

# MK Music Centre Bulletin – May 2026

## Welcome

We have another busy term and end to the academic year. Many thanks as always for supporting your child in their music making with us! Here's what's going on over the next few weeks....

*Giles Liddiard - Instrumental Leader*



## Term Dates

Our term dates can be found on the music service web site [here](#). As is traditional, the final Saturday of the term will be the 'Summer Fiesta', where most of the groups will be performing at some point during the morning.

## Auditions (Youth Orchestra, String Orchestra and Wind Orchestra)

We're delighted to invite applications from students of Grade 5 standard or above for our String Orchestra, Youth Orchestra and Wind Orchestra.

Auditions will take place at the Music Service (Christ the Sower School, Grange Farm) during the week beginning **Monday 6th July 2026**, after school. Each student will be given a short 10-minute audition slot, and full details will be shared nearer the time.

### What to prepare:

- **A piece** – a short piece of your choice that shows your current playing level (usually unaccompanied)
- **Ensemble music** – if you already attend a Music Centre group, please bring your current music to play a short excerpt
- **Sight reading** – a short piece will be provided on the day


If your child would like to audition, please complete the form [here](#), making sure all sections are filled in before submitting.

## Music for Youth Success!

We have an unprecedented 3 groups invited to perform at the Music for Youth National Festival in Birmingham. The Big Band will be performing in the Jennifer Blackwell performance space (part of Symphony Hall) on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July, the String Orchestra at the CBSO Centre on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July and the Wind Orchestra at Symphony Hall on the same day. This is a great achievement for the students and their group directors. You can find out more and purchase tickets here: [National Festival 2026 | Music for Youth](#)



## More Success!

 Huge congratulations to Ezra, one of our year 13 students, who was one of three winners of the Bedfordshire Orchestral Society Young Composers Competition 2026. The three winning composers and their compositions were celebrated in a concert by Bedford Sinfonia earlier this month with the Orchestra performing his piece.

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