



Clitheroe Royal Grammar School Music Department

NEWSLETTER

October 2017

Inaugural Music Exchange with Gymnasium Waldstrasse was a Huge Success



We started the week as musicians and finished the week as friends. During our time at CRGS we rehearsed and performed together as part of the Summer Concert, watched the final performance of our school production of Little Shop of Horrors, and showed our guests what a vibrant and welcoming school CRGS is. At the weekend we also managed to find time for ten pin bowling and dinner at Frankie and Benny's. Having

flown over to Germany together, we reached Hattingen and we were greeted by host families and a beautiful welcome sign (see below).

We received such a warm welcome and everyone was very friendly. As well as rehearsing together and preparing for our joint performance at the Gymnasium Waldstrasse Summer Concert, we were able to see what life was like studying in Germany. Whatever our German speaking ability, there were lots of opportunities to learn vocabulary and try out new phrases. We attended some classes, including an English class who had prepared group presentations about Hattingen, the school, and the surrounding area. Herr Wolf, the Head of Music at Gymnasium Waldstrasse, gave us a guided tour of Hattingen's Old Town – a beautiful area full of timber-framed buildings, market squares, and artisan workshops. It was very warm during our visit to Hattingen and we ensured that we sampled the ice creams on offer from the numerous ice cream parlours!



The great thing about a music exchange is that it emphasises what we have in common. Two groups of students began the week having never met before. They sat side by side and used the universal language of music to work together. By the end of the week the students were one group rather than two.

Little Shop of Horrors - July 2017

Well done to the cast, crew, and orchestra for our recent production of Little Shop of Horrors. The show was fantastic and it was great to see students so involved in the production – cast, lighting, sound, backstage, choreography...the list goes on and on! Thank you to all of the staff that supported the show in so many ways. Of course, there is one person who deserves a special thank you for working tirelessly to make the production possible – Ms. Elliot. It was a pleasure working with you!

Year 7 Perform Goldilocks: the Musical – Tuesday 24th October, 6:30pm.

On Tuesday 24th October at 6:30pm in the Sports Hall Year 7 will be performing the musical version of Goldilocks as re-told by Roald Dahl. The entire year group will be involved in this event, which will showcase their hard work through singing and narration. Tickets are £3 for adults and £2 for concessions and available from the Main School Office. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

All Year 7 students will be required to attend a rehearsal after school on Tuesday 24th October. Students will remain in the hall at all times and be supervised by staff. There will be pizza available for students following the rehearsal and before the show begins. Students wishing to have pizza will need to bring £3 with them on the day.

Autumn Concert

The Autumn Concert is being held on Thursday 23rd November in the Sports Hall, starting at 7pm. The concert features performances from the CRGS Choir, Orchestra, Swing Band, and Small Groups (including Flute Group, Brass Ensembles, Guitar Ensemble, String Group, and Wind Ensemble) as well as soloists, duets, and student bands. Tickets will be available after half term from the Main School and Sixth Form Receptions and are priced at £5 for adults and £3 for concessions (over 65s and under 18s). Please book early to avoid disappointment.

Music Trip to London

Letters are now available from Dr Allcock for the music trip to London which is taking place on Saturday 28th April 2018. As part of our commitment to providing a range of educational, high quality musical experiences to students we are organising a day trip to London to attend two performances. The first performance is a matinee showing of the musical, *Matilda*. The second performance is a screening of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets* which is being held at the Royal Albert Hall. While the film is being shown on large screens the Royal Philharmonic Concert Orchestra will be performing the soundtrack live to the film in real time. It will be an informative and enjoyable experience for students to visit the Royal Albert Hall and to experience musicians re-creating the well-known soundtrack.

German Music Exchange 2018

In June 2018 we will be undertaking our second music exchange with Gymnasium Waldstrasse in Hattingen, Germany. Our German partners will be visiting CRGS from Wednesday 27th June for the first leg of the exchange. On Tuesday 3rd July a group of 20 students and 2 staff from CRGS will travel back with our German partners for the return leg. We will return to the UK on Sunday 8th July. Letters are now available from Dr Allcock.

Ensembles

All ensembles are open to all year groups. It is never too late to get involved. If you are interested in joining a group then please speak to Dr Allcock. All you need to do is turn up with your instrument. The Orchestra is for all orchestral instruments and performs music from films as well as classical music repertoire. The School Band is for all instruments and plays rock and pop music. The Choir perform a variety of music from the Renaissance through to present day pop music. All rehearsals take place in the music classroom (C27) unless stated otherwise.

	12:30pm-1pm	1pm-1:25pm	After School
Monday	Guitar Ensemble		
Tuesday	String Ensemble	Orchestra	
Wednesday	Samba Group	Flute Ensemble	School Band (2:30pm-4pm)
Thursday	Senior Brass (C27) and Wind Ensemble (PR1)	Junior Brass (C27) and Saxophone Group (PR1)	Swing Band (3:45pm-5:30pm)
Friday	CRGS Choir (12:45pm-1:25pm)		

Instrument/Vocal Lessons

At Clitheroe Royal Grammar School we are able to offer tuition for the following:

Brass	Woodwind	Strings	Percussion	Guitar	Piano	Voice
Trumpet	Flute	Violin	Drum Kit	Electric	Piano	Soprano
Tenor Horn	Recorder (all)	Viola	Orchestral Percussion	Acoustic	Keyboard	Alto
Trombone	Clarinet	'Cello	World Percussion	Classical		Tenor
Euphonium	Saxophone (all)	Double Bass		Bass Guitar		Bass
Tuba	Bassoon			Ukulele		

For further information please speak to Dr Allcock or collect an Instrumental/Vocal Tuition form from the Main School Office.