



Newsletter | Spring 2021

Welcome back!

Welcome back to Term 4! In the next couple of weeks our focus will be on the preparations for our End of Year Concert. This year due to our COVID restrictions the committee have decided that it is necessary for our End of Year Showcase and Soloist Concert to be combined into one Performance Day on **Saturday 20 November**. I do hope that all our students will be able to participate in the day as it is a lovely way to end the year.



I am delighted to include our final examination student who received a merit in her recent exam. I was very pleased for our students in August who achieved such excellent results. Exams are a great way to gain confidence and become familiar with performing in a formal environment. I would encourage any student to discuss this with their tutors.

I am looking forward to seeing you all on Saturday 20 November for our End of Year performances. It will be a wonderful day to celebrate the progress of all our students throughout this year.

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Join the NCAM Committee!

We are looking for some parents to join us on the NCAM committee. We are looking for 2 general members and a Treasurer.

Committee members are asked to attend 4 committee meetings a year (1 per term) and help at NCAM events where possible.

If you are interested please do email me. We would love to see you at our Committee meetings in the future!

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End of Year Showcase & Soloists Concert

This year our End of Year Showcase and Soloists Concert's will be combined and run as a Performance Day on **Saturday 20 November**. This decision was made by the committee as we feel that this is the best option for everyone considering our COVID safety requirements.

The groups and students will be timetabled throughout the day to allow for those playing solo pieces and in the ensemble performances. I will have this timetable to you by the end of this week. I do hope that despite the change in times, all our students will be able to perform in this very special concert.

This year I will be recording the student performances throughout the day to ensure that these can then be viewed by any parents, friends or family who are unable to attend in person on the day. If you do not wish for your son/daughter to be filmed please let me know directly. If I do not hear from you I will assume that you are happy for me to record the concert.

There will be a 15 minute break between groups to allow for audience members to leave before the next group arrive.

Group Timetable

Choir	Monday 4:45 - 5:30	Studio 3	Charlie Neeson
Junior Chamber Group	Every 2 nd Wednesday 6:45 - 7:15	Studio 2	Reina Dornan
Wind Ensemble	Every 2 nd Wednesday 7:15 - 8:15	Studio 2	Reina Dornan
Advanced Wind Chamber Group	Every 2 nd Wednesday 8:15 - 8:45	Studio 1 & 2 (by invitation)	Reina Dornan
Cello Ensemble	Thursday 5:05 - 5:35	Studio 3	Naomi Harmer
Celtic Fiddles	Thursday 5:30 - 6:30	Green Room	Jeremy Brownbrooke
Junior Orchestra	Thursday 5:45 - 6:30	Small Theatre	Mark Hodgkinson
Senior Orchestra	Thursday 6:30 - 7:45	Small Theatre	Mark Hodgkinson

COVID Protocols

At Alert Level 2 there is low risk of community transmission, but we do have a number of public health requirements to follow.

First of all, the basics that we are all following at the moment:-

- If you are unwell, stay home.
- Wash your hands/sanitise regularly.
- Cough/sneeze into your elbow.
- Maintain social distancing where possible.
- Sign in using the NZ Covid Tracer App.
- Wear a mask if you are over the age of 12.

All individuals over the age of 12 should sign in where possible using the QR code. There is a separate register at the top of the stairs for anyone under the age of 12.

All students over the age of 12 should enter and exit their lessons on their own. Parents/caregivers are asked to wait in the car park.

There is to be NO waiting in the common area. If a student under the age of 12 needs to have a parent/caregiver with them then they have to sit in the lesson and wear a mask.

There is to be no crossing in the stairwell. You need to wait at the top or the bottom to allow people to enter/exit.

Masks are to be worn by all visitors over the age of 12 at ALL times.

The Academy is being treated the same as any educational facility. Therefore, masks are not required for the duration of lessons, but they are encouraged where possible.

Groups will recommence from today, following the same guidelines.