



Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to invite you to attend the Bedfordshire Music Trust **Easter Youth Music Courses 2014**. We will be running six courses over the period **5th - 10th April**. Details of the courses are as follows:

GROUP:		Dates:	Venues:	Times:	Concert Dress:
Youth Orchestra Grade 7+	Course:	Mon 7th - Wed 9th April	Redborne Upper School	09:30 - 17:00	Men - Formal black and white (inc. bow ties, jackets), Women: all black
	Concert:	Thurs 10th April	Corn Exchange, Bedford	Rehearsal: TBC Concert: 19:00	
Second Orchestra Grade 5+	Course:	Sun 6th - Tue 8th April	Redborne Upper School	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Wed 9th April	King's House, Bedford	Rehearsal: TBC Concert: 19:00	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)
Senior Strings Grade 3+ - 4+	Course:	Sun 6th - Tue 8th April	Redborne Upper School	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Tue 8th April	Redborne Upper School, Main Hall	18:00	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)
Concert Band Grade 5 - 6+	Course:	Mon 7th - Wed 9th April	Alameda Middle School	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Thurs 10th April	Corn Exchange, Bedford	Rehearsal: TBC Concert: 19:00	All black - shirts/blouses (or dresses), trousers/skirts, shoes, socks
Wind Band Grade 3+	Course:	Sun 6th - Tue 8th April	Redborne Upper School, Music Centre	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Wed 9th April	King's House, Bedford	Rehearsal: TBC Concert: 19:00	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks), bow ties (boys)
Training Band Grade 1+	Course:	Sat 5th April	Redborne Upper School	09:30 - 16:00	
	Concert:	Sat 5th April	Redborne Upper School, Drama Studio	16:30	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)

Philharmonia Orchestra Open Rehearsal

As a result of our new partnership with the Philharmonia Orchestra our students are being offered a unique and exciting opportunity to watch the Orchestra rehearse on 5th April for their concert in the Corn Exchange. At the end of the rehearsal there will be an opportunity to speak to some of the professional musicians. If you wish to attend please tick the box on the attached form. Please note that students from Youth and Second Orchestra will be given priority for this FREE event. For full details please see the Philharmonia website.

Where: Corn Exchange, Bedford

When: Saturday 5 April, 2.30 to 6pm

The cost of the Concert Band, Wind Band, Youth Orchestra and Second Orchestra Courses will be **£79**. Senior Strings is **£69**. The Training Band Course is **FREE**.

If you would like to attend one of the Easter Courses please complete the attached form and return to kerri-anne@bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk, or post with cheque to **Easter Youth Music Course, The Bedfordshire Music Trust, The White House, Odell Road, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1JL**

In order to allow us time to process applications and organise the ensembles and repertoire, you **MUST** complete and return the attached form by **MONDAY 17th MARCH** at the very latest. Please apply early so that we can plan accordingly!

Tickets to the concerts will be available on the door, or from the Central Box Office for the Corn Exchange concert. Ticket prices are as follows: **Training Band, Senior Strings** - free entry, retiring collection for Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music; **Wind Band & Second Orchestra, Concert Band & Youth Orchestra** - £8 full price, £6 concession (OAP, student), £1 U18.



Financial Difficulty

In cases of financial difficulty, the **Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music** organisation may be able to support your application. The Friends are keen to help all those who might be eligible for financial support to attend the Youth Music courses (for full details, including new grants criteria and submission information, please visit www.fbym.org.uk/grants).

Transport

If you are travelling by car please indicate on the form whether or not you are happy for your contact details to be shared for the purposes of lift-sharing only. If you are having difficulty with transport and would like help in making private lift-sharing arrangements please email Kerri-Anne by **Monday 17th March** at the latest. We will then send you contact details of parents in your area.

Payment for the Easter Courses can be made either by **online transfer** or **cheque** (please note we are unable to reimburse your course fee if you cancel within two weeks of the start date of, or during, the course). Cheques should be made payable to **Bedfordshire Music Trust** and sent to the address detailed above along with your application form. BMT account details:

Account Number: 10059862
Sort Code: 16-13-07
Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland

If you are paying by Bank Transfer you must provide the reference code 'E14' with the student's ensemble (TB, WB, CB, SS, SO, or YO) INITIALS and SURNAME. For example, 'E14 YO J BLOGGS'.

Please confirm your unique reference code on the attached form. If we do not receive a correct reference code your application may not be processed.

Should you be unable to attend a course this time but would like to be invited to future events please email kerri-anne@bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk. All information sent to you by the Trust will be by email so please ensure you provide a **clear, current email address**. To ensure you receive our emails please add kerri-anne@bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk to your email contact list.

All application forms, and details of our courses and concerts can be found on our **Facebook groups** 'Bedfordshire Music Trust' and 'Bedfordshire Youth Choir', or at www.fbym.org.uk.

EASTER YOUTH MUSIC COURSES 5 - 10 APRIL 2014

Terms and Conditions:

I understand that all personal belongings, including musical instruments, are brought to and left on the courses entirely at the owner's risk and neither the Bedfordshire Music Trust nor its partners will be liable for any loss or damage to personal belongings.

I understand and accept that, whilst the staff supervising students on the course will take all reasonable care, neither the staff nor the Bedfordshire Music Trust or its partners can necessarily be held liable for any personal injury, loss of/damage to property, unless such personal injury, loss of or damage to property is due to the negligence of the staff or the Bedfordshire Music Trust and for which the staff and/or the Bedfordshire Music Trust are legally liable.

I understand that the information provided in the application form will be used by Bedfordshire Music Trust for their own purposes only, and will not be shared with any other organisations.

For students aged under 18:

I understand that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure safe transport of students to and from all course/concert venues at the published times and that Bedfordshire Music Trust's duty of care begins upon arrival at the rehearsal/concert venue each day and ends at time of departure as detailed in the course timetable.

I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instructed and any emergency medical, surgical or dental treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities attending. BMT staff are under no obligation to administer medication but may do so only if full details are provided in writing prior to the course.

Students under 18 will not be permitted to leave the course venue during the course without prior written permission from their parent/carer.

The Bedfordshire Music Trust and/or its partners may take photographs/videos of ensembles and musicians, which may be used to publicise music making activities. In such circumstances individual students will not be identified and images will not be made available to any other organisation.