

NEWSLETTER



August 2018

Dates for your Diary

Fri 7th Sept - HuMM
Concert (John Godber
Centre)

Sat 6th Oct - Academy
Social

Sat 20th Oct - Academy
Workshop (Bring a Friend)

Sat 10th Nov - Academy

Sat 24th Nov - Academy

Sat 15th Dec - Academy

Sat 12th Jan - Academy

A Note from the Director

Hello,

I'm absolutely delighted to have been appointed as the Academy's Director, and look forward to working with you all. There will be various changes happening in both the short and long term to ensure that we are offering the highest quality of experience for all students involved in this wonderful project and to allow us to expand to reach as many young people as possible. You will be kept informed of all developments as they happen via our newsletters and email. If you have any queries then please don't hesitate to speak to me at our sessions.

Kind Regards,
Mat Davis

HuMM Concert - "Torkard Academy and Friends"

The next Academy concert kicks off the HuMM festival on Friday 7th September. It is at the *John Godber Centre, Ogle Street, Hucknall, NG15 7FQ*. Please arrive at **6pm**. Audience members will be allowed in from **6:40pm** with the concert starting at **7pm**. The concert will feature performances from our orchestra and choir, soloists, and a guest spot from Hucknall National Primary Choir. Family and friends are welcome, especially students receiving tuition who aren't involved in this concert.

Academy Social - Saturday 6th October

The first session back after the concert is the Academy social, a chance for all young people involved in the academy to meet and have fun. There will be a variety of activities and games (both musical and non-musical) to suit every person's interests.

This event will take place at the slightly later time of **2.30pm**, finishing at **4.30pm**.

The event is free.

Academy Workshop - Saturday 20th October

October also sees our next promotional workshop day. This is a **FREE** afternoon of musical workshops and activities to promote the academy and all of our wonderful opportunities. We invite all of our current students to come along and join in with our workshops, help out with some of our activities, and most importantly, **BRING A FRIEND** who might be interested in having a go at some form of music.

Tuition

Uptake for tuition has increased by a lot recently which is a very good sign. Progress is good with all students and some are now working towards exams or playing/singing in an ensemble. A new addition to our teaching team is Marcela who is now taking the guitar lessons.

Instruments

We are always looking to increase our stock of instruments for tuition. If you, or an acquaintance, have an instrument hiding at the back of a cupboard, then please consider donating it to our wonderful cause. See the welcome desk for more info.

Restructuring

Two new appointments have been made in leadership positions of the Academy, these are *Mat Davis* as Director and *Colin Salway* as Business Manager. Whilst this doesn't directly affect you, their jobs are to lead the academy forwards through expansion and many changes over time. The structure of the afternoon will be changing slightly from November as follows:

- 1.30pm** - Tuition starts.
- 2.00pm** - Choir (*Carolyn/Sarah*)
- 3.15pm** - Break
- 3.45pm** - Concert Band (*Mat*) / String Ensemble (*Jenny*)
- 5.00pm** - Finish