

MUSIC CENTRE BULLETIN

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Dear Parents and students

This week would have seen a multitude of great performances from music centre groups at the 'Fiesta' and at the Chrysalis Theatre. This will be our last communication with you before the Summer break and we wanted to give you some indication of our plans for the Autumn term.

The very good news is that the MK Music Centre will be back in the Autumn term. There has been much to consider, amid the constantly changing Covid situation, scientific advice and Government guidelines. What is becoming increasingly clear is that we will not be back to 'normal' during the Autumn term and a large proportion of our offering is going to be 'online'. We hope you will understand that a flexible approach is going to be important in a rapidly evolving situation. However, here are some of the key points that we can tell you:

- Provision will start during the first weekend of **October**.
- If we can facilitate face to face activities, this will be limited to 15 students per group.
- Some sessions will be held 'live' with a Music Centre Teacher via either 'zoom' or 'Microsoft Teams'.
- Students will work towards an 'End of Term' performance in the normal way. If this can be live, it will, if not, it will be held virtually in the form of a 'multi-screen' video via our social media platforms.
- Music, backing tracks and 'guidance videos' will be made available to every student so that they are able to work on the material at home.
- Music Centre Fees will be adapted to reflect the new provision and we will ask you to confirm whether you would like to take part.

All of us are desperately keen to get back to working with our students and we are looking forward to seeing you all, in some form, in the Autumn.

Kind regards



Giles Liddiard, Instrumental Leader



SHEET MUSIC RETURN:



If any student has an 'original' part from their Music Centre activities, please could it be returned to the Music Faculty office at the Rivers Centre by the end of term?

We are particularly keen that members of Youth Orchestra return parts for the Korngold 'Theme and Variations', as this is from a hire library. Photocopies need not be returned. **Please phone the office to book an appointment** to return music. Alternatively, please post to 15 Pearse Grove, Walton Park, Milton Keynes, MK7 7HD

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AUDITIONS:

Auditions will take place in September. Please talk to your child's instrumental teacher and if your child is interested in joining the following groups, please read the attached information on auditions and email us the requested details.

Intermediate Orchestra
 Youth Brass
 Youth Orchestra
 String Orchestra



Please note, auditions will be face to face if possible but if not a video will need to be submitted.

VIRTUAL RECITAL:

Following the success of our first ever 'Virtual Recital', a further recital will take place on Friday 17th July 2020 at 7pm on the Milton Keynes Music Centre You Tube channel.

If you would like to submit a video, please email:

Giles.liddiard@milton-keynes.gov.uk



PROGRESSION ROUTES:

Please look at our 'progression routes' flow charts to help choose your activities for next term and the [Music Centre Booklet](#) which has a description and time for each activity.

Contact the office with any queries.



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



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