnt an amazing amount of new music which I will encourage them to share with the Choir. 🎵

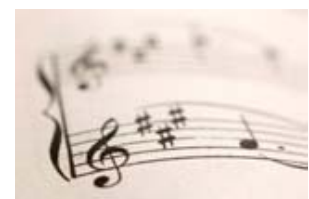


Achievements

Congratulations to the following girls for excellent achievements in their external music examinations:

Charlotte Jones	Piano	Initial Distinction
Genevieve Phillips	Cello	Grade 6 Distinction
Eleanor Kirby	Singing	Grade 8 Distinction
Holly Ainge	Piano	Initial Merit
Eve Garland Hellewell	Piano	Grade 1 Merit
Caitlin Lavin	Piano	Grade 1 Merit
Ellen Manns	Clarinet	Grade 1 Merit
Philippa Wollen	Piano	Grade 1 Merit
Megan O'Flynn	Guitar	Grade 2 Merit
Harmony Chan	Piano	Grade 3 Merit
Grace Harris	Singing	Grade 3 Merit
Charlotte Bale	Flute	Grade 4 Merit
Caitlin Lavin	Flute	Grade 5 Merit
Clare Min Fen Li	Piano	Grade 5 Merit
Arbby Sun	Flute	Grade 6 Merit
Genevieve Phillips	Piano	Grade 6 Merit
Rebecca Fisher	Singing	Grade 8 Merit
Jessica To	Violin	Grade 8 Merit

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Music Events and Services - Summer Term 2011

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Monday 20 June - Friday 24 June
York Hall

Associated Board Music Examinations

Monday 20 June - Friday 24 June
Avenue Music Centre

Midsummer Prom Spectacular

Sunday 26 June, 7.30pm
York Hall

MSJ Singers Leavers Farewell Celebration

Wednesday 29 June, 6.00pm
York Hall

Commemoration Service

Friday 1 July, 10.30am
Malvern Priory

Summer Term 2011 dates

1 st Exeat:	Friday 13 May - Sunday 15 May
Half Term:	Friday 27 May - Sunday 5 June
2 nd Exeat:	Friday 17 June - Sunday 19 June
Term Ends:	Friday 1 July 2011
Autumn Term Starts:	Tuesday 6 September 2011

The Music Department of Malvern St James

Parents and Friends are warmly invited to all these events.
For enquiries and ticket sales, please contact the
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