

Oxfordshire County Music Service Central Music School (CMS)

Summer Term 2019 – Newsletter 5

So much has happened since the last newsletter; it's hard to keep up. We had a great weekend of music-making at Music for Youth on 30/31 March; all the groups played really well. I can announce that OCYO have been invited to play in Birmingham, Symphony Hall on Saturday, 6 July. Also invited from the music service are Flute Ensemble, Clarinet Choir and Blackbird Leys String Band; well done to all.

OSSO put on a lovely concert on 31 March; congratulations to Daniel Heffernen on winning the Composer Platform for his work *Hurst Rise*. We started this term with a bang when OCYO shared a concert on Tuesday with the Sydney Youth Orchestra in the Sheldonian Theatre. It was a great concert and a rare opportunity for the youth orchestras to hear each other play.

We have a busy schedule this term as well with a number of events towards the end of term. Many students will be doing exams, but we hope they still continue to come on Saturdays as a relief from their studies.

Application forms for next year are now available; all students should submit an application whether thinking of moving ensembles or not. This is the only way we can assess the numbers in each group. This year the forms are only for CMS; the applications for touring groups will be produced at a later date when more information is available.

Normal Rehearsals			
Summer Term			
Apr 27	May 4 11 18	Jun 8 15 22 29	Jul 6 (not OCYO)

ADDITIONAL DATES				
OCYO	Music for Youth Birmingham Dorchester Abbey		Sat 6 Jul Sat 13 Jul (2-10)	
OSSO	Dorchester Abbey	Fri 12 Jul (3-10)	OYWO	Westgate Centre Dorchester Abbey
			22 June (am) Fri 12 Jul (3 - 10)	

Saturday, 22 June – Morning Concert in the Westgate Centre, Oxford – OYWO only

OYWO will perform with the Oxford Music Centre wind band in a concert in the large area outside John Lewis in the Westgate Centre. They will be joined by members of the Scots Guards Band. This will take place within the normal CMS time; transport will be arranged from the Centre for Music.

In preparation for this concert, OYWO will have two rehearsals at St Gregory the Great School, Cricket Rd, Oxford on 18 May and 8 June from 9:30 – 11:30. Transport from the Centre for Music will be provided; students who live near St Gregory's can go straight there. More details to follow.

Saturday, 22 June – Morning Concert with Launchpad Band, Oxford – OSSO only, Centre for Music

This year Oxfordshire County Music Service have run a new junior ensemble, Launchpad Band. In order to give them an exciting end of year experience, they will join with OSSO for a short concert at the end of Saturday morning; this will take place within the normal CMS times. More details to follow.

Saturday, 6 July – Performance at Music for Youth Finals – OCYO only, Symphony Hall Birmingham

Following their performance at the regional round of Music for Youth at the end of March, OCYO have been invited to perform in the finals and will play on the stage of Symphony Hall, Birmingham, one of the finest concert halls in the world. Transport will be arranged; currently we don't know if the performance will be in the morning or afternoon session; more details to follow.

Friday, 12 July – Gala Concert, Dorchester Abbey –OSSO and OYWO only

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OSSO and OYWO will perform at our traditional end of season concert in Dorchester Abbey. There will be short late afternoon rehearsals before the concert starts at 7:30pm. Details of timings and tickets to follow.

Saturday, 13 July – Gala Concert, Dorchester Abbey –OCYO only

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CMS Concert Dress

- OCYO** **Gentlemen:** DJ; white shirts; black trousers; black bow ties; black socks; black shoes
Ladies: Black tops with sleeves (long or short but not sleeveless, and modest); ankle length long black skirts **or black dress trousers (not leggings or jeans)**; black legs (tights etc.) black shoes. Jewellery and hair accessories also black.
- OSSO** **Gentlemen:** White shirts, black bow tie, black trousers, shoes and socks, jackets optional.
Ladies: White, long-sleeved blouses, black skirts (**ankle length**) or trousers (not leggings or jeans)
- OYWO** **All black** for all players

Parking – When arriving to drop off/pick up at the school, please could you observe a one-way system into and out of the car park to enable traffic to flow more freely. Please enter the car park by the gate furthest from Bayswater Rd and leave by the other.

Absence

Regular attendance is essential to maintain the high standards that we have come to expect at CMS. While some absence is inevitable, full commitment is crucial. To help us, please do the following:

- Let us know as soon as possible if you need to be absent.
- Do not take music if you know you are going to be absent the following week.
- If you are ill, please ensure the music gets to CMS via another person.
- If you are finding attendance a problem, please talk to us.
- Email the office music.service@oxfordshire.gov.uk or text 07767 695181

Emergency phone number

Please use the emergency number (07767 695181) for contacting me after the office has closed at 16:00 on Fridays; before this, please contact the office. You can use the phone to let me know about absence, sickness, late arrival and of course any pressing emergency that occurs during the morning. Please send a text rather than voicemail.

Break

Students should consume food and drink in the canteen area or outside; no food or drink (apart from bottled water) should be taken into the halls or the New School Block. No one should go into the school classrooms except for rehearsals. **Please put litter in the bins.** No football in the playground – go onto the field.

Emergency Closures

If it is necessary to cancel CMS in an emergency, for example in the event of severe weather conditions, we will notify everyone by text using the mobile number we have. We will try to give as much notice as possible.

Tuck shop

Many thanks go to Fran Toye for agreeing to take on the organisation of the tuck rota. Fran has been putting the rota of helpers together; if anyone is able to help one Saturday morning, please contact her at frantoye@hotmail.com. Also, thanks to Jane Itzhaki for keeping the tuck shop supplied.

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