

MK Music Centre Bulletin - November 2024

Welcome

Dear parents and students, it has been an encouraging start to the term and has been brilliant to see the Music Centre busy once more on Saturday mornings! There's lots going on this term, including details about the end of term performances which I would urge you to read carefully.

Giles Liddiard - Instrumental Leader



Term Dates

There are 5 sessions in this half of the term:

- Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th November / 6th December 2024
- Saturdays 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th November / 7th December 2024

First sessions of next term are Friday 10th January and Saturday 11th January 2025

BLMK Youth Orchestra

Congratulations to all our students who took part in the BLMK (Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes) Youth Orchestra course over half-term. The students had the opportunity of working with specialist tutors and a professional conductor over two days, ending with a stunning performance at 'The Venue MK' on Saturday evening.



Inclusive Music

We would like to invite children, parents and carers to join our inclusive music Open Rehearsal!



On Saturday 16th November, Intermediate Wind Band and Intermediate Strings will be holding an open rehearsal for children and young people with Special Educational needs, who will be invited to not only to listen to the groups play, but to participate using hand-held percussion instruments and to walk through the musicians to experience music close-up. Both groups will rehearse at the usual time and the 'open rehearsal' will be from 10:45-11:15 in the Theatre at Shenley.

Visitors to the open rehearsal will be welcomed by a team of adults at the Sixth Form entrance to the school and guided to the theatre for the session. Refreshments will be available afterwards from the Music Centre coffee/tuck shop.

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Corporate Parenting Singalong

Music Centre choirs will once again be leading the carol singing at this event for children in care, care leavers and carers for festive songs and refreshments. This will be taking place on Monday 9th December 2024. This event takes place in the Council Chambers at the Civic Offices in central Milton Keynes.



End of Term Concerts

Please put these dates in your diary. Performances are very much the focal point of what we do at Music Centre and attendance is of course expected. If your child can't attend for any reason, please contact us: <u>music@milton-keynes.gov.uk</u>

These will take place after the last Saturday of the term and will be as follows:



Concert 1 - Tuesday 10 December 2024: Initial Choir, Development Choir, Beginner Wind Band, Junior wind Band, Intermediate Wind Band & Intermediate Strings

Details letter available here: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B4CvfiXszVeJLGkL-</u> <u>3IULTc8oit2t</u> /view?usp=sharing

Concert 2 - Wednesday 11 December 2024: Flute Choir, Junior Strings, Beginner Strings, Prevailing Wind, Big Band

Details letter available here: <u>https://drive.google.com/file/d/1m4xVCuUV-t-</u> W11hUXnHZgQSrO10jWyZz/view?usp=sharing

Concert 3 - Friday 13 December 2024: Wind Orchestra, String Orchestra and Youth Orchestra

Details letter available here: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1AW19AHJRVOPwWPfuRZxKOz18FCadcUnl/view?usp=sharing

Please remember that you must buy tickets in advance using the Eventbrite links in the details letters for each concert.

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