

Musical Activities 1930s

School Concert June 10th 1931

The pupils of the school were assisted by the Old Savilians' Orchestra from Wakefield on this Wednesday evening. The Assembly Hall was crowded and each item generously applauded.

The programme

- Selections from "The Gondoliers" and "Lilac Time" and the "Ruy Blas" overture by the orchestra;
- Choral songs from Schubert, Parry, Macpherson and Mendelssohn by the choir;
- Solos from Joan Senior, Miss Wright, Granville H. Clayton and Estelle Rhodes;
- Pianoforte solos by Gwendolyn Crowther and Kathleen Perry;
- Violin solo by Eva Harris;
- Dances by Margaret Reeves.

The accompanists were Miss H. Agnew, Kathleen Perry and Lois Harris. The success of this evening's entertainment led Mr. Jenkinson to apply to the education authority for a number of instruments for the school orchestra. One month later, a refusal for this request was received, but with his usual perseverance, Mr. Jenkinson asked for the matter to be reconsidered.

February 1938

Musical Competition

The annual inter-house Musical Competition of the Hemsworth Grammar School was held at the school yesterday, with Canon N. T. Hopkins, Provost of Wakefield Cathedral, as adjudicator.

Awards were:-

Pianoforte solo (under 14) – "On the Lake" (Kullack):

1. Alderman (Holgate) 85 points
2. equal W. Carter (Guest) and K. Horbury (Holgate) 81
3. B. Lee (Holgate) 80

Girls' solo (over 14) – "My Bonny Lass She Smileth" (Thiman):

1. J. Senior (Talbot) 86
2. D. Senior (Talbot) 85
3. E. Hodgson (Price) 79

Violin solo (under 14) – selection from "Thirty Melodies" (Tours):

1. Jagger (Price) 83
2. Parker (Price) 82

Pianoforte solo (over 14) – "Butterfly" (Grieg)

1. A. Trowe (Price) 92
2. equal H. Noble (Talbot) and O. Robinson (Holgate) 90

Girls' solo (under 14) – "The Skye Boat Song"

1. J. Kitchen (Holgate) 78
2. D. Hardy (Price) 75
3. J. Gethin (Guest) 73

Boys' solo (open) – "The Traction Engine" (Marchant)

1. Gethin (Guest) 84
2. Needham (Guest) 83
3. Dunn (Holgate) 79

Violin Solo (over 14) – Own selection

1. Walker (Price) 81
2. Courtney (Guest) 80

House Choirs, test pieces "Worship" (shawl) and "O Mistress Mine" (Brewer)

1. Talbot 164
2. Guest 162
3. equal Price and Holgate 160

At the close, Canon Hopkins complimented the school and students upon the fine performance that had been given.