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Spring Term Newsletter 2020

Dear Musician and Parent/Carer

Happy New Year from Merthyr Tydfil Youth Music! We have much to celebrate in MTYM in 2020 ☺

Congratulations to 2 members of Merthyr Tydfil Youth Orchestra for gaining National Honours: Morgan Rees (Trumpet) has been offered a place in the 2020 National Youth Orchestra of Wales Dafydd Birrell (Violin) has been offered a place On the 2020 'Inspire' programme with the National Youth Orchestra of Great Britain.

The new term started with the Rotary and Junior Young Musician competitions taking place on 15th January; huge congratulations to Jared David Rees and (Piano) for winning the JYM and to Cerys Pulman (Violin) for winning the Rotary; Cerys now goes on to represent Merthyr in the next round of the competition and we wish her lots of luck for that.

Many thanks to all who attended our successful Christmas concert in December; this term's rehearsals are going well with new members being welcomed each week. Our next concert will be on Monday April 27th, please 'save the date' as all MTYM ensembles will be taking part in our Annual Spring Concert. The young musicians taking part in the concert are required to wear all black; audience tickets will be on sale from March, further details to follow.

Also in April, we are very fortunate that the BBC National Orchestra of Wales will be visiting MTYMusic to work with all the Thursday ensembles, sharing their knowledge and expertise with the young musicians of Merthyr.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the outgoing committee of the now disbanded The Friends of Merthyr Tydfil Youth Music for all their hard work, patience and kindness; you are missed already.

Dates for your diary:-

- Thursday January 30th & Thursday February 6th : Remaining rehearsals this half-term
- Thursday February 27th : MTYMusic rehearsals resume
- Thursday April 2nd 2020: BBC National Orchestra of Wales visit to MTYMusic
- Monday April 27th 2020: MTYMusic Spring Concert @ Rhydycar Leisure Centre

The weekly MTYM extra-curricular activities detailed below are organised by the MTCBC Music Service free of charge with open access to all young people in Merthyr Tydfil; please encourage everyone who learns an instrument to attend!

Thursdays @ Bishop Hedley High School	Merthyr Tydfil Youth Music Ensemble
4pm-5pm	GUITARS
4pm-5pm	BEGINNER STRINGS
5pm-6pm	WINDBAND
4pm-5pm	ORCHESTRA
5pm-6pm	BUZZERS AND BLOWERS
5pm-6pm	SENIOR STRINGS

Many thanks for your continued support of the MTCBC Music Service.
Sarah Jones