

MUSIC CENTRE BULLETIN

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Dear Parents / Carers

This is a very strange time for all of us and we at the MK Music Centre hope that you are all staying safe and well. With us all in 'lockdown' and schools being closed, making music becomes more important than ever to keep happy and to bring us all together.

Here are some things that may help over the next few weeks:

SOCIAL MEDIA:

The MK Music Centre has a Facebook page and a Twitter account 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.



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

Twitter: @MKMusicCentre



VIDEO TUTORIAL:

Where possible, some MK Music Centre tutors may be able to offer a short video tutorial to share with the group including material to practise. We will email you directly if we are able to offer this to your child.

QUESTIONNAIRE:

We have attached a 'Needs analysis' questionnaire which we hope to gain valuable feedback from on how we can improve going forward. If you can spare the time to fill it in and send it back to us at music@milton-keynes.gov.uk we would greatly appreciate it.

ONLINE LESSONS:

Most students at the MK Music Centre will have been having lessons with an MK Music Co-operative teacher. While face to face lessons are not possible most tutors are offering tuition packages online through a fantastic platform called musicutors.co.uk.

If you haven't already signed up for lessons and are interested, please contact the co-op at: mkmusiccoop@gmail.com. Please note that if you have your lessons at school during the school day you will need to contact your school about lessons.

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



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RESTARTING MUSIC CENTRE:

None of us know when we will be able to resume normal face to face activities and our decisions will be based on advice from the Department of Education and the Arts Council. Be assured that we will stay in touch and that we miss you all!

Please encourage your children to keep playing and to stay engaged and we hope to see you all sooner rather than later.



THINGS TO TRY AT HOME:

There is a fantastic app called '**Acapella**' where you can create split screen videos of yourself playing multiple parts of the same piece or by collaborating with others. Hours of fun!



medici.tv

There is a great opportunity courtesy of MK Libraries. **Medici.tv** is a huge video archive of concerts, ballet, opera and instrumental masterclasses and you can log in for free if you have an MK Library card. Follow these links for more info and instructions:

<https://edu.medici.tv/en/>

www.milton-keynes.gov.uk/libraries/faqs-coronavirus

STREAMED EVENTS:

Lots of orchestras and cultural institutions are putting out content for free.

Below are links which you can enjoy **for free** while venues around the world are closed.

Berlin Philharmonic: <https://www.digitalconcerthall.com/en/home>

National Theatre: <https://www.nationaltheatre.org.uk/nt-at-home>

Royal Opera House: <https://www.roh.org.uk/streaming>

Stay safe and well.

Kind regards

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