

St. Andrew's Academy Music Department Newsletter

Dates for your Diary.....

We have a busy couple of months in the lead up to the festive season. Below are a list of performances our young musicians will be involved in. There are a few opportunities for you to come along and join us and have an afternoon or evening of entertainment*.

Date & Time	Performance	Groups Involved	Venue	For
Thurs 22nd Nov. 7pm	Cluster Mass	Senior Choir	St. Fergus' Parish	All Pupils and Families/Friends*
Thurs 29th Nov.	St. Andrew's Day Mass	Senior & Junior Choirs	St. Mirrin Cathedral	School Community
Thurs 6th Dec.	Lunchtime Concert	Junior Choir	Accord Hospice	Accord Hospice Residents & Staff
Wed 12th Dec. 1.15-2.00pm	Concert Hall Café Lunchtime Concert	Senior & Junior Choirs Concert Band	Glasgow Royal Concert Hall	Families & General Public*
Wed 19th Dec. 7pm	Christmas Concert	All	St. Andrew's Academy Hall	All Pupils and Families/Friends*
Thurs 20th Dec.	Accord Hospice Mass	Senior Choir	Accord Hospice	Accord Hospice Residents & Staff

CELEBRATING SUCCESS!



This term we have been celebrating success in the music department and each month we have awarded the title of 'Musician of the Month' for each year group. The winners for September & October are listed below, they fought off tough competition to take the title! Congratulations to all!

SEPTEMBER 2018

- S1 Amy McAlonan
- S2 Selina Sharma
- S3 Emma Gallacher
- S4 Chloe Smith
- S5/6 David McGregor

OCTOBER 2018

- S1 Isla Watson
- S2 Tom Edgar
- S3 Mia Templeton
- S4 Beth McLean
- S5/6 Beth Donovan



We are also celebrating our pupils wider achievements in music outside of school. In June *Deborah Alhassan*, then S3, passed her Grade 3 Guitar with distinction, and *Adam Simpson* who has just left our S6 passed his Grade 8 Piano with distinction. Both fantastic achievements, congratulations to them both! This year we also had a large number of pupils going on to study music and music technology at college and university!

HELP US CELEBRATE SUCCESS!

Please help us celebrate our pupils achievements by sharing them with us through our website: www.standrewspaisley.com. Go the 'Parents' drop down menu and select 'Wider Achievement Nomination'.

BEHIND THE NOISE

This year we have 17 pupils taking part in a project outside of school called 'Behind The Noise' where pupils have the opportunity to learn about all aspects of the music industry from performing to managing bands and musicians, organising concerts and behind the scene support. The pupils have formed two new bands for this project and this will culminate in the bands performing in a showcase gig in the Classic Grand in Spring next year. We will keep you updated on their progress and upcoming gigs!



What's been happening in the Music Department?

It has been a busy term in the Music Department, some of our senior pupils attended an American Minimalist concert performed by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra. This was a very enjoyable and informative concert which allowed pupils to hear the orchestra live and also study the music further to gain an insight into the techniques used in this style of music. On Thursday 1st November our junior and senior choirs supported the singing at our masses in school for the Solemnity of All Saints. This was a very reflective time for all in the school, and we are grateful to Father Jim and Father Matthew for supporting us in these masses. The staff of the music department decided to put their money where their mouths were and held a performance Masterclass for the pupils studying Higher and Advanced Higher Music, highlighting good exam techniques to show the pupils how to improve. On Thursday 8th November in the evening, the department took over 40 pupils, mainly from S2, to hear the Glasgow Studio Orchestra perform their spectacular 'Film Music' concert. The pupils really enjoyed the experience and this was the first time most of them had the opportunity to hear a live orchestra.



BEAUTY & THE BEAST



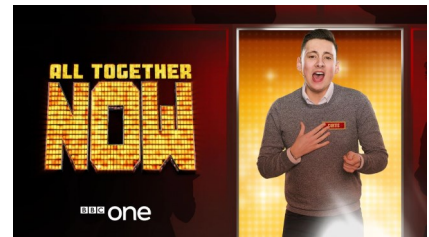
In June this year we will be premiering our version of 'Beauty & the Beast'. Auditions are taking place over the course of November and then the final cast list will be announced. Rehearsals will be underway from January on Wednesday's evenings from 3pm to 5pm. Please come along and get involved, it is a great way to meet new people, learn some new skills and have fun in the process!

FORMER PUPIL SPOTLIGHT—CURTIS CAMPBELL.

Since leaving school I went on to study an HNC in Music and Performance at West College Scotland. Upon completing the HNC I was headhunted by a local agency, F3 Entertainments, who provide Scotland's top live entertainment and shows. Joining several tribute bands such as The Jersey Tones and Could It Be Take That gave me the opportunity to tour up and down the UK performing at many prestigious corporate events. This allowed me to gain new skills and better myself within the music industry. It also gave me the confidence to branch out to produce my own solo show. In 2017 I was given an amazing opportunity to be part of a new primetime show on BBC 1, All Together Now, as a judge in the 100



working alongside Rob Beckett and Geri Halliwell from the Spice Girls. I was luckily enough to be invited back to take part in a Christmas celebrity special including Gemma Collins, Amber Davies and Alison Hammond which will be premiered at the end of the year. Currently, I'm working on expanding my own entertainment company to provide singers, tribute acts, actors and dancers around the world. I have plans to open my own music studio and hope to start my own singing club and choir after the new year. If you are interested in signing up to be a part of various projects and productions, please contact me on;



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Christmas Concert

Please join us on Wednesday 19th December for our annual Christmas Concert at 7pm in our Social Space. We will have a variety of acts for you to enjoy and help you get in the Christmas spirit! There will be Tea & Coffee available at the interval and a raffle for you to take a chance on. Tickets will be available the week prior to the concert. Please come along and support our young musicians, we look forward to seeing you there!

