



Aylesbury Music Centre

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Summer Term 2010 Newsletter

Start of AMC Saturday 24th April

Half Term AMC closed 29th May 2010 - 6th June 2010 inclusive. (*May 3rd is a Bank Holiday, AMC closed*)

Last Summer Term session – Monday 5th July 2010.

NB - NO MUSIC CENTRE ENSEMBLES ON MAY 8th.

We are very sorry, but due to the 50th birthday celebrations of AHS, *we cannot* operate as normal, so we have suspended the following ensembles for this date.

- Youth Orchestra
- Senior Orchestra
- Junior Orchestra
- String Orchestra
- Concert Band

If you have an individual lessons, percussion, aural or theory, these lessons **WILL** take place. *Please check the time of your lesson with your teacher. It may be different from usual.*

NEWSLETTERS

To keep you up to date, we now plan to produce a newsletter at the beginning of each half term. If your child does not take a copy home, newsletters can be accessed via our information site <http://aymc.shutterfly.com>

SOLOISTS COMPETITION

Congratulations to all those who took part. For me, it was a great opportunity to see and hear so many AMC Pupils. I now can put names to more faces! The winners were:

SENIOR: Joint 1st Ben Hale - Trumpet / Joseph Smith - Piano
 2nd Grace Smith - Flute
 3rd Heather Stephenson – Trumpet

INTERMEDIATE: 1st Eddie Bains - Saxophone
 2nd Raoul Charmin - Flute
 3rd Briony Basterfield – Voice

JUNIOR: 1st Christopher Hobbs - Bassoon
 2nd Cami Nourshargh - Tuba
 3rd Lydia Bockmuehl – Cello

CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Did you learn an instrument at school? Or are you learning one now? On Sunday June 13th we are planning to have a Come and Play afternoon. **ADULTS ONLY!** Get your instrument out now! The workshop is *not* intended for high flyers, so don't be shy! Application forms are available on <http://aymc.shutterfly.com> or pick one up in the foyer. Come and have a go!



PROFESSIONAL RECITALS

Although we are *not* having one this term, please put the following date in your diary - Friday October 16th @ 7.30pm in the Roblin Hall. The Galliard Ensemble is one of the leading Wind Ensembles in this country. This is an exciting opportunity to hear them perform locally at a much reduced price. Tickets will be available shortly.

EVENTS and CONCERTS planned so far this term

April	
29 th	AMC @ Winslow Mighty Cake Party – Winslow Junior School – 5.30pm
May	
8 th	Dance Band and Brass Band Concert - Hardwick Church - 7:15pm
13 th	Training Dance Band / Beginner Strings / String Orchestra – Roblin Hall - 7pm
15 th	Concert Band Film Night & Intermediate Strings – AHS Main Hall 7:30pm
28 th	Break Up For Half Term
June	
7 th	Music Centre activities restart
11 th	Music in the Park, Stowe Gardens 7pm
13 th	Have a Go Band, Roblin Hall 2.30-5.30pm
27 th	Big Band Special - The Court Theatre at Pendley
26 th -27 th	MAD @ Waddesdon
26 th	Clarinet Choir and BBQ
27 th	Big Band Special. Pendley Theatre. Tring
July	
4 th	SUMMER EVENT - AMC
5 th	Last Music Centre this term.
8 th - 11 th	Clarinet Choir and Rhythm Studio Tour - Bruges
tba	Youth Orchestra Concert - Harding Hall (originally scheduled for 10 th July)
20 th - 24 th	Youth Orchestra Tour
21 st	End of School Term

FEES:

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.

	<u>Fees</u>
Basic Centre Membership for 1st child (up to 2 Ensembles)	56.50
Basic Centre Membership for 2nd and subsequent child (up to 2 Ensembles)	47.50
Supplement (if in 3 or more Ensembles)	12.50
Full scholarship (1st Child)	279.00
Half Scholarship (1st Child)	179.00
Full scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	270.00
Half Scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	170.00
30 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	158.00
20 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	108.00
Percussion lessons (usually in small group)	56.50
Theory, advanced Aural group classes (no charge for Scholars)	31.50

National Festival of Music for Youth

We had a fabulous day of music making here at AMC. Many of our bands took part alongside various school ensembles from our area. The two adjudicators from Youth Music gave very helpful comments to the bands after their performances and were especially impressed with the high standards of our bands. **Well done everyone who took part.** Some groups will be invited to perform at Birmingham in July. From that performance, some bands will be invited to perform at the Schools Prom at The Royal Albert Hall in London. Let's keep our fingers crossed!

With best wishes for a happy summer term.

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