

MK Music Centre Bulletin - February 2023

It has been a great start to the new year and we hope that all students are enjoying their ensembles. There is lots going on at the Music Centre this term, including the all-important end of term performances. Please read the information in this bulletin to stay informed about what is coming up.

Giles Liddiard - Instrumental Leader

Term Dates

It's half term, so we have two weekends off! Remaining Music Centre dates this term are:

♪ Fridays – February 24th, March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th

♪ Saturdays – February 25th, March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th

(Full term dates are available on our website [Music Centre Page](#) in 'Quick Links')



End of Term Concert Arrangements

This term, we will be holding one evening of performances at Shenley on **Tuesday 28th March**. This will feature: Beginner Strings, Beginner Wind Band, Keyboard Ensemble, Beginner & Junior Choirs, Double Reed Ensemble, Flute choir and Junior Strings.

The following groups will be performing at the Regional Festival of 'Music for Youth' on **Wednesday 29th March** at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone from 4-6pm: Junior Wind Band, Intermediate Wind Band, Intermediate Strings, Big Band and String Orchestra.

The senior groups, String Orchestra, Wind Orchestra and Youth Orchestra will be performing on the evening of **Friday 31st March** at the Church of Christ the Cornerstone.

On the last Saturday of the term, **Saturday 25th March**, there are some informal performances taking place: Music Makers, Creators & Explorers at 9:30am – 10:20 in the SSA.

Start & Beginner Keyboards will be having 'open rehearsals' at the usual rehearsal times. Parents are welcome to come in and listen.

End of Year Performances

We will be holding our usual '**Summer Fiesta**' on the last Saturday of the Music centre term on **Saturday 8th July**.

This year there will also be an end of year '**Gala Concert**'. This is a larger scale concert which will be held at the Ridgeway Centre on **Saturday 15th July**. This is a collaboration between us and players from Alina Orchestra (our local professional Orchestra) and their director Hilary Davan Wetton.

The concert will feature Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Beginner & Junior Choirs, String Orchestra, Wind Orchestra and Youth Orchestra.

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Alina Orchestra

Our local professional Orchestra, Alina orchestra are performing at the Venue MK on Friday 10th March. Tickets for students are just £5 - They are playing:

Rodrigo – Concerto de Aranjuez

Mozart – Symphony no 25

Bizet – Symphony No.1 in C

More details can be found here: [Alina Orchestra](#)

[The Venue MK](#) | [Milton Keynes Premier Performance Venues](#)



Milton Keynes Sinfonia

Your local amateur Orchestra will be performing at the Chrysalis Theatre on Saturday 25th March.

The concert programme is:

Egmont Overture - Beethoven

Weber - Bassoon Concerto

Brahms - Symphony No. 2

Milton Keynes Sinfonia

The bassoon soloist is Iona Griffiths, who started the bassoon at the MK Music Centre and played in many of our ensembles. She has since gone on to Music College and hopes to make a professional career performing. The Sinfonia also features some Music Centre tutors that you may recognise!

Tickets are available here: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/d/united-kingdom--milton-keynes/milton-keynes-sinfonia/>
Adults £12, Concession £10 and under 16's £3.

Orchestral Jamboree

This is a great opportunity for our younger players to get their first taste of playing in a big orchestra. This takes place on Sunday 12 March, 10am-4pm at Redborne Upper School in Ampthill. It is suitable for children of pre grade 1 and grade 1 standard and students will work with instrumental tutors in a fun filled day, with an informal performance at the end of the day. This event is jointly funded by the MK Music Hub, the Bedford Music Hubs and Luton Music Hub and is FREE!
Sign up here: <https://www.bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk/>

Music for Youth - Northampton

The Wind Orchestra and Youth Orchestra are performing at the Regional Festival of Music for Youth in Northampton on **Saturday March 18th** at Northampton School for Boys. Parents have already been contacted and students in these two groups should sign up via the link supplied in the details letter. Good luck to both groups!



Brass Band Championships

Following a hugely successful trip last year, the MK Young Brass Hoppers will be *hopping* once again at the National Youth Brass Band Championships. We will be leaving bright and early on **Saturday 25th March** for Stockport where the band will perform, take advantage of the workshops on offer, listen to some other bands and get feedback from the Brass Bands England's mentors. Good luck everyone! 🎵🎵

Festival of the Arts

Both of the Music Centre adult groups, Midsummer Players (Adult Orchestra) & Prevailing Wind (Adult Wind Band) will be performing at the MK Festival of the Arts on **Saturday 11th March** at the Venue MK.

Both these groups are always looking for new members. In particular, the Orchestra are in need of more string players and trumpet players. If you would like to enquire further, please contact music@milton-keynes.gov.uk

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