



# BEGINNERS

No previous experience required

**Music for Minis** Age 0–4 11:15-11:45

A small friendly group using singing, movement, stories and puppets. Great fun and accessible to all.

## Music for Minors

Age 4-6 11.30-12.15

Basic introduction to music through singing, games, movement and instrumental work.

## Music for Majors

Age 6-8 10:15-11.00

Developing further the basic knowledge of music in a structured environment.

## Recorder groups

### Absolute beginners

9:00-9:30

For those learning to play the recorder for the first time.

### The next step

9:30-10:00

Taking students up to Grade 1

### Grade 2 onwards

10:30-11:00

## Drum & Percussion Group 9:30-10:00

Total beginners can learn basic rhythmic skills while the more experienced can play sophisticated parts so that the group works as a team.

## Junior Choir Age 6+ 11:15-12:00

For many children this is the first chance they will have to benefit from professional vocal training. Good technique, including diction and breathing, is taught informally within the songs. The repertoire covers popular and traditional songs from many different cultures in both unison and parts.

# JUNIORS

Generally up to grade 5 (guidance only)

**Junior Wind Band 1** Grades 0-2 9:00-9:45

**Junior String Orchestra** Grades 0-2 9:45-10:30

**Junior Wind Band 2** Grades 2-3 10:30-11:15

A sympathetic teacher who writes individual parts for each student to match their ability takes these groups. She leads on the piano and they learn to hold their own part while the tune moves around all the instruments. Most beginners find they are ready to join after a couple of terms of lessons.

They always perform with great gusto!

**Screaming Saxes** Grades 1–5 9:00-9:45

A first taste of playing in a saxophone group.

**Recorder Ensemble** Grades 2+ 10:00-10:30

Enjoy playing recorder in a group with a specialist teacher.

## Training Orchestra

Grades 2-5 9:00-10:30

A very wide range of music is used and this is often a child's first experience of a full orchestra as they work towards joining the MMC Orchestra. They have a tuck-shop break in the middle to show that there is a social side to working!

## Theory of Music Lessons

Grades 1-5 9:30-11:30

A group class in a very relaxed atmosphere, working towards the Grade 5 exam. Drop into whichever half hour suits you or stay longer if you can.

## Aural Training

All Grades 9:00-9:30 or 11:30-12:00

In preparation for practical exams: Get that distinction!

# SENIORS

Generally grade 5+ (guidance only)

**Orchestral Wind Ensemble**

**Orchestral String Ensemble**

10:30-11:15

These groups are for ensemble playing at the highest levels. Students play pieces written for wind or strings and also work on orchestral material to be played by the MMC Orchestra.

**MMC Orchestra** 11:30-12:30

They perform every type of Classical Music and are given valuable experience, which sets them up for playing for life.

## Flute Choir

10:30-11:00

## Clarinet Quartet

10:00-10:30

Small groups playing a different repertoire to the Orchestral Wind Ensemble

**Senior Choir** 10:15-11:15

Gives more advanced singers a chance to take themselves a little further with more advanced techniques and some classic songs.

**Synchronised Saxes** 11:15-12:15

This group is comprised mainly of adults. They have become experienced players and perform some very demanding and intricate pieces.

**Big Band** 12:15-13:15

A full blown Big Band of both children and adults playing famous pieces by Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Glenn Miller and Henry Mancini. They give regular performances in varied venues.

**String Chamber Group** 7:00-8:00 pm

(Weds)

A group for children of Grade 6+ standard