

# Aylesbury Music Centre



# Newsletter

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**AMC Newsletters contain important information for Parents & Students alike.**

## **TERM DATES** (NB...dates refer to Music Centre schedules, not to 'music lessons in schools')

**Spring term 2009:** Commences: Sat 10<sup>th</sup> January (weekday groups from 12<sup>th</sup> Jan)  
Half term: AMC closed 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – 21<sup>st</sup> Feb inclusive  
Last AMC sessions: Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March

**Summer term 2009:** Commences: Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April (weekday groups from 27<sup>th</sup> April)  
Bank Holiday: May 4<sup>th</sup> – Closed.  
Half term: AMC closed 23<sup>rd</sup> May – 30<sup>th</sup> May inclusive  
Last AMC sessions: Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July.

**AMC SUMMER EVENT** (all students involved – provisional date) **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July 2009**

**A fuller Diary may be viewed on our website – giving dates of events throughout the academic year including: Soloists Competition, National Festival, Professional Recitals etc)**

## **STAFF NEWS:**

Neither **Mr Roy Harrison** nor **Mrs Debbie Davies** are teaching for us this term as each is undergoing major surgery. We wish them a very speedy recovery.

**Ms Fiona Moran** is on maternity leave this term, and **Mrs Lorna Morton** will be going on maternity leave at half-term.

**Mr Matt Morton** is only doing a small part of his timetable for the coming 10 weeks whilst he completes an OU course.

To cover the above absences, please welcome, as temporary members of the teaching staff:

**Mrs Kathleen Willison** (voice), **Mr Rhys Hughes** (voice), **Mr Simon Spillett** (woodwind),  
**Ms Naomi Jacob** (upper strings) **Mrs Jo Horder** (cello),

**Mrs Jennie Grant** is making a recovery from her fall last term and hopes to be back at work in the coming weeks.

**Mrs Michelle Dallas** will be returning to the conductorship of Senior Windband

## **PROFESSIONAL RECITALS:**

**The Marylebone Wind Trio** (Oboe, Clarinet, & Bassoon) perform in the AMC Recital Hall on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 pm. A great opportunity for players of those instruments to hear top quality musicians playing an exciting programme of music.

**The DYAD Percussion Duo** perform in the AMC Recital Hall on Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30 pm. These players both featured in the 2006 BBC Young Musician of the Year competition: Thrilling, energetic, dynamic, virtuosic – not to be missed!

*Tickets for each concert - £6 (£4 for students).*

## **40's NIGHT:**

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January – 7:30pm. Do join us for what promises to be a brilliant evening evoking the spirit of the 40's.....Food, décor, Ration-books, & music to match! Tickets £10 to include food. Fancy dress optional – but preferred!

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## **COUNTY MUSIC SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Application forms to apply for County Music Scholarships, tenable at Aylesbury Music Centre from September 2009, are now available. The Scholarship allows particularly able young musicians to access a music-education 'package' comprising specialist lessons, theory, aural and membership of ensembles as appropriate.

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## **SOLOISTS' COMPETITION 2009:**

The AMC Soloists' Competition allows an opportunity for Centre members to perform a solo in front of a friendly audience, and a positive adjudicator! The competition takes place during the week of 2<sup>nd</sup> March – with the Finals Concert on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Application forms are now available, and need to be returned by 13<sup>th</sup> February.

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## **RECORDER TUITION:**

Recorder teaching, in friendly group lessons, is available at AMC on Saturday mornings – a perfect instrument for young musicians. Come along and try it!

- Complete beginners 10:00am
  - Juniors - able to play 'a bit already' 9:30am
  - Recorder Ensemble – some competency already 9:00
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## **FAREWELL:**

This is my last term as Head of Aylesbury Music Centre. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at AMC and would like to take this opportunity to thank all staff, parents, students and friends who have made it such a great place to work. My good wishes for the future.... I have no doubt that AMC will go from strength to strength. Happy Music making to all!

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## **FEES:**

- **Music Centre membership entitles membership of TWO ensembles:**  
If your child currently access only one ensemble, you may like to have a word as to options for a second activity?
- *If you need to apply for help with fees – please complete a **Remission of Fees** form – available from the AMC foyer or the AMC Office.*

Basic Centre Membership for 1st child (up to 2 Ensembles)	<b>£53.50</b>
Basic Centre Membership for 2nd and subsequent child (up to 2 Ensembles)	<b>£45</b>
Supplement (if in 3 or more Ensembles)	<b>£12</b>
Full scholarship (1st Child)	<b>£263</b>
Half Scholarship (1st Child)	<b>£169.50</b>
Full scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	<b>£254.50</b>
Half Scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	<b>£161</b>
30 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	<b>£150</b>
20 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	<b>£102</b>
Percussion lessons (usually in small group)	<b>£53.50</b>
Theory, advanced Aural group classes (no charge for Scholars)	<b>£29.50</b>

**PARKING:** On Tuesday/Thursday evenings & Saturday mornings please use the AHS Main Car Park (NOT the AMC car park).

In using the AHS car park **PLEASE** observe the double-yellow-lines & the 'disabled' markings: It is important that there should be **NO Parking or Waiting** in these restricted zones. Even if just 'dropping off' please proceed to car-park proper.....