

Maoin Cheoil na Gaillimhe

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Dear Parent

This will be a relatively brief newsletter with more to follow later. There are just a number of deadlines upon us at the moment and it is worth running over them here to make sure everyone is up to speed on what is ahead.

RIAM Examinations

The deadline for entry to the exams for the summer session is fast approaching. We will be accepting entries in the office for another week accompanied by the appropriate exam fee. Each teacher has been advised of the details and in case anyone is uncertain, the full schedule of deadlines and required fees are available on the RIAM website which is www.riam.ie

Drumcorps

We are happy to announce that the formation of the Galway Youth Drum Corps is now a reality and we are scheduled to kick things off on Sat the 9th March. The Galway Youth Orchestra have come on board as partners in this venture and Mr Terry Cooke has agreed to be the tutor for the corps. Drum Corps is the finest training any young percussionist can ever hope to have and now even more so because in addition to playing with the corps itself



all our young drummers will also be given opportunities to play with the youth orchestra as well. We are piloting the corps by starting up two small groups. The first aged from 10 to 12 years and the second aged from 12 to 14 years. Places are limited to no more than 5 per class and so space is terribly limited. WE are going to lead off with 10 classes in this session and the cost is €60. However for those that are already a part of MCnG then the

cost will be just €45. We are going to provide free used of our specially purchased drum pads and drum sticks will also be provided so the cost to each family is kept to a minimum. Names are being taken on a first come first served basis and because these classes are open to those outside the school as well there really is a rush on. Any further enquiries can be made at the office.

French School of Music Visit

There is a very innovative and exciting school of music in Paris called Music Ensemble x and they have made contact with us through a parental connection. They have proposed an exchange of sorts with MCnG. They wish to form an ensemble with us based mostly around strings and for the two schools to organise an exchange then where performances can take place in both Paris and Galway. It is a really exciting proposal and on the 9th March they will be paying us a visit to discuss how best to bring all this to fruition. So they may wish to sit in on some lessons that week to get a feel for the school. I mention this in case any parent wonders who these visitors are. Again the GYO will be likely involved in this venture and the concert schedule will likely be in the spring of 2014.

MCnG Prize

We are delighted with the response thus far to the prize. We would like to remind all parents that every little thing will help in the chase for the points. There are a number of fine concerts still in the Music for Galway calendar and there are still some events scheduled here at the school. In addition there are groups like adventures in music that provide excellent days out for the family and real quality concert performances. Be sure to keep teachers up to speed on all activities you attend and perhaps even perform in.

Waiting Room

The waiting room is ready for use by students waiting for classes, please encourage your kids to use it. It has been made more child friendly by some of the teaching staff. The pictures from the art competition are also being displayed on the walls in the waiting room. We have provided tables and chairs for any student that wish to do homework while waiting for their music class to begin.



There is a specific request from the main school of st. Mary's here not to leave children unattended in the corridors and we would very much support this so where possible please encourage use of the waiting room.