

LARGER CO-CURRICULAR ENSEMBLES

Smaller Guitar, Flute, Clarinet and Saxophone groups also meet regularly throughout the week. The times will be decided once the term has begun.

Monday 1.25pm

MGS Year 5 & 6 Choir M16

Close Harmony M2

Tuesday 1.20pm

Junior and Lower School Ensembles (String, Flutes, Saxophone, Brass, Guitar)

Lunchtime Concerts(occasional) M1 1.30pm

Wednesday 1.25pm

Stravaganza (Senior Strings grade 6 +) M2

Jazz Band (grade 6+) M16

ARCO (Strings grades 1-4) M1

Thursday 1.25pm

Intermediate Band (Wind and Brass grades 1-5) M16

Concert Band (Wind and Brass grades 5+) M1

Senior Orchestra (grades 5 +) 3.45pm - 5.00pm M1

Friday 1.25pm

MGS Choir M1

Thursday Singers 3.45pm

USEFUL INFORMATION

Co-Curricular music is designed so that it covers a whole range of instruments, standards and styles; and is designed as a progression so that as boys improve in standard, they become eligible for more senior ensembles. It is available for all pupils whether they learn an instrument in school or not.

For example, a string player of grade 3 standard could start in ARCO and progress to Senior Orchestra when grade 5 has been achieved and may then be eligible for selection for Stravaganza.

A wind or brass player may start from scratch and play in the Junior and Lower School Ensembles, then progress to Intermediate Band, and then on to Concert Band and be eligible for selection for Jazz Band.

MGS Choir is available to all years in the school. The treble parts are sung by Lower School boys with older boys singing Alto, Tenor or Bass. You do not have to be able to read music well, or play an instrument to join choir, you just need to enjoy singing and turn up to rehearsals. We will teach you the rest. Close Harmony and Thursday Singers (with MHSG and WGS) is selected from senior members of Choir.

Concert Dress is normally white shirt, school tie and school trousers. Tickets can be booked in advance on the school's website www.mgs.org via the Calendar & Events box. For any assistance ring Julie Wright: 0161-224 7201 x 241. Concerts which start at **6.30pm.** will usually proceed without an interval, and refreshments will be available from the refectory from **5.45pm.** Refreshments are provided at concerts in school as part of the admission charge if there is one. There will usually be an extra rehearsal in the Hall during the day of a concert. You will be notified in writing of any extra rehearsals which take place out of school time.

Please contact Robert Carey (Director of Music ext. 440) r.m.carey@mgs.org or any other member of the Music Department if you have any questions.



MUSIC 2011 -12



DATES AND INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND PUPILS

Please find listed:

Concert dates and ticket arrangements

Co-curricular ensembles

Contact information

MICHAELMAS TERM 2011

Friday 14 October

Founders Day Service at Manchester Cathedral

An important occasion for MGS choir to perform for the first time in the academic year.
Rehearsal the previous day in the afternoon.

Wednesday 9 November

Senior Recital Class: Memorial Hall, 6.30pm.

Admission free

A chance to hear some of the top instrumentalists in the school perform in front of an external adjudicator and compete for the prestigious senior recital cup

Thursday 8 December

Christmas Carol Service at St. Ann's Church, Manchester. 7.30pm.

Celebrate the arrival of the festive season with MGS Choir (Senior and Junior Schools) in a traditional carol service.

Monday 12 December

MGS Christmas Concert: Memorial Hall, 6.30pm

A celebration of seasonal music given by the large ensembles from all sections of the school.
Tickets in advance from Box office £4.00 (£3.00 concessions) and on the door



LENT TERM 2012

Sunday 5 February

Dream of Gerontius: Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

A performance of Edward Elgar's masterpiece given in aid of CLIC Sargent. This will involve the MGS community and the wider musical community of Manchester.

Orchestra and singers conducted by Robert Carey.

Details of how to get involved in the performance, of rehearsals and of how to book tickets will be published nearer the time.

Friday 9 March

Concert by *Quatuor Danel* (the string quartet in residence at Manchester University):

Memorial Hall, 7.30pm,

Continuing our close links with the University Music Department, the Danels will perform this concert at MGS for the fourth season.

Tickets £10 (£4 concession). Call 0161 275 8951, or email boxoffice@manchester.ac.uk,

Wednesday 14 March

MGS Individual Music Festival:

9.00am - 3.45pm, Memorial Hall & M1

Admission free

Anyone who learns an instrument is welcome to enter. There will be two external adjudicators and class will be structured according to level of experience. Prizes will be awarded for each class.

Look out for the entry forms in the music department earlier in the term!

Wednesday 21 March

Junior School Concert: Memorial Hall, 6.30pm.

Showcasing Junior choirs, ensembles & solos.

Tickets in advance from Box office £4.00 (£3.00 concessions) and on the door

Wednesday 28 March

MGS Easter Concert: Memorial Hall, 6.30pm.

A Showcase concert focussed on the senior groups and ensembles.

Tickets in advance from Box office £4.00 (£3.00 concessions) and on the door

SUMMER TERM 2012

Thursday 26 April

MGS Guitars Concert: Memorial Hall, 6.30pm.

Guitar ensembles and solos from all sections of the school.

Tickets in advance from Box office £4.00 (£3.00 concessions) and on the door.

Saturday 28 April

MGS Jazz Dinner Dance: Memorial Hall, 7.30pm.

Tickets available from the Music Department.

Wednesday 2 May

MGS Summer Concert: Memorial Hall, 6.30pm.

A chance for middle and lower school ensembles to perform.

Tickets in advance from Box office £4.00 (£3.00 concessions) and on the door.

Wednesday 9 May

A2 Recitals:

Memorial Hall, 6.30pm.

Admission Free.

The Upper 6th perform as part of their A Level.

Wednesday 20 June

Recital Class years 5-10:

M1 Music Department 6.30pm.

Admission Free

A chance to hear some of the top instrumentalist in the Junior, Lower and Middle School perform in front of an external adjudicator, and compete for the Peter H. Greenburgh recital cup.

