

Newsletter



ROCKSCHOOL EXAMS

Mayzmusik is about to host the Rockscool grades once again on March 4th and 11th. Good luck to all the candidates!

QUALIFICATIONS

GCSE Music

As stated in the previous Newsletter, Mayzmusik is now a WJEC Centre and can offer GCSE Music. We already have candidates booked in for this academic year's exams and wish them every success. We are currently recruiting for candidates who would like to start their GCSE Music in September. With schools about to ask students to choose options for GCSE, now is the time to consider taking GCSE Music with Mayzmusik and allowing yourself to study another subject in the same option box at your Comprehensive/High School.

Access to Music

Mayzmusik is also now able to offer an evidence-based Music Practitioner Qualification, Access to Music which, as well as instrumental tuition, offers an insight into the music industry including management, recording, event organisation, etc. This course is for the person who is seriously considering becoming a professional musician but who prefers not to take exams.

Related Subjects

For the past five years Mayzmusik has had an offshoot youth theatre group, "Visions in Glass" which has gone from strength to strength with successful productions of "Celtic Dreams", Pink Floyd "The Wall", "Moulin Rouge" and "Godspell" with "Buddy – The Buddy Holly Story" coming up in July this year. The director of Visions in Glass is Emma-Jayne Williams who is currently also teaching drama for the Helen O'Grady Drama Academy at various locations in Monmouthshire and Cardiff, whilst also studying for her ALCM Teaching Diploma in Musical Theatre. Mayzmusik therefore felt that it would now be possible for us to offer GCSE Drama and the London College of Music grades in Musical Theatre as from September.

In addition Lisa-Marie Williams, the Musical Director for Visions, is currently studying for her teaching diploma with the British Ballet Organisation (BBO) so has decided that she will be able to offer GCSE Dance from September through the AQA (WJEC do not offer GCSE Dance).

MAYZMUSIK OPEN DAY

For anyone who wishes to have more information about any of the above courses, Mayzmusik will be holding an Open Day at the new St. Michael's Centre at Our Lady and St. Michael's Church on Saturday 10th March from 5.00pm until 7.00pm. If you would like to come along, it would be helpful if you could let us know so that we have some idea of numbers.

PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY

As a result of all these additions to our curriculum Mayzmusik will become a Performing Arts Academy from September 2007 and not just a Music School. Credit for us becoming WJEC, AQA and Music Practitioner Centres is down to our Head of Curriculum Lisa-Marie, who has worked tirelessly over the past few months to gather together all the necessary documentation to make all this happen.

RHYTHM WORKSHOPS

During the Easter Holidays James will be running a Rhythm Workshop which will be open to all, including non-drummers. Rhythm is one of the most important skills in music-making, whatever kind of music you want to make, but is often forgotten amongst the myriad of other elements required. So this is your chance to plug the gap. Younger members are particularly welcome. The workshop will be held at St. Michael's House on Thursday 5th April 2007. (contact us for more details)!

CHRISTMAS BUSKING

Despite some problems with the organisation, the Christmas Busking went very well and we would like to thank all those of Mayzmusik students – and non-students! – and members of Visions in Glass who helped to make the day so successful. In the end we raised around £200 which went to Visions in Glass, as at the moment they are completely self-funded.

WE WILL ROCK YOU

Eight members of Visions in Glass went up to London with European Heritage Tours to see "We Will Rock You", the musical based on Queen's music. A thoroughly good time was had by all, despite the driver dropping them off at the wrong theatre!

WhY FACTOR

This is our annual Talent Show which will be at The Riverfront Theatre in Newport on Friday 4th May. The Talent Show is in three categories :- 15 years and under; 16 years and over; Bands. This year it is being sponsored by Rockschool, In Company Multimedia Productions and Valleys Radio. Tickets to watch the show are available from the Riverfront Theatre Box Office, tel. no. 01633 656757. Application forms are available from Mayzmusik Reception.

ABSENCES

May we remind students/parents that when a lesson is missed by choice, eg. a birthday party or parents evening, Mayzmusik tutors will not guarantee to make up that lesson, with absences due to sickness or bereavement taking priority.

APRIL PAYMENTS

Even though Mayzmusik will be taking a break from lessons for two weeks, **please remember that your April fees are still due in full on 1st April.** For those of you who still pay by cash or cheque, please make sure that your payment reaches us on time, either by giving us a cheque early and post-dating it, or putting your cash or cheque into an envelope clearly marked with the student's name and posting it through the letter-box at St. Michael's House. Receipts will be given out on the students' return to lessons.

EASTER HOLIDAYS

The Easter Holidays will be from **Sunday April 1st through to Sunday April 15th inclusive**, with the last teaching day being on **Saturday 31st March** and resuming lessons on **Monday 16th April.**

Launch of Our New Website

www.mayzmusik.co.uk has been up and running for a few years now and even without all of our new activities, has been long overdue a complete overhaul! James has been working on this with our Web Designer since Christmas and the new site is finally nearing completion, ready to go live as early as Monday 5th March. Well done James!!!

Diary Dates

March

ASAP	Launch of the new Website	www.mayzmusik.co.uk
Sun 4 th	Rockschool Exams	Individual times
Sat 10 th	Mayzmusik Open Day	St. Michael's Centre 5.00pm – 7.00pm
Sun 11 th	Rockschool Exams	Individual times
Sat 31 st	Last teaching day before Easter break	
Sat 31st	EMMA'S 21 BIRTHDAY !!!!!	"Skool of Rock" to play at Labour Club

April

Sat 7 th	Rhythm Workshop	St. Michael's House (Open to all, not just drummers)
Mon 16 th	Lessons Resume	
Mon 23 rd	Closing date for WhY Factor Applications	"Skool of Rock" will be entering!

May

Fri 4 th	WhY Factor Talent Show	Riverfront Theatre Newport
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