



Guernsey Music Centre

October
2023

Autumn Term 2023

Fridays 20th and 27th October

No Jazz rehearsals

Saturdays 21st and 28th October

No Music Centre around half term

Saturday 4th November

Eisteddfod Music entries to be handed in at Les Varendes High School between 10am and 1:30pm

Saturday 2nd December

Southbank Sinfonia visit

Masterclasses for violin, viola and cello and at Music Centre. Participating pupils will be contacted

Saturday 2nd December

Youth Camerata - featuring current and past Music Centre pupils - 8pm at St James

Saturday 3rd December

Guernsey Camerata/GSO Concert 2.30pm at St James

(with open rehearsal for accompanied Music Centre students on Saturday 2nd from 3pm to 5:30pm at St James)

****Thursday 7th December****

Youth Choir – Carol Singing in Town – more details to follow

Friday 8th December

Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools

****Saturday 9th December****

Christmas Open Morning, Les Varendes High School (last Music Centre of the term)

****Friday 15th & Saturday 16th December** - Guernsey Choral & Orchestral Society Christmas Concerts, 7:30pm at St James**
Junior and Intermediate Choirs to perform. Details to be confirmed.

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 9th January

Instrumental lessons in school & weekday choirs recommence.

Friday 12th January

Jazz rehearsals recommence.

Saturday 13th January

Music Centre recommences.

****Friday 26th January****

Winter Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate & Guernsey Girls' Choirs. 7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 27th January****

Winter Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir. 7:30pm at St James

Fridays 9th & 16th February

No Jazz rehearsals

Saturdays 10th & 17th February

No Music Centre around half term

Thursday 22nd February – Saturday 2nd March

Guernsey Music Eisteddfod

****Saturday 16th March****

Friends of Guernsey Music Centre Jazz Evening at Performing Arts Centre, Les Ozouets - featuring Training and Youth Jazz Orchestras and Electric String Quartet 7:30pm. Ticket price will include a light supper

Friday 22nd March

Last day of instrumental lessons in State schools.

Saturday 23rd March

Guernsey Symphony Orchestra Concert, 8pm at St James
with open rehearsal for accompanied Music Centre students from 3pm to 5:45pm at St James

Summer Term 2024

Tuesday 9th April

Instrumental lessons in school & weekday choirs recommence.

Saturday 11th May

No Music Centre – auditions for Youth Training Orchestra, Concert Wind Band and Youth Orchestra – by invitation only.

****Sunday 19th May****

Youth Jazz and Training Jazz Orchestras at Candie Gardens, 3pm.

Fridays 24th & 31st May

No Jazz rehearsals

Saturdays 25th May and 1st June

No Music Centre around half term

****Friday 21st June****

Summer Concert - Youth Wind Band, Youth Training Orchestra, Intermediate & Guernsey Girls' Choirs.

7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 22nd June****

Leavers' Concert - Youth Orchestra, Concert Wind Band & Youth Choir.

7:30pm at St James

****Saturday 29th June****

Open Morning, Les Varendes High School (last Music Centre of the term).

Friday 5th July

Last day of instrumental lessons.

Sunday 7th July

Possible Music Centre trip to Sark for Youth Chamber Orchestra, Youth Jazz Orchestra and Year 13 Choir members - details tba

For Saturday Music Centre, please telephone 01481 222953



Music Centre Tour to Biberach



Top Left – direct flight with Blue Islands

Above – Schützenfest Parade

Left & Bottom Left – Concert at St Martin's Church, Biberach



In July, sixty-eight Music Centre students and nine staff visited the town of Biberach in southwest Germany to take part in their cultural festival, the 'Schützenfest', and to further the links between the town and Guernsey. This important cultural link stems from the fact that Guernsey residents were interned there during WW2. Students performed four concerts around the region and took part in a parade around the town as part of the festival. They also had some time to explore the town, visited the local funfair, took a boat trip on Lake Constance and attended the Premiere of the Bregenz Opera Festival, which was featured in the 2008 James Bond movie, *Quantum of Solace*. Everyone was well looked after by our hosts who subsequently nominated the students for a Pride of Guernsey award.

Choral Performances and Workshops

The Youth Choir performed on stage at St James with visiting choir Voces8 on 20th September which was a great opportunity for our young people. Music Centre singers have also taken part in workshops this term with visiting members of the National Gilbert and Sullivan Opera Company and with the well-known conductor, composer and singer Bob Chilcott (below).



Orca Trust - Beau Sejour

Members of the Music Centre Brass and Percussion sections (pictured below) enjoyed being part of the Orca Trust Fundraiser Concert at Beau Sejour on 7th October, performing pieces they originally played on tour in Biberach for the street parade (pictured above) to a packed and enthusiastic audience.

