

Northallerton music centre

The Music Centre is located at Northallerton School and Sixth Form College, College Site, Grammar School Lane, Northallerton, DL6 1DD

Rehearsals are on Saturdays from 9.30am to 12.30pm during term time.

You can phone 078 1617 4090 or email Su.Evans@northyorks.gov.uk

Office hours are Tuesday, 9am to 12pm and Wednesday, 9am to 11am in term time only.

The office address is Northallerton Music Centre, CYPS Music Service, County Hall, Northallerton, North Yorks, DL7 8AE

You can phone the office on [01609 536715](tel:01609536715).

Staff

Music Centre Manager: Su Evans B.Ed.(Hons) LTCL

Strings: Kathleen Butcher G.Mus., LTCL, PGCE; Lisa Corbett LTCL; Sarah Skilbeck B.Mus., PGCE

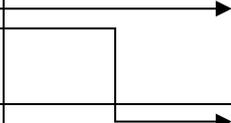
Woodwind: Su Evans B.Ed.(Hons), LTCL; Alan Owens LLCM; Tim Waters CT, ABRSM

Brass/Guitar: Ian Cobb LLCM

Vocal: Trevor Wilson GRSM, ARMCM Cert.Ed

Ensemble Details

9.30 – 10.45	Break	11.15 – 12.30
Junior Band Grade 1-4		Junior Choir / Orchestra Grade 1-3
Junior Strings Grade Pre1-3		

Symphony Orchestra Grade 4+		String Orchestra Grade 4+
Jazz Band Grade 4+		Concert Band Grade 4+
Guitar		
The Banned (early learners)		Junior Brass / Woodwind Pre Grade1
		Choir SAB – Part Singing
Theory		Exam Prep

Junior Band

Conductor: Tim Waters

Size: Approximately 30 players Standard: Grades 1 to 3

Time: 9.30am to 10.45am

The Junior Band consists of approximately 40 players, from beginners to those taking Gr3. The age range of the students is from eight to 13. Mr Waters usually chooses the music for the Band to accommodate the students' needs and is open to suggestions for new pieces. Recent concerts have included pieces such as "Looney Tunes" and "The Great Escape". You are welcome to come and join us and benefit from everything that playing in an ensemble has to offer. The Band rehearse from 9.30am to 10.45am and then join together with Junior Strings to form a Junior Choir and Junior Orchestra from 11.15am to 12.30pm.

Junior String Orchestra

Conductor: Kathleen Butcher

Assistant: Lisa Corbett

Size: Approximately 25 players Standard: Pre-Grade 1 to Grade 3

Time: 9.30am to 10.45am

The Junior String Orchestra is made up of string players between the ages of seven and 13 who enjoy spending their Saturday mornings playing music together. New players need to be able to read notes with reasonable ease. Recent performances have included works such as "Summer Stomp" by Straub and "Jurassic Park" by Williams. The strings rehearse from 9.30am to 10.45am and then join together with Junior Band to form a Junior Choir and Junior Orchestra from 11.15am to 12.30pm.

Junior Choir: Chorus

Choir Director: Kathleen Butcher

Accompanist: Lisa Corbett

Size: Approximately 40 singers

Time: 11.15am to 11.45am

This Ensemble has been established for more than seven years. It is made up of the members of Junior Band and Strings who rehearse each Saturday for 30 minutes after break and perform in a concert each term. Music consists of pop songs and songs from popular musicals, including "Streets of London" and "Viva la Vida".

Junior Orchestra

Conductor: Kathleen Butcher

Assistant: Lisa Corbett

Size: Approximately 40 players Standard: Grade 1 to Grade 3

Time: 11.50am to 12.30pm

This ensemble is aimed at all Junior Ensemble players from the first session. Music suitable for string, woodwind, brass and percussion players of this standard will be rehearsed to from Junior Orchestra. Parts will be written and adapted if required. Recent music includes "The New World" arrangement and "Thriller".

Junior Wind Group: The Little Band

Director: Tim Waters

Size: Approximately ten players Standard: Pre Grade 1

Time: 11.15am to 12.30pm

This group is for woodwind and brass students to gain experience in an ensemble before joining Junior Band. Students need to know the first eight notes on their instrument.

Guitars

Director: Ian Cobb

Size: Approximately ten players Standard: Any

Time: 9.30am to 10.45am

This group is aimed at encouraging guitar students to start participating or continue their guitar ensemble skills. Music will be arranged as necessary and will look at popular, jazz, Latin and classical styles. Students need to be able to read either TAB or notation. Basic reading of either chords or melody lines is required. You will need to bring either a classical or acoustic instrument.

'The Banned' Beginner Ensemble

Director: Sarah Skilbeck

Size: Approximately ten players Standard: Pre Grade 1

Time: 9.30am to 10.45am

This group is aimed at students who are in the very early stages of learning an instrument. They will use their own instruments as well as other percussion instruments and music is based on their individual levels and abilities.

Northallerton Area Schools' Big Band: 'Mood Swings'

Conductor: Alan Owens

Size: Approximately 25 players Standard: Grade 4+

Time: 9.30am to 10.45am

This ensemble has quickly developed into an exciting group, performing at The North Yorkshire County Show and at a Swing-a-thon in June. It contains the majority of the wind band players, with the exception of those orchestral instruments and students who will be playing in the Symphony Orchestra. It

develops jazz playing techniques and performs popular, jazz and swing music such as “Birdland” and “Moonlight Serenade”.

Northallerton Area Schools Wind Band: ‘Galeforce’

Conductor: Alan Owens

Size: Approximately 40 players Standard: Grade 4+

Time: 11.15am to 12.30pm

The Northallerton Area Schools’ Wind Band is made up of wind, brass and percussion players who enter the ensemble at around Grade 4 standard. The majority of musicians have come through the Junior Band - although this is not obligatory. The music will range from arrangements of famous classics to music from films, shows, TV programmes and pop songs, including music from “Hairspray” and Sousa’s “Stars and Stripes Forever”. We are always looking for new players, particularly trombone, tuba, oboe and bassoon.

Northallerton Area Schools’ Symphony Orchestra

Conductor: Trevor Wilson.

Size: Approximately 50 players Standard: Grades 4 to 8

Time: 9.30am to 10.45am

This Orchestra provides the opportunity for enthusiastic young musicians to meet regularly and rehearse music taken from the orchestral repertoire including “Dance of the Tumblers” and Selections from “Indiana Jones”. The ensemble was restructured last year and went on to perform at Leeds Town Hall for the NYCC Music Service Concert. It consists of string players from intermediate and chamber groups and woodwind, brass and percussion players who either request to join or are invited.

Senior Strings

Director: Sarah Skilbeck

Size: Approximately two Standard Grade 4+

Time: 11.15am to 12.30pm

The String Group builds on techniques, including communication and stylistic playing. They perform a varied repertoire of music including “Capriol Suite” and popular music, including “The Best of Abba”. The Gilda String Quartet worked with the group to help them develop their communication skills. Students studying composition may wish to use this group to rehearse their composition.

Senior Choir (SAB)

Choir Director: Trevor Wilson

Size: Approximately 12 singers

Time: 11.15am to 12.30pm

This Ensemble was formed for those who enjoy singing in harmony. Music consists mostly of pop songs and songs from popular musicals, including “West Side Story” and songs by the Beatles and some classical vocal music.

Theory/Exam Preparation

Teacher: Su Evans

Students requiring theory lessons, at any level, have an individual time to work through ABRSM theory. Students requiring practice for aural tests or accompaniment rehearsal have an individual time to practice.

Music Centre Concerts

All the ensembles present a concert each term. The dates and times for these are made available to the parents and children during the first term of the school year. Usually, the last Saturday of the term.

Concert dress

Junior and Intermediate Ensembles:

Girls: White blouses, dark skirts/trousers, black shoes.

Boys: White shirts, dark trousers, black shoes.

No trainers or jeans

Senior Ensembles:

Girls: White blouses, black skirt (of an appropriate length) or trousers, black shoes

Boys: White shirts, dark trousers, black shoes.(Bow Ties for Orchestra / String Ens)

Rules

Parents should be aware that no member of the Music Centre should leave the school site at any time during a session, unless accompanied by a member of staff. If a member of any ensemble needs to leave the Music

Centre before the end of the morning then they must ensure that their Ensemble Director is informed so that their absence is noted in the register. In addition, all Music Centre members must always use the footbridge connecting the West and East sides of the Allertonshire School, and not attempt to cross the main road directly. Neither North Yorkshire County Council nor Northallerton Music Centre can be held responsible for any injury caused by a member of the Centre breaking these rules.

Bad Weather Arrangements

If it is necessary to cancel the Music Centre due to bad weather, such as snow, then local radio will be contacted and asked to broadcast the cancellation. If you suspect that the Music Centre may have been closed then tune in to one of the following and listen to the regular bulletins:

Radio Cleveland FM 95.00, TFM Radio FM 96.6, Radio York FM 104.3

You can also check the [Northallerton Music Centre website](http://www.northallertonmusiccentre.co.uk) – a decision will have been made by 7.30am on whether the centre will be closed and will be posted on the site.

Music Centre Mobile number: 0781 617 4090

Website

The website, www.northallertonmusiccentre.co.uk, has information about the music centre, latest news, concert details both past and present, dates, fees etc. Please take time to have a look at what we offer and listen to our ensembles.

Insurance

The County Council only insures against injury caused to children as a result of the negligence of the Authority, its servants or agents and does not insure to pay compensation following any injury suffered by a pupil or student. It is the responsibility of the parent to arrange and pay premiums for personal accident insurance they require in respect of any injury caused or suffered by their child. The Authority does not insure instruments and when children borrow a County instrument parents are advised to insure it against loss or damage.

Parents' Association

The Parents' Association aims to advance the education of young people by furthering the objectives of the Music Centre. Practical and financial help is provided by parents in addition to the assistance given to the Music Centre by North Yorkshire County Council.

Money is raised by holding raffles at each concert and by parents running the Saturday morning tuck shop. The tuck shop is staffed by a group of volunteer parents and provides an opportunity for the students to socialise. As ever, we are always seeking new volunteers to assist with tuck shop, so, if you would like to help (one morning per term) please contact any member of the Committee for further information.

The money raised is used to purchase music and equipment, such as sound equipment and conductors' podiums. The Parents' Association also contribute towards the costs of off-site concerts and competitions, including providing transport.

Finally, we would remind you that all parents and guardians of students attending the Music Centre automatically become members of the Parents' Association. The Parents' Committee usually meets once each term to discuss and plan for future Music Centre events. If you would be interested in serving on the Committee please contact the Music Centre Office and we will inform the Secretary.

The Association is looking forward to another successful year for the Music Centre and new members are always welcome.

FEES 2019/20

One session (part morning): £47.40

Two sessions (full morning): £59.20

Remissions: Information available on request.

Adult fees on available on request (no remissions available).

Dates for Music Centre School Year 2019 - 2020

September: 14, 21, and 28

October: 5, 12 and 19

November: 9, 16, 23 and 30

December: 7

January: 11, 18 and 25

February: 1, 8 and 29

March: 7, 14, 21 and 28

April: 25

May: 2, 9 and 16

June: 6, 13, 20 and 27

July: 4