

# MK Music Centre Bulletin - January 2025

## Welcome

The Spring Term is always a particularly busy one and there is much to look forward to coming up! Our students will be performing in the usual End of Term Concerts as well as the MK Festival of the Arts and Music for Youth regional festivals in MK and Northampton. More detailed letters will be sent out about all of these events but please read the information in this bulletin about the performances carefully.

## Giles Liddiard - Instrumental Leader



### Term Dates

There are 2 more Friday/Saturdays left in this half term, so there is **NO** music centre on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> February and Friday 21<sup>st</sup>, Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2025.

A full list of term dates can be found on our web site: [Music Centre - Milton Keynes Music Service](#)

## Welcome to our new Choir Director

I'd like to officially welcome our new Choir Director, Rachel Davidge. Rachel brings with her a great deal of choral and teaching expertise and has already made a great start with our choirs. Remember choirs are **FREE** if your child already plays in another Music Centre Group.

**Initial Choir:** 10am to 10.45am – suitable for children in years 3, 4 and 5.

**Development Choir:** 11.15am to 12.00pm – suitable for children in year 6 and above.



## Fanfare Milton Keynes bursary applications are now open

The Fanfare MK Charity (who run the Saturday morning cafe) would like to support students to attend music centre by providing bursaries for 50% of fees for those in financial need. The application process is now open for support for the second 2 terms of this academic year. If you would like to find out more, please contact the trustees at [info@fanfare-mk.org.uk](mailto:info@fanfare-mk.org.uk).

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## Brass Band Performance – MK Young Brass Hoppers

The Music Service usually puts together a brass band to play in the non-competitive section of the Brass Band Championships. Sadly, this event is too far away this year. However, we will still put a group together to play at the regional festival of Music for Youth in MK on Wednesday April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The group is suitable for children from beginner to grade 5 standard and a flyer and sign up form can be found here: <https://miltonkeynesmusicsservice.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Flyer-2025-MK-Young-Brasshoppers-3.pdf>



### Performances this term

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: [music@milton-keynes.gov.uk](mailto:music@milton-keynes.gov.uk)

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2025 – MK Festival of the Arts:** This involves **Intermediate Strings** and **Big Band** and will take place on the afternoon of **Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> March** at 'The Venue MK'. More details will follow when we have them. Both adult groups, **Midsummer Players** and **Prevailing Wind** are playing on this day also.

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 - Music for Youth in Northampton:** This will involve **Wind Orchestra** and **Youth Orchestra** and will take place at Northampton School for Boys. A coach will be provided leaving MK at approx. midday and returning at around 4pm. A details letter and sign up form for the coach (if required) will be sent out shortly.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2025 - End of Term Concert at Shenley Brook End School:** This will involve **Beginner Wind Band, Beginner Strings, Junior Strings, Junior Wind Band, Initial and Development Choir and Flute Ensemble** from 6:30 – 7:30pm. A details letter will follow shortly.

**Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 - Music for Youth in MK:** This involves **Intermediate Wind Band** and **String Orchestra** and will take place from 4:15pm – 6:00pm at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone. A details letter will follow shortly.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2025 - End of Term Concert at Christ the Cornerstone:** This will involve **Youth Orchestra, Wind Orchestra** and **String Orchestra** and will take place from 7.00pm – 8:30pm. Seating rehearsals will take place from 5pm. A details letter will follow shortly.



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