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# **EVANSVIEW SCHOOL**

We are excited to welcome back students, parents, and staff to another great year at Evansview School! We hope everyone had a safe and enjoyable summer break and are ready for a great year. We would like to welcome three new staff members this year: Mrs. Sharon Fehr joins us as an educational assistant, Miss Krystyne McDonald joins us as our new Grade 3 -3/4 teacher, and Mr. Matt Kolotyluk is our new school principal.

Grade 1 - 6 classes will have stand alone instruction for the mornings in language arts and math, and the Grade 1 - 2 and 3 - 4 classes will combine in the afternoons for their other classes. We have a focus on literacy this year and have a goal of improving reading skills for all of our students.

We would like to invite parents and students to a welcome back bbq on September 18<sup>th</sup> from 4 to 6 p.m. Please bring your families and come and join us for a hamburger or hotdog, and meet our staff and other school community members. Evansview School will be

participating in the Terry Fox Run this year. Our chosen date is Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, and more information will come as we get closer to this date. Also, Orange Shirt Day will be recognized on September 28<sup>th</sup>, and all students will receive an orange t-shirt designed by a Grand Trunk student. We look forward to working with you all this year!

# **GRAND TRUNK HIGH SCHOOL (GT)**

There is excitement in the hallways of Grand Trunk High School for the upcoming school year! Our staff has come up with many exciting ideas and activities for the 2018/2019 school year.

For the first day of school, on September 4<sup>th</sup>, we greeted students with a conference-style day, where they learned about the upcoming school year, and how we will be working together as a team to make their year successful. The most important part is to build relationships, following the Significant 72 model. We had several sessions for the students including a presentation by the fire department, a scavenger hunt to get to know the building and staff, high school graduation requirements, 'A Recipe for Success' (goal setting, self-care, study skills, and school supports), and sign-up for sports teams.

On the second day of school, our Grades 8 - 12 students had the opportunity to listen to a presentation by Dwayne



Peace entitled, 'Life Challenges in Secondary School'. During the afternoon, Mr. Peace worked with one of our classes on the second part of this program. As very important members of our team, parents were nvited to a parenting session at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>. During the morning while our Grades 8 - 12 students were engaged with Mr. Peace, our Grade 7 students worked with our team members to help them get organized and ready for their new adventure at our school. On Friday afternoon, we planned some games and activities to end the week with activities meant to continue building strong relationships.

The month of September will be very busy with activities at our school. School pictures will be taken on September 19<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to dress in your best clothing for that day. We will be starting volleyball right away, with our high school teams heading to a tournament on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

Our graduation ceremony will take place on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 3:30 p.m. at our school with a banquet to follow at the Evansburg Legion. We will be holding our awards ceremony on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:45 p.m. These events are held to celebrate the accomplishments of our students from the past school year.

Our school council's annual general meeting will take place on Monday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. This is a great way to get involved in your child's education and we look forward to seeing our Grand Trunk parent community in attendance.

# NITON CENTRAL SCHOOL

Niton Central School has been a real hub of activity this summer! While our staff has remained the same, there have been changes in teaching and room assignments, so everyone was working hard to set things up well for our students. The result is a cheerful, welcoming atmosphere incorporating many new ideas and approaches to teaching and learning. We have very high hopes for student success this year!

This month includes many things to look forward to, besides our monthly staff, professional learning, and administrators' meetings.

# NITON EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 7 Kindergarten Bus Safety Presentation
- 10 Jr. Boys' V'Ball Begins

- 11 School Pictures
- 12 School Council Meeting/ Jr. Girls' V'Ball Begins
- 13 Staff 'Meet & Greet' with Literacy Specialist
- 18 Welcome Back Event from 5 7 p.m.
- 21 Terry Fox Run

# WILDWOOD SCHOOL

Thank you to Mr. Mike Gray for serving as principal of Wildwood School last year. We ended our awards ceremony last year with a helium balloon release in his honor. We did it to celebrate his highly rewarding thirty year career as an educator. As anyone who has ever been a part of a balloon release knows, the combined emotion of everyone's happiness, appreciation and wonderment is indescribable! Though only in Wildwood for one year, Mr. Gray was frequently credited with giving the building a completely positive atmosphere. We extend our very best wishes to him in retirement!

With that being said, we are pleased to introduce Mr. James Randall, the incoming new principal of Wildwood School. Returning to Wildwood in a leadership role is somewhat of a return home for him. Mr. Randall's very first year of teaching was at Wildwood School back in 1993/1994. Born and raised in the Niton Junction area, he graduated from high school at Niton Central. Mr. Randall also taught a year in southern Alberta near Taber. He taught in Niton for eight years, and was a teacher at École Pine Grove Middle School in Edson another eight years. He was principal of Pine Grove for the past seven years. Mr. Randall has a team philosophy, "It takes a whole team to run a school!" he explains. "It's not just one person. And I feel like I am joining a great team of people!"

When you enter Wildwood School for the first time this fall you will be amazed by freshly painted walls and new flooring! The school division's facilities crew and our dedicated custodial team transformed many aspects of the school over the summer. Besides new paint and tile in the hallways, office area and some classrooms, the parking lot out front was repaved. The gym bleachers will be repainted in the near future.

Activities and events school-wide are in full swing. Volleyball has started up. Grade 4 - 5's will tour the Edmonton Waste and Recycle Centre later this month. As the school division continues to work with the community on a possible revised capital plan, meeting dates for this fall have been announced on the division's website. Everyone is excited for what the year will bring!



# EDSON & AREA

# **FULHAM SCHOOL**

As we begin a fresh school year, our staff is eager to welcome students, both old and new, to Fulham School! We have many exciting plans to create, explore, and have fun learning. Our teaching staff for the year is:

- Kindergarten/ LLI/ LST Mrs. Anne Walker
- Grade One/ Two Mrs. Emily Dennison
- Grade Three/ Four Mr. Clay Beck
- Grade Five/ Six Mr. Guy Becker

Kindergarten will attend Tuesday through Friday starting the first week of school and continue all year.

## FULHAM EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 12 Welcome Back BBQ Potluck
- 27 Terry Fox Run

# ÉCOLE WESTHAVEN SCHOOL

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year at Westhaven School. We are looking forward to another year filled with academic learning and fun events to support and encourage this learning. We hope that you will be able to join us for many of these throughout the year. It is always an exciting time beginning a new school year. The students meet their new teachers, renew friendships, build new friendships and share their summer adventures with classmates. It is a time of excitement for students, parents and teachers alike.

We look forward to the school year as it is filled with promise and hope for everyone. The staff at Westhaven plans, as a school team, how to overcome any challenges and work towards helping each student achieve their highest potential. This is achieved through working in cooperation with the parents, school personnel and possible outside agencies. We know that by working as a team our students will benefit in countless ways. We welcome you into the school and your child's classroom to become involved in this very important aspect of your child's life. We know what a crucial role you play in helping us to create the best learning environment for all students. Welcome back to school, we look forward to working with you and your child.

### WESTHAVEN EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 10 School Council Meeting @ 7 p.m.
- 13 Meet the Teacher from 5:30 7 p.m.
- 26 School Pictures

# ÉCOLE PINE GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL (PGMS)

Pine Grove is very happy to welcome back staff and students to an exciting new school year! As well as new students, we also have several new staff members this year including Ms. Erin Murphy, our new principal.

As you begin your new school year remember that everyone will have questions. If you are unsure about something, ask! And for those of you familiar with Pine Grove, help out our new students and teachers as they get familiar with our building.

Some changes to expect this year are:

- A new daily physical activity period
- Full days on Friday with two option periods in the afternoon
- A new bell schedule

As you set up your locker and binders at the beginning of the year, take the time to get them properly organized. This will go a long way towards helping you find your work and textbooks as we get further into the school year.

There will be many great events in September including our annual walk-a-thon. Getting involved is a wonderful way to make new friends and begin the year on a positive note. Welcome back everyone, it's going to be a great 2018/2019 school year!

### PGMS EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

- 12 Meet the Teacher
- 27 School Pictures
- 28 School Walk-a-Thon

# MARY BERGERON ELEMENTARY (MBE)

There is nothing more exciting than the beginning of a new school year for both students and staff – and at Mary Bergeron Elementary, the 2018/2019 school



year will be one where we work hard to ensure that the beginning of the year excitement is something that is carried on throughout the entire year for our students, staff, and parents. We had an amazingly successful first year at MBE and are very proud of all that we achieved and accomplished - and this year promises to be even bigger, better, and more amazing!

September will see us kick off the year with a school-wide welcome back celebration at our first M & M's (Monday Morning Motivation) Assembly. Our school spirit committee has many surprises in store for welcoming our students back to school for the 2018/2019 school year, and we know that they are definitely going to feel valued, cared for, and welcomed back to school.

Throughout the month of September, our students will have an opportunity to participate in a variety of new and exciting initiatives. We will be introducing 'House Leagues' to our school this year and students will learn the names of the houses and which house they will belong to during their year(s) at MBE. Students and parents will also be introduced to our new literacy focus - "JUST READ"... a school-wide initiative that will promote reading at home and school, and will see our students logging their home reading and celebrating weekly school totals. Students and staff will also set school-wide reading targets, and will earn unique rewards when attaining those targets as a school community. These are just a few of the exciting plans for the 2018/2019 school year and we look forward to implementing these, and many more as the school year unfolds.

There is no doubt that our second year of operation at Mary Bergeron Elementary will be filled with changes, new initiatives, and new opportunities... but there are some things that definitely won't change – that we will continue to push ourselves to be better, and that we will continue to make decisions and implement programming based on what is good for kids! We believe that we have a very good school and that our first year as a new school in GYPSD was a successful one. However, 'good' will never be good enough, and we will continue to work hard so that our school becomes the world-class elementary school that we all – students, staff, parents, and community members – are working hard to make it be.

# PARKLAND COMPOSITE HIGH SCHOOL (PCHS)

Welcome Back Pacers!

A new school year brings many new experiences and changes for students and staff. Parkland is very proud to welcome back Ms. Nikki Berube (in February 2018) and Mrs. Lyssa Bencz. New staff includes Mr. Steven Ripkens who will complete our administration team; Mr. Sean Sommerfeld, and Ms. Erica Servold (a former PGMS teacher) who will build roots within the classroom.

Sadly, we must say our goodbyes to five amazing teachers. Sean and Kim Edmondson have taken their many 'hats' closer to Edmonton. Ms. Erin Murphy has been appointed as the new principal of Pine Grove Middle School; PGMS is also acquiring Ms. Carmen Larson. We also say goodbye to Mr. Alan Stoyles but hope he can come back soon!

Our first day back from summer break was a busy one. Students entered the gym first thing Tuesday morning to receive their registration packages and have their school photo taken. After visiting and reconnecting with friends, students were called to the gym for an assembly. Immediately following, students went with their flex advisors until 10:30 a.m. Block Three classes also begin our textbook week. If a student has any previous textbooks or novels that have yet to be returned, they might encounter a delay until said books are returned or arrangements are made. Students will have received a letter with their report cards stating what they owe.

# PARKLAND EVENTS FOR SEPTEMBER

4-6 Sr. V'ball Tryouts from 3:30 - 5 p.m.TBA Terry Fox Run







# **CRESCENT VALLEY SCHOOL (CVS)**

Welcome to the 2018/2019 school year at Crescent Valley School. Mr. Hengel, our new principal, is looking forward to continuing our successful traditions and sharing his experience to ensure that students at Crescent Valley are successful academically and socially, becoming great citizens! We would like to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new students and their families, our kindergarten students who are just starting school as well as all the students new to Crescent Valley in Grades 1 - 7. Welcome back to all of our returning students and families.

We are hosting our 'Back to School Picnic' on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>. There will be a hot dog lunch, followed by activities led by our Grade 7 students - rumour has that there is even a pie eating contest! Following the picnic, our students will be taking part in our annual Terry Fox Run/ Walk. As always, parents are encouraged to attend the picnic, meet their child's teacher, and the rest of the school staff. There will be a contest for parents in attendance as well. Parents are also invited to go on the walk with their child's class.

The B.E.A.R.S. program is continuing as a focus to teach and recognize citizenship in our school. B - Belonging, E - Excellence, A - Accountability, R - Respect, S - Safety. Students who are seen demonstrating any of these attributes are given a B.E.A.R.S. slip to acknowledge doing things that are valued by our school. Slips are submitted to the draw box near the office and then slips are drawn daily and at assemblies to recognize students' efforts. These can be given out for inviting others to join in games on the playground, showing pride in doing their very best work, helping others pick up belongings, or keeping the school and grounds clean, just to name a few examples. We are looking forward to great school year, with our entire school community striving to "Reach New Heights!"



# ÉCOLE MOUNTAIN VIEW SCHOOL

# HARRY COLLINGE HIGH SCHOOL (HCHS)

Welcome back to school for the 2018/2019 year! We are super excited to welcome a number of new staff members to HCHS. Mrs. Andrea Alderman joins our leadership team as assistant principal, as does Mrs. Nancy Freedman as one of our learning support teachers. Mr. Brian Borton and Ms. Hayley Thomas join us in the math and science department, and Ms. Chandra Moir takes over the drama department. Welcome to HCHS new teachers!

There are lots of activities and events in September to keep everyone busy and involved. Athletics will be up and running right away with opportunities for volleyball, cross-country running and golf. See the bulletin board in the front entry for specifics.

The rock band program is also getting ready for the first auditions. Please see Mr. 'Music' Madsen for more details.

We invited everyone to wear some clothing 'inside out' on September 10<sup>th</sup> to recognize Suicide Awareness Day. On September 19<sup>th</sup>, we are excited to welcome the White Hatter presentation on cyber-bullying and prevention. There will also be a parent session in the evening. September is also the time for school photos. Information will be sent home with students and is also available online.We are so excited to see everyone back at school and are looking forward to a great year.



# **JASPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (JES)**

Welcome Back! Bon Retour!

We wish to extend a warm welcome to the 2018/ 2019 school year at Jasper Elementary School. Jasper Elementary is a dual track school that offers both English and French Immersion programming for children in kindergarten through Grade 6. Our caring staff members strive to create a stimulating and inclusive learning environment where everyone is welcome.

This year we are excited to introduce three new staff members to our school: Mme. Camelia Bejenaru as our 5e/6e année classroom teacher, Mme Josée Ruel in 3e



année, and Ms. Erika McGown, educational assistant. Please give them a warm JES hello when you see them in the halls!

Our school-wide theme this year will focus on cultivating a community of caring at Jasper Elementary. The idea was inspired by a book called 'Caring is Everything' by David Irvine. The concept of caring will be woven into our daily learning and put into action by focusing on caring in specific areas. For example, caring for our community, caring for others, caring for our health and wellbeing, caring for nature, and cultivating a practice of self-care and goal setting.

Last year, we implemented 'Drop Everything And Read', or D.E.A.R time at JES. Students, staff, and parents were enthused with the program and we have decided to continue with the program this year. Each day at 1:05 p.m., students will have twenty minutes of uninterrupted reading time. A growing body of evidence suggests a positive relationship between reading frequency, reading enjoyment and reading attainment. We hope to instill in students a daily habit of reading - like brushing your teeth! Please model reading for pleasure at home and help your child to develop this empowering skill.

Join us Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 5 - 6 p.m. for our annual welcome back event. During the event, parents go to their child's classroom to meet their teacher and discuss curriculum and field trips for the year. Our main foyer will have information on our BEST program, Family School Liaison, mental health supports, and information from our school council. After 6 p.m., families with students at the high school are encouraged to head over to Jasper Jr./ Sr. High School for their welcome back event as well.

Jasper Elementary School cannot function well without the support of our parent community, and we are very appreciative and grateful for our dedicated school council. Our school council meets on the first Wednesday of every month at 7 p.m. in Classroom Seven. This dedicated group of parents, teachers, and community members, help to make decisions on what is best for all students in the school. This group provides valuable feedback and input on school policies and areas of improvement. Please plan to attend a school council meeting or reach out to our chair, Karen Jacobs, to offer your support.

Please continue to check our school website and our 'Friends of Jasper Elementary School' Facebook page for updates on news and events!

# JASPER JUNIOR/SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL (JJSHS)

JJSHS is excited to be back in the swing of things. September is a busy month with a plethora of academic, sporting, and social events planned. Our annual Grade 10 stewardship trip leaves on September 17<sup>th</sup> for three nights out at the Palisades. Checkout our online calendar at <u>www.jasper high.ca</u> for updated events and key dates.

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# SUMMITVIEW SCHOOL

We would like to welcome back all of our staff and students to Summitview Middle School. We are so excited to see all of our returning students as well as welcoming all new students that have joined our school community this year. In Grade 6 we are pleased to announce that we have gained an amazing addition to our teaching staff in Katelyn O'Krafka. Katelyn has been part of our Grande Cache community for a number of years, and she is returning to our division from her maternity leave. She is very excited to be back to teaching and we all all very excited to have her. We are also pleased to welcome Mrs. Sharon Macdonald to our staff this year. Sharon is working as an educational assistant in our Grade 7 classrooms.



Our annual welcome back bbq took place on Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. We look forward to our bbq every year where families come into our school to meet the staff, see our school, and enjoy good food. Our first parent council meeting also followed the bbq. We are very excited to meet with parents to discuss our vision, and expectations of our school community



for the upcoming year. It is also an exciting time for our fundraising committee who worked countless hours last year organizing events to raise money for our new playground equipment which was successfully installed this summer.

This is also the time of year when our students are very excited to begin school sports. Volleyball tryouts and practice will begin the week of September 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> for both boys and girls. Updates for upcoming games will be announced once our season begins.

# GRANDE CACHE COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL, (GCCHS) SONRISE CHRISTIAN PROGRAM (SR)

Welcome back! We hope you all enjoyed a restful summer and are as excited as we are to begin the 2018/2019 school year. Grande Cache Community High School and the SonRise Christian program are beginning our first full year in our beautiful new building.

We are excited to announce that our breakfast program is continuing this fall for all our students. Alberta Education gave GYPSD a grant to fund one school per division. Division passed this grant onto SonRise to provide a five-days-a-week free breakfast for all SonRise students who choose to use the program. Through the generous donations and grants from the Icebreakers Committee, Jupiter Resources, President's Choice, Macro properties, the Oilmen's Society and the MD of Greenview, we were able to feed the entire high school breakfast last year. We believe the funds given, will carry us through the next year as well. We can not say thank you enough - it is truly outstanding community support!

GCCHS is a small high school but we offer a great number of complimentary classes and a variety of extra and co-curricular experiential learning opportunities. The option choices available to our students include: E.L.I.T.E., French, foods, cosmetology, outdoor education, guitar, abnormal psychology, construction technology, art, media studies, world geography, drama, fitness, Firefighter 25 (new junior firefighters), and forensics. In the summer of 2019, students will be travelling to Portugal. Please contact the office as there is still time to sign up for this trip. We also have many sports teams, ski trips, Skills Canada, YMCA exchange trips and many other activities throughout the course of the year. Our high school will be continuing our journey through the Alberta Education Project Moving Forward with High School Redesign. This project focuses on a multitude of areas for student success. This year we have tweaked our excel blocks that will now occur once a week on Friday's for a longer time spot of 67 minutes. The changes allow us to balance other classes in our timetable more efficiently. These excel blocks will have built-in enrichment, teacher tutorials, makeup tests, extra help, access to technology and some fun stuff that will depend on individual student needs. These are mandatory blocks designed to help students succeed, allow access to tutorials during the school day, and minimize the amount of homework outside of the school day. Students will continue to use their PowerSchool app to register for their choice of session unless a teacher mandates them to a particular session.

SonRise has lots to offer our students with daily devotions and weekly assemblies. We just can't wait to get started on our Christmas musical. Our students work so hard and the teachers really go above and beyond to make it a traditional part of the Christmas season for families. SonRise students are treated to a variety of special school events such as frequent dress-up days, team spirit days and monthly hot lunches. Throughout the school year, SonRise students will be involved in many fun activities including the winter and spring carnivals, literacy week activities and special guests, DiscoverE Science and Missoula theatre workshops, singing at Whispering Pines, and our annual year end 'Celebration of Success' and graduation for all students and families.

Get ready for our cross-country running team, which will be starting up first thing this fall. SonRise will be also working on 'response to intervention'. They will have building blocks where students will be placed in cross graded groups where they will be working towards mastery in literacy at their particular level. SonRise is starting a new reading program called "Right to Read" with our kindergarten and Grade 1 students.

We have some changes of teaching staff this year in our building. Edwina Staples retired in June after 33 years, both Johanna Dalton and Brady Brookes are moving closer to family. We wish all of these individuals the best in their futures. We are excited to announce that John Warenycia will be our new assistant principal. Thank you to Stephen Bock, who served for six years and has decided to go back to the classroom. We have hired Julia Lis to teach some physical education and science classes. Julia is an ultra marathoner and did run the Death Race solo this year. Julia hails from



Edmonton but is super excited about living in the mountains and being part of our community. We have also hired Darrel Delisle who used to teach at our school about eight years ago. He will be teaching a variety of things including guitar which our students have missed, and will also have some physical education, Calm, social, and media studies classes. Darrel and his wife Denise are excited to move back to our community from Ottawa along with their three children. Anastasia Hoskins joined us part way through last year covering a maternity leave for Mrs. Mercereau. Anastasia is excited to be returning this fall to teach English, social studies and Grade 4. Arthur Cota is moving into a new role in our school. He will be our new learning support teacher in charge of our students who require extra supports. Mr. Cota will be teaching Grade 4 as well.

Grande Cache Community High and SonRise would like to have strong school councils. We look forward to working with you to continue your active involvement on many policies and decisions. We invite all parents to attend these meetings each month. Our staff is excited and committed to make SonRise and Grande Cache Community High a great place to learn.

# SHELDON COATES SCHOOL

Welcome to the new school year at Sheldon Coates Elementary School. We extend an extra warm welcome to our new families as they join the Sheldon Coates family. Over the coming days, we will be busy establishing routines and getting things up and running. Our committed team of educators are ready to lead Sheldon Coates in its new phase of growth and development!

We are excited to welcome Miss Jennifer Fuller as our newest teacher. She comes to us from Ontario, and will be teaching Grade 3 with Mrs. Brenda Kelly. We are excited to have Mrs. Elaine Lombard, Mrs. Jill Hammer, Mrs. Laryssa Harley, Mrs. Susan Cota, and Mrs. Heather Brien-King teaching our ECS - Grade 2 classes.

Our breakfast program started on September 10<sup>th</sup>, and is free for all students. The breakfast coordinators are busy organizing a rotating menu of a variety of healthy breakfast choices. Everyone at Sheldon Coates wishes you a wonderful first month of school, and we look forward to an exciting year of learning.

- 18 School Council Meeting from 7 8 pm
- 19 Pirate Day
- 25 Picture Day
- 27 Terry Fox Run
- 28 Orange Shirt Day

# THE LEARNING CONNECTION (TLC)

Welcome back! TLC was excited to start off the 2018/2019 year with Literacy Week when our five centres offered a wonderful selection of books to help youth get back into the swing of school. Once registered, and after finding a rhythm and routine to what attending an outreach school environment is like, students starting their first course for the year can mix it up every now and then with reading for a few minutes every day while in the center, and while working at home. Teachers encourage reading every day (in addition to regular course work) to boost vocabulary, grammar, and essential reading comprehension skills and just for pure enjoyment! Students new to TLC will benefit from an individualized entry process into our TLC outreach environment by starting with a single course and reading initiative to ease back into school after what we hope has been an exciting summer!

As the year progresses, teachers work with students to program plan for success as well as provide base programming around areas of interest and future career aspirations. Literacy resources are always changing and evolving. 'Read Theory' is an online tool TLC students are encouraged to use to help improve literacy levels and pique interest in reading for pleasure. The text is adjusted based on the student's comprehension. Students enjoy a range of topics and the challenge to correctly answer comprehension questions on the text. In addition, they can experience new, longer texts on new topics of interest. Students also access the Read Theory website at home to work through lessons at their own pace and on their own time in consultation with their teacher. Working through Read Theory lessons offer a nice alternative to other online pursuits!