

MK Music Centre Bulletin - May 2022



Term Dates

It is now half term and we are closed for both weekends of the half term week. Music Centre re-starts on Friday 10th June for Youth Orchestra and Saturday 11th June for Saturday ensembles. Weekday groups restart w/c 13th June.

The last Fridays/Saturdays of the term are Friday 8th and Saturday 9th July.

End of Term Performances

For the first time since July 2019, we will be able to hold our traditional 'Fiesta' face to face on the final Saturday of the term, **Saturday 9th July**. Most groups will perform during the morning at Shenley. This is a good chance to hear not only your own child's group but also what else goes on during the morning, visit the coffee shop and chat to other parents. The timings may be slightly different to the usual rehearsal times and full details will be published after half term.

The Wind Orchestra, Youth orchestra and String Orchestra will be performing at their 'End of year' concert at 7pm on **Friday 15th July** at the Chrysalis Theatre in Camphill.

Music for Youth Success!

We are delighted to announce that the Wind Orchestra, following their performance at the Music for Youth regional event at Northampton in March, have been invited to perform at the Music for Youth 'National Schools Concert' at Symphony Hall, Birmingham on **Friday 8th July 22**.

Many congratulations to the band.



Clarinet Celebration

On Saturday the Music Centre hosted this event lead by the internationally renowned clarinettist and educator Paul Harris. Around 30 students from Milton Keynes, some from Music Centre, played in small groups lead by Paul and MK Music Co-operative teachers, listened to performances and a masterclass and finished the event by performing the world premiere of a work called 'Fanfarewell', written especially for the occasion by Paul. Well done to all the students who attended.

Art in the Park

Several of our Music Centre students worked with Syrian musicians over two weeks to prepare for their performance at the 'Arts in the Park' event held at Campbell Park recently. The event was a celebration of cultural diversity and a great opportunity for our students.

Auditions 🎵 🎵 🎵

If your child would like to be considered to play in the Youth orchestra or String Orchestra, an informal audition is required. There is currently no requirement to audition for the Wind Orchestra, although we may introduce this in the future. For all three groups children should be at least Grade 5 standard and above.

Auditions will take place the week commence 11th July, after the school day has finished.

Please use [this link](#) if you wish to apply:

<https://miltonkeynesmusichub.co.uk/audition-form-youth-orchestra-string-orchestra-2022/>

Coffee / Tuck Shop

The Coffee Shop is back! This term the 'fanfare' coffee shop has been up and running and serving refreshments for students and adults, including freshly brewed coffee.

After half-term, WiFi will be available at Shenley in the coffee shop area (near the theatre). Card payments are also now able to be taken.

Please pop in and support us if you can.



Please help us to invoice you correctly

You must let us know before the end of THIS term if you want your child to stop being in an Ensemble next term. OTHERWISE you WILL be invoiced for next term, too.

You can either do this in writing, by email or by completing a, "Stop Notification" on-line on our website: ['Music Centre STOP Form'](#)

In the event of a fire:

Parents and students should sign in on arrival and out on departure

- On hearing the fire alarm leave all belongings where they are and evacuate the building as quickly as possible in a quiet and orderly fashion by the nearest fire door. These are clearly lit and your group teacher will be aware of their nearest door.
- The assembly point is at the end of the school in the car park outside the side of the Theatre.
- All pupils should line up in silence with the member of staff who has their sign in sheet from reception. (These are arranged alphabetically A - C, D - F etc)
- Please do not leave the site without making your departure known to the receptionist.