

# GRACENOTES

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Welcome to the latest edition of **Gracenotes**, the newsletter of Haberdashers' Adams Music Department. Find out about what has been happening in the Music Department over the last few months.

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## Happy Retirement Mrs Coomer

At the end of the summer term we bid farewell to Mrs Coomer who has retired as Music Department Co-Ordinator.

A huge asset to the department, Mrs Coomer knew all there was to know about life here within the music department at Haberdashers' Adams.

We wish her all the best for a long and happy retirement.



## Welcome Ms Adamson

Mrs Thomas is currently on maternity leave, in her absence singing lessons will be taught by Louise Adamson. Ms Adamson, who also teaches singing at Wrekin College trained at Trinity College of Music and has a wealth of experience as a choral and solo singer.



## Welcome Back Mr Webb

Already a familiar face in the department having previously taught Guitar, Drums Piano and Strings (including group strings to year 7 & 8) Robert Webb returned before the summer break to oversee our Bandmaker course. Since the beginning of term Mr Webb has been teaching group Guitar lesson to 7S, as well as Guitar, Drums, and Piano to individual pupils.

# Grease!

Grease was the word at the end of the summer term with a run of highly successful performances of the hit musical. With such a wealth of talent in the school there were two alternate casts giving various pupils the opportunity to shine in leading roles.



# Les Misérables

SCHOOL EDITION



Following on from a highly competitive audition process in September, rehearsals are now well under way for our summer production of Les Misérables.

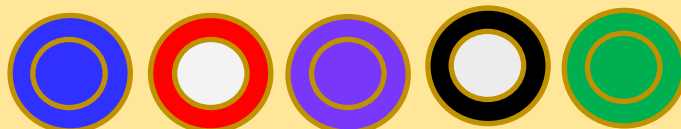
The show will run from Wednesday 9th to Saturday 12th July



## House Music

Following on from the launch of House Music by Mr Wysome in October, House Music Captains have already held auditions to select the soloists who will be representing their houses in the appropriate categories. The next few months will see an increased amount of activity in the department as students begin rehearsing for the event on February 13th.

We can now announce that the adjudicator for House Music will be Sam Newth, director of Telford and Wrekin Music Service.



## New Pupils Concert

October 17th saw our annual New Pupils Concert, where members of year 7 and year 12 entertained us by taking the opportunity to perform in their first concert here at Haberdashers' Adams.



## Haberdashers' Young Musician

A concert on November 9th saw several of our senior musicians perform in order to be considered to represent Haberdashers' Adams at the Haberdashers' Young Musician event in London on February 11th. The standard was very high and after a long period of deliberation Henry Shaw (L62W) has been named as the student who will take part. Henry's accompanist for the competition will be Arjun Toora (L61D).



# Dates for Your Diary

<b>Thursday 5th December</b>	<b>Hamilton Hall</b>	<b>Year 7 Group A Concert</b> The first half of year 7's curriculum Instrumental groups perform in an informal concert for friends and family.
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	<b>St Nicholas Church</b>	<b>Christmas Carol Service</b> A service of carols, readings and seasonal music, with mince pies and mulled wine.
<b>Wednesday 18th December</b>	<b>Hamilton Hall</b>	<b>Bandmaker Concert</b> Bands from our Bandmaker course will perform a sets which will include some festive favourites.
<b>Thursday 13th February</b>	<b>Sports Hall</b>	<b>House Music</b> Each of the schools five houses compete in our annual House Music competition.
<b>Thursday 27th March</b>	<b>Hamilton Hall</b>	<b>Spring Recital Evening</b> An evening of instrumental and vocal performances by our A/S and A-level students.
<b>Thursday 3rd April</b>	<b>Hamilton Hall</b>	<b>Year 7 Group B Concert</b> The second half of our year 7 curriculum instrumental groups perform for family and friends.
<b>Tuesday 8th April</b>	<b>Hamilton Hall</b>	<b>Spring Concert</b> Hear several of our departments ensembles participate in our regular Spring Concert.
<b>Thursday 8th May</b>	<b>Hamilton Hall</b>	<b>Music Colours</b> An opportunity to formally recognise and acknowledge the hard work and dedication the pupils who contribute so strongly to our department.
<b>Wednesday 9th - Saturday 12th July</b>	<b>Sports Hall</b>	<b>Les Misérables (school edition)</b> Join us in the world of 19th century France for our production of the School Edition of this well-loved musical.
<b>Wednesday 16th July</b>	<b>Hamilton Hall</b>	<b>Hamilton Concert</b> An evening of music from Haberdashers' Adams Soul band

# Groups and Ensembles

## Monday

1pm – 1:30pm Brass Workshop – CH3

4pm – 5pm Soul Band – CH3

## Tuesday

1pm – 1:30pm Folk Group – CH3

Choir - HH/CH2

4pm – 5:30pm Les Misérables (Spring term onwards) - HH

## Wednesday

1pm – 1:30pm Training Orchestra (Beginner – Grade 3) – CH3

Junior Taiko - HH

4pm – 5pm Intermediate Taiko - HH

Bandmaker – CH3

## Thursday

1pm – 1:30pm Choir – HH/CH2

4pm – 5pm Orchestra - HH

## Friday

1pm – 1:30pm Soul Band (catch-up session) - CH3

4pm – 5:30pm Les Misérables - HH



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