

MUSIC CENTRE BULLETIN

Summer Term 2020

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Dear Parents and students

I hope that you are all staying well and safe in the current circumstances. We are all facing uncertainty over the coming months and none of us know quite how things are going to turn out as the current lockdown measures are gradually eased. However, we have been making plans to re-start activities in the new academic year and although we are all going to have to take a flexible approach, as clearly we won't be able to get back to complete normality, we are all looking forward to re-uniting as a community and to start making some music!

I hope that you find this bulletin informative and please do stay in touch with us.

Kind regards



Giles Liddiard, Instrumental Leader



GETTING STARTED IN THE AUTUMN ...

We have already taken the decision to start Music Centre activities later in the term than we normally would. We hope that this will give us the best possible chance to re-start activities effectively, see how social distancing is working in practice and hopefully benefit from any easing of lockdown measures. We will still have our usual 10 sessions for the Autumn term but will start during the first week of October.

Friday night ensembles start **Friday 2nd October.**

Saturday Mornings start **Saturday 3rd October.**



NO INCREASE IN MUSIC CENTRE OR INSTRUMENT HIRE FEES!



We understand that many families will be facing a period of financial uncertainty over the coming months. Therefore, you will not see any increase in Music Centre fees or instrument hire fees and we are pleased to let you know they will remain at the current 2019-20 level for the 2020-21 academic year.

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AUDITIONS:

Some of our more advanced groups require an audition.

These groups are:

Intermediate Orchestra, String Orchestra, Youth Orchestra and Youth Brass Band. We anticipate that these will take in September, either in person (if government health guidelines permit) or virtually.

If you are unsure if your child needs to do an audition or if they should 'move up' to the next group, please talk to your child's instrumental teacher or contact us at the Music Hub.



STAYING IN TOUCH 'ONLINE'

SOCIAL MEDIA:

The MK Music Centre has a Facebook page and a Twitter account that are updated regularly and is a great way of us as a community staying in touch and for me to share videos, photos, interesting articles as well as music centre specific news. If you don't do so already, please 'follow' and 'like' us to keep up to date with our posts



Facebook:
<https://www.facebook.com/MKMusicCentre>

Twitter: @MKMusicCentre



ONLINE VIDEOS:

You may have noticed a split screen video of the Music Centre Saxophone Quartet.

There are also some videos in the making from our senior string players, so please look out for them on our social media platforms!



SURVEY:

We have attached a 'Needs Analysis' survey to this message for you to provide your feedback about your Music Centre experience.

Feedback really helps us to understand your needs and helps to shape the future of Music Centre.

We would be very grateful if you would kindly complete and return to music@milton-keynes.gov.uk.

VIRTUAL RECITAL:

You should find attached to this message a flyer for the MK Music Hub 'Virtual Recital' which will be streamed on the Music Centre's 'You Tube' channel.

If your child would like to take part, I would suggest that you talk to your child's instrumental teacher about suitable repertoire and then contact the address on the flyer to express your interest

