



Newsletter | Summer Term 2024

Welcome to NCAM!

I do hope that you all enjoyed your first week at NCAM following a good summer with family and friends.

I welcome all our new students and I encourage you all to join our free groups from the orchestra, to our smaller ensembles. It is very rewarding to play in a group and benefits your day to day improvement.

This term we introduced a new initiative, the opportunity to learn the violin for 1 term, free of charge, to see if it is for you. I was delighted with the response and we have welcomed 15 budding violinists.

I hope to develop this and offer other orchestral instruments in the future. If you would like to be considered for a future 'trial term' please do contact me and I will add your name to our waiting list. Our trial terms run on a first come, first served basis, so do not leave it to the last opportunity.

Please visit our website on a regular basis to keep up to date with developments. The website gives all term and concert dates so please enter date in your diaries now.

I wish you all a happy and successful 2024.

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2024 Key Dates

- Term 1:** 19 February - 11 April
- Term 2:** 29 April - 4 July (Catch-up week: 8 July - 11 July)
- Term 3:** 22 July - 26 September
- Term 4:** 14 October - 21 November (Catch-up week: 25 November - 28 November)

AGM: Monday 25 March at 6:30pm

Mid-year Concert: Saturday 15 June

End of Year Concert: Saturday 23 November

Group Timetable

Choir	Monday 4:45 - 5:30	Studio 1	Jeannette McGrath
Cello Ensemble	Thursday 5:00 - 5:30	Studio 3	Naomi Harmer
Celtic Fiddles	Thursday 5:30 - 6:30	Studio 1	Jeremy Brownbrooke
Academy Orchestra	Thursday 6:30 - 7:45	Function Room	Mark Hodgkinson

Hardship Fund

At our recent committee meeting we discussed an NCAM Hardship Fund for any parents who may be experiencing difficulties in paying fees. The committee wants to support any parents in this situation. Please make contact with me, this will remain confidential, and I will work with you to hopefully find a solution.

Examinations



If you are interested in taking an examination this year please talk to your tutor who will help you select the grade and examination board that are best suited to you best. Please find the links below to the Trinity and ABRSM websites which will outline examination dates and costs.

Trinity: <https://www.trinitycollege.com/local-trinity/new-zealand>

ABRSM: <https://nz.abrsm.org/en/exam-booking/exam-dates-and-fees/>

The first examination session for Trinity is in May and the closing date is Friday 22 March. Please have your entries forwarded to me and the Trinity examination fee paid to NCAM by **Monday 18 March**.