



NEWSLETTER No. 4 - 21st March 2009

EASTER HOLIDAYS

First of all, a reminder that next week is the last meeting before Easter. We are closed on 4th, 11th and 18th April. We re-open on 25th April.

ACCOMMODATION

Those of you who were here 2 weeks ago will have experienced the problems we had with the doors locking everyone in (or out). I am awaiting a reply from the Lettings Department about the problems which occurred that day but, hopefully, we won't have a similar problem again. I was informed that all the emergency exits have a green button behind a glass and that hitting this button will release the door if it is locked. Please be aware of this should we ever have this situation again. The red "fire alarm" button is only to be used if there is a fire because hitting that button will automatically call out the fire brigade.

Whilst talking about accommodation, last week we had to get the toilets on the 1st floor of B block closed due to them being in an unacceptable state. This has also been reported to the Lettings Department. For those who don't know, there are other toilets situated on the ground floor of A block (ladies), ground floor B block (gents) and ground floor C block at the far end beyond the hall and drama studio (ladies and gents).

Could I please ask all students and staff to advise me if they find any rooms or facilities not acceptable, including rubbish or rooms not cleaned, windows left open, etc.

ABSENCE

This time of year we always seem to experience a drop in numbers of students attending classes. There are several reasons for this including exams and revision, sports, etc. It is important, however, that you keep your teacher informed if you are going to be away so that classes can be planned accordingly. Please tell your teacher the week before or email the Music Centre, info@northleedsmusic.org

If you are in an ensemble or orchestra please ensure that you do not take music away if you know you are going to be absent. There may be another student who needs to use that music the week you are not there. If you do forget and take some music home that may be needed, please contact us as soon as possible.

ORCHESTRA TRIP

The Orchestra and Wind Band enjoyed a very pleasant trip to Sneaton Castle Centre, Whitby in February for a weekend of playing music. The venue was superb and we were made very welcome by the staff and Sisters at the Centre. Thanks to all the staff who put in a lot of hard work both before and during the weekend. There are some photos of the trip on our website.

ENROLMENT FOR NEXT YEAR

We hope to have next year's brochure available soon after Easter and we intend to take "pre-enrolments" on 6th and 13th June. This will mean that you can avoid the queues on Enrolment Day.

To avoid large increase in fees either now or in the future, I hope that we can increase the membership of the Centre. We will be leafleting a number of schools and will have posters and flyers available for schools, churches and anywhere else that might advertise for us. If any parents or adult students can help to distribute these please contact me. It is obviously in your and everyone's interest if we can bring more members in.

If you have friends or relatives who don't know about the Centre please tell them about us and if you are a parent bringing your child to a class why not consider learning or re-learning an instrument yourself. Lots of parents do and they find we have a relaxed and pleasant atmosphere in which to play. We are more than happy for prospective members to "sit-in" for a couple of weeks to try out a class, free of charge. If you're not sure, then come and talk to one of the Office staff or talk to a teacher.

FUTURE EVENTS

Our Spring/Summer Concert will be on Saturday 13th June and will be an afternoon Concert, commencing straight after Music Centre finishes. More details later; your teacher will let you know if you are taking part in the Concert but, of course, everyone else will be welcome to come and listen.

The following week, Saturday 20th June, the Jazz Orchestra and Clarinet Ensembles are taking part in a Concert at the Queen's Hall, Harrogate Road, starting at 7.45pm. This is a very pleasant venue and has a licensed bar. Tickets are available now, price £5 each from the Music Centre Office. Again, we need to publicise this event so if anyone would like posters or flyers please contact me.

As I mentioned earlier, "pre-enrolment" will be on 6th and 13th June. Enrolment day itself is on Saturday 5th September, 10am-noon, and our first meeting of the new term in September will be the 12th.

Finally, if you have any problems or concerns with our Music Centre, please feel free to come and talk to me any Saturday morning or email me at the address below.

Regards

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

4th, 11th, 18th April 2009.....	Closed for Easter
25th April.....	Restart after Easter
2nd May.....	Closed for May Bank Holiday
6th and 13th June.....	Pre-enrolment for existing members
13th June, afternoon.....	Music Centre Concert, at Carr Manor School
20th June, evening.....	Jazz Orchestra and Clarinet Ensemble Concert, at the Queen's Hall
5th September.....	Enrolment for 2009/2010
12th September.....	New term starts