

Aylesbury Music Centre



Newsletter

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AMC Newsletters contain important information for Parents & Students alike.

Welcome back !

I hope all of you have had a restful and refreshing summer break. Congratulations to everyone who took part in our Summer Festival which took place over a whole week. I attended every concert and was impressed by both the high standards and the enthusiasm. Our 'cello money box' yielded over £600! Thank you for your generosity, the money has gone into account of the 'Friends of Aylesbury Music Centre' who raise money for the Centre. All the concerts were well attended. Thank you!

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

Autumn Term 2009: Commences: Sat 12th September (weekday groups from 14th Sept)
Half term: AMC closed 24th – 31st October inclusive
Last AMC sessions: Saturday 5th December

Spring Term 2010 Commences: Saturday 8th January (weekday groups from 10th January)
Half Term: AMC closed 15th – 21st February inclusive
Last AMC sessions: Saturday 27th March

ROYAL ALBERT HALL

Congratulations once again to the Dance Band. They have been invited to play in the Schools Prom on November 9th at this prestigious venue. Their recent trip to Rotterdam, taking part in the North Sea Jazz festival was a real success.

THE PROFESSIONAL RECITAL SERIES

We have 3 very different concerts this term.

The first in this series is a concert for Viol Consort and Voice featuring amongst others Alison Crum, who is one of the UK's best known exponents of the Viol. This concert will take place at 3.00pm on Sunday September 27th in the Roblyn Hall.

We will follow this concert up with a 'Try the Viol' day on December 13th - this day will be open to all age groups.

The second concert in the series, will take place on October 23rd featuring The Stellar String quartet with Piano – Steve Polydorou, performing Radiohead's 'Kid A.' This promises to be a concert with a difference and includes Tom Horn (violin) from the AMC.

The final concert of this term will be from The Rivoli String Quartet, who will be performing Haydn, Shulhoff and Dvorak.

Please come and enjoy. Tickets are priced at Adults £6 and Students £4.

STAFF NEWS

We have said 'Goodbye' to Sam Leak, James Manders, Jenny Morgan and Mark Walters
We welcome Alice Wainwright – cello, Alison Gott – violin, Kirsten Luts – guitar and Simon Hale – Jazz piano/harmony.

NEWSLETTERS

Newsletters will now be issued every half term. The first will arrive at the beginning of term with your invoice, the second will be issued directly to the students. Please remember to look in your childrens' music bags if you haven't received yours!

FRIENDS of AMC

The AGM will be held on Saturday October 3rd @ 7.30pm. Wine and cheese will be available and I look forward to meeting you that evening.

The Christmas Fayre will take place on November 14th.

The Friends do an amazing job. If you think you may have an hour or so to spare, they would love to hear from you.

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)	55.00
Basic Centre Membership for 2nd and subsequent child (up to 2 Ensembles)	46.50
Supplement (if in 3 or more Ensembles)	12.00
Full scholarship (1st Child)	271.00
Half Scholarship (1st Child)	174.50
Full scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	262.50
Half Scholarship (2nd and subsequent child)	166.00
30 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	154.50
20 minute tuition (Horn, Oboe, Bassoon, Double Bass etc (Instrumental lesson)	105.00
Percussion lessons (usually in small group)	55.00
Theory, advanced Aural group classes (no charge for Scholars)	30.50

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.....

Suzanne Hopkins - Head, Aylesbury Music Centre