

MK Music Centre Bulletin – October 2025

Welcome

Dear parents and students, it has been a great 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, so please read carefully and make a note of the dates.

Giles Liddiard - Instrumental Leader



Term Dates: The remaining Music Centre dates this term are:

- Fridays – 7, 14, 21, 29 November / 5 December
- Saturdays – 8, 15, 22, 29 November / 6 December

[A full list of term dates can be found on our web site:](#)

[Music Centre - Milton Keynes Music Service](#)

Inclusive Music Concert

On Saturday 15th November, Intermediate Wind Band and Intermediate Strings will be holding an informal concert 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 concert will be at 10:30am in the Theatre at Shenley. We will also offer students the chance to try out some instruments after the concert. A flyer is available here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Orr_OhUOGWsLxg0MmT4SzFct4Z806y34/view?usp=sharing



BLMK Youth Orchestra Course

This course is a great opportunity for Students who play orchestral instruments of Grade 5 standard and above to play in a large scale orchestra with a professional conductor. The course takes place on October 30,31 and Nov 1st at the Bedford school and costs just £30 for the whole course. There is a flyer available here:

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1rwluCAEm6inNVKunPJeSfR7bzd2gVv33/view?usp=sharing>

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 **Friday 19th December 2025**. This event takes place in the Council Chambers at the Civic Offices in central Milton Keynes **and choir members will need to attend from between 3.45pm and 4.30pm. Parents are welcome to wait and enjoy mince pies after the event.**



The Fanfare MK Charity/Coffee Shop



Help Us Keep the Coffee Shop Buzzing! We're looking for friendly volunteers to help run the coffee shop. If you're interested, please drop us a line at info@fanfare-mk.org.uk or come and chat with us on Saturday morning — we'd love to hear from you!

Bursaries Available for Young Musicians

If you'd like to explore bursary opportunities, please speak with your child's music teacher, email us at info@fanfare-mk.org.uk, or talk to one of our trustees on Saturday morning. We're here to help!

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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: music@milton-keynes.gov.uk **TICKETS WILL BE AVAILABLE TO PURCHASE ONLINE FROM 25 OCTOBER 2025 (see links below).**

Concert 1 – Shenley Brook End School – Tuesday 9th December 2025

Featuring: Initial Choir, Development Choir, Big Band, Intermediate Wind Band, Beginner Wind Band, Junior Wind Band. [Concert 1 Purchase Tickets Here...](#)

Concert 2 – Shenley Brook End School – Wednesday 10th December 2025

Featuring: Flute Choir, Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Beginner Strings, Prevailing Wind. [Concert 2 Purchase Tickets Here...](#)

Concert 3 – Church of Christ the Cornerstone – Friday 12th December 2025

Featuring: Wind Orchestra, Youth Orchestra and String Orchestra [Concert 3 Purchase Tickets Here ...](#)



Duke of Edinburgh Awards – Music Centre Opportunities



Students working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Award are welcome to volunteer at the Music Centre. This can include helping with a music group or using their participation in a group as part of the 'Skills' section of the award.

If a student wishes to use their membership of a music group for the 'Skills' section, they **must speak to the group director in advance** of the period they want assessed. Together, they should agree on specific goals that can be monitored and assessed.

Please note: Group directors cannot complete assessor reports retrospectively. There have been several instances where students have requested reports without having set any goals or discussed expectations beforehand. This puts directors in a difficult position and undermines the integrity of the award process.

Let's make sure everything is set up properly from the start—just have a quick conversation with your group director before you begin!

Tour to France July 2025

The summer tour to France was a great success, with the Youth and Wind Orchestras performing four brilliant concerts at venues in the Loire region of France. Now that I have caught up on some sleep, I will start making plans for a similar trip in the summer of 2027, please watch this space for updates!



MK Youth Choir

Intermediate Strings will be playing in this years MK Youth Choir concert, which takes place on the afternoon of **Sunday December 7th**. For those of you interested in finding out more about the MK Youth Choir, do visit their web site: [HOME | Milton Keynes Youth Choir](#)

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