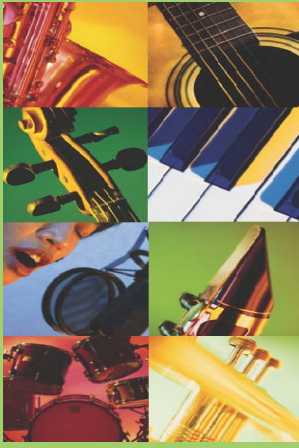


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Hello and welcome to our 3rd Newsletter.

Hub Website

We now have a link to our hub website:

<http://norfolkmusichub.org.uk>. We are consulting with a number of young people across Norfolk on the look and content of the site. Please let Petra know of any dates/events/news for the website.

High School's Choir Festival



A brilliant evening

Next date: October 2013

25 June Concert on the Pitch at St Thomas More School - All the wind band ensembles along with groups from Notre Dame High School and St Thomas More played for parents and friends at this regular enjoyable event on a sunny summer evening.

9 July Joint Concert with the Norfolk Schools' Wind Band and Norfolk County Strings - Both ensembles shared the stage to perform an end of term concert at St Thomas More to a packed house.

Norfolk County Symphonic Wind Band

In addition to the Concert on the Pitch the SWB were delighted and honoured to play at three other important events. **8 June** at the Norfolk County Council Chairman's Summer Reception at the Gressingham Museum, **12 June** at The Queen's Diamond Jubilee Garden Party at the Sandringham Estate and on **15 July** at the finals of the Norfolk Village Games at the UEA Sports Park.

Next concert: 10 December 2012, CNS

Tour dates: February 2013

Exams

During the last week of term the PDC hosted the second practical examination session of the year.

An unprecedented 184 candidates had entered spanning an age range from year 4 to year 13 and grades 1 to 8. The examiners from both exam boards, Trinity Guildhall and The Associated Board were exemplary once again and particular thanks go to Mr James Lowry from the AB who examined for over six hours every day and at one point had 13 consecutive grade 1 flutes!

Many Music Service staff also offered their support at various points during the week so the whole event ran smoothly.

The results were known in September and we had a 99% pass rate. Not bad going.

Next dates: w/c 18 February 2013

Entries close: 10 December 2012

Rock School Exams

A total of 49 pupils were entered for the Rockschoool examinations at the end of last term at St Thomas More School. The exams were for guitar, bass guitar and drum kit

Next date: 2 December 2012



Norfolk Show

With a much bigger and improved stage for this year the Norfolk County Council Music Service stage event was a great success with fifteen different groups performing over the two days. The crowds were entertained by a variety of performers which included street dance, school groups, county ensembles and a theatre puppet show. Special thanks goes to the A Team for keeping the show sparkling and it was good to welcome "Wal(l)d St. Wolfgang and the Wymondham Wonders" the combined Jazz bands of Wymondham High Academy Trust under the direction of Mark Horner and the Gymnasium Waldstrasse, Hattingen under the direction of Bernd Wolf.

Next date: 26/27 June 2013

Triorca in Germany

"We're going to Germany!" Shouted Juliet, and a huge cheer went up from the excited and somewhat bleary-eyed musicians. It was about 5.30am on the British coach and we had just set off for our first Triorca experience. I felt a little anxious, having been told that our German and Serbian friends studied at music academies and were extremely talented, as I didn't want to disappoint. However, when we arrived at the beautiful riverside Musikacademie and had our first rehearsal, I could tell it would be a fun and rewarding week.

The next day was quite intensive and delivered an incredible amount of progress, as well as giving the viola section our first encounter with Fabian, soon to become a legend. After working hard (until my fingertips were black from the fingerboard), it was great to explore the surrounding area and experience 'Spaghetti-Eis' for the first time. Wednesday saw us all escaping from the Musikacademie to see some of the sights in the local area. After completing the tough challenge of running to the top of the Ehrenbreitstein Fortress viewing point, taking a photo and making it back onto the coach within 15 minutes, we headed on to the Marksburg Castle. Of particular interest was the historical torture chamber, which provided an insight into how people were made to suffer before the invention of the sectional rehearsal. In the evenings it was fun to meet new friends down in the cellar or take a stroll by the stunning Rhein. Hearing solo violinist Jacob Meining's playing was truly inspirational and it was great to be a part of the music we played with him, including one piece that had never before been performed in Germany. Another highlight was Friday evening's talent show, where we enjoyed many quality performances, followed by Andy playing the nose-flute in a tear-jerking rendition of London Derrière. Saturday, and concert day was here at last. All our hard work paid off as we gave our performance, enjoying being united in music and realising just how quickly the week had flown by. Then it was back to the academie one last time to celebrate with a well-earned party. We returned to England (just before my postcards got there) tired but cheerful, with many happy memories, music stuck in our heads and Facebook friend requests to be exchanged with our fellow musicians. Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this fantastic opportunity a reality.

Next date: 7 April 2013 Residential

Many congratulations to 18 year old Tiffany Rivett who has gained a place at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama for September 2012. Tiffany has just completed her A level course at Fakenham Sixth Form College and received a distinction of 140 marks for her Grade 8 violin exam in March. Tiffany's high achievement is down to a great deal of hard work and perseverance - as well as her musical talent. During the three years she has had lessons with Alison Crocker, she has passed Grades 5, 7 and 8 and has put in many hours of practice. She is a member of Norfolk County Youth Orchestra and will be taking part in the Triorca project in Germany in the summer. We wish her every success with her music making in the future.



Dates for diary:

06/12/12 - WASBB Dickensian Evening

07/02/13 - Baroque Strings Workshop 1

15/02/13 - Fiddlesticks Workshop 1

19/02/13 - NCiYO Residential

08/03/13 - Baroque Strings Workshop 2

24/03/13 - Baroque and Fiddlesticks Workshop and Concert

02/04/13 - NCYO Residential

28/04/13 - Orchestra Experience Workshop with NCiYO

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Norwich Students Jazz Orchestra

The band had to travel some considerable distances and endure a number of early starts and late returns back to Norwich to fulfil their engagements. On **28 June** they received an enthusiastic reception at The Royal Norfolk Show and it was off to Birmingham for the Music for Youth National Festival on **7 July**. After boarding the coach at 5.45 the band went to the Barbican on **14 July** for a celebration concert led by Wynton Marsalis and the Jazz at the Lincoln Centre Orchestra along with a number of other bands from different parts of the country. Tom Clay Harris and Finlay McEwen from the band both received an award for their performances.

Next date: 4 December 2012, STM

