



Newsletter | Summer Term 2025

Welcome to NCAM!

Welcome back and Happy New Year to you all. I do hope that you all enjoyed the holiday season and New Year celebrations.

The End of Year Concert was a great success and I am delighted to say that the support of families and friends helped us exceed the audience numbers of previous years. Thank you to everyone involved, with special thanks to our tutors who prepared our students so well.

We must thank Susan Endres for her teaching at NCAM over the last few years as sadly Susan left the Academy at the end of 2024. We wish her well in the future.

I must also congratulate all of our prize winners who received their awards at the Final Concert.

Julia Holcroft Cup for Dedication and Achievement

Owen Sanders Cup for Musicianship

2025 NCAM Scholarship

Pearce Conole

Angela Clenshaw

Sienna Neate



2025 is a busy year and we are looking forward to welcoming members of Christchurch Symphony Orchestra for our biennial Orchestral Weekend here at NCAM. The weekend will be open to all players from beginners to seasoned players and held at the Rangiora Town Hall Auditorium on 22 & 23 August. Please put this date in your diary and encourage your friends

and family to join us, either as a member of the audience or as a member of our Orchestral Weekend Orchestra. This is a great opportunity for everyone to participate.

2024 was also a successful year for our examination students with a record number of examinations sat. Congratulations to you all, who I am sure will join me in again thanking our tutors for their support and encouragement in preparation for these exams.

Sarah Caldwell	Flute	Grade 6	Merit
Sienna Neate	Cello	Grade 5	Distinction
Elizabeth Shore	R&P Drums	Grade 5	Merit
Zara Couperus	Flute	Grade 5	Merit
Louisa Sulzberger	Piano	Grade 5	Pass
Imogen Neate	Classical Guitar	Grade 4	Distinction
Amy Jiao	Piano	Grade 4	Merit
Simon Harnett	R&P Drums	Grade 4	Pass
Seth Clenshaw	Piano	Grade 4	Merit
Matilda Parish	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Ian Liu	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Ethan Hu	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Emily Grinder	Piano	Grade 3	Merit
Angela Clenshaw	Piano	Grade 3	Pass
Benny Ferguson	Piano	Grade 1	Distinction
Hannah Clenshaw	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Vera Cobb	Piano	Grade 1	Merit
Addison Drake	R&P Vocals	Grade 1	Merit
Shilo Milne	R&P Vocals	Grade 1	Merit
George Dunn	Piano	Grade 1	Pass
Olivia Woodcock	Piano	Initial	Distinction
Tiffany Li	Piano	Initial	Merit
Emily Li	Piano	Initial	Pass

I would also like to take this opportunity, on your behalf, to thank our committee who generously give their time and work to ensure that NCAM continues to thrive. You can also find photos from our concerts last year in the gallery portion of our website.

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2025 Key Dates

Term 1: 17 February - 10 April (8 weeks)

Term 2: 28 April - 26 June (9 weeks)

Term 3: 14 July - 18 September (10 weeks)

Term 4: 6 October - 20 November (7 weeks)

AGM: Thursday 10 April at 6:30pm

Mid-year Concert: Saturday 14 June

Orchestral Weekend: Friday 22 & Saturday 23 August

End of Year Concert: Saturday 22 November

Group Timetable

Choir	Monday 4:45 - 5:30	Studio 1	Jeannette McGrath
Cello Ensemble	Thursday 4:30 - 5:00	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

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 late May and the closing date is Friday 21 March. Please have your entries forwarded to me and the Trinity examination fee paid to NCAM by **Monday 17 March**.

The only examination session for ABRSM is in November and the closing date is 1 July. Please have your entries forwarded to me and the ABRSM examination fee paid to NCAM by **24 June**.