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Dear Students, Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to invite you to attend the Bedfordshire Music Trust **Summer Youth Music Courses 2014**. We will be running a record eight courses over the period **24th July - 1st August**. Details of the courses are as follows:

GROUP:		Dates:	Venues:	Times:	Concert Dress:
Youth Orchestra Grade 7+	Course:	Sat 26th - Mon 28th July	TBC	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Tue 29th July	Corn Exchange, Bedford	Rehearsal: TBC Concert: 20:00	Men - Formal black and white (inc. bow ties, jackets), Women: all black
Second Orchestra Grade 5+	Course:	Sat 26th - Mon 28th July	TBC	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Tue 29th July	Corn Exchange, Bedford	Rehearsal: TBC Concert: 20:00	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)
Senior Strings Grade 3+ - 4+	Course:	Sat 26th - Tue 29th July	Bedford School Great Hall, Bedford	09:30 - 17:00, 09:30 - 14:30 (29th)	
	Concert:	Tue 29th July	Corn Exchange, Bedford	Rehearsal: 15:00 - 17:00 Concert: 18:00	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)
Junior Strings Grade 1 - 3	Course:	Sun 27th - Tue 29th July	Bedford School Great Hall, Bedford	09:30 - 17:00, 09:30 - 14:30 (29th)	
	Concert:	Tue 29th July	Corn Exchange, Bedford	Rehearsal: 15:00 - 17:00 Concert: 18:00	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)
Concert Band Grade 5 - 6+	Course:	Fri 25th - Mon 28th July	Bedford School Music Centre, Bedford	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Mon 28th July	Bedford School Erskine May Hall, Bedford	Concert: 19:00	All black - shirts/blouses (or dresses), trousers/skirts, shoes, socks
Wind Band Grade 3+	Course:	Fri 25th - Mon 28th July	Bedford School Erskine May Hall, Bedford	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Mon 28th July	Bedford School Erskine May Hall, Bedford	Concert: 19:00	Bright plain t-shirt, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)
Training Band Grade 1+	Course:	Thu 24th July	Bedford School, Music Centre	09:30 - 17:00	
	Concert:	Thu 24th July	Bedford School, Music Centre	Concert: 18:00	White shirts/blouses, black trousers/skirts, black shoes (black socks)
Youth Choir Age 13+	Course:	Wed 30th July - Fri 1st August	Putnoe Heights Church, Bedford	09:30 - 16:30	
	Concert:	Fri 1st August	Putnoe Heights Church, Bedford	Concert: 18:30	All black - shirts/blouses (or dresses), trousers/skirts, shoes, socks

The cost of the courses is as follows: Youth Orchestra **£85**. Second Orchestra, Senior Strings, Concert Band and Wind Band **£80**. Training Band **£20**. Junior Strings and Youth Choir **£40**. **Students wishing to attend both an instrumental course and the Youth Choir will be offered a 50% reduction on the Youth Choir fee, coming to £100 in total.** Students who are new to the Youth Choir, or who bring a new friend will similarly be offered a **50%** fee reduction to **£20**.

If you would like to attend the Summer Courses please complete the attached form and return to kerri-anne@bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk, or post with cheque to **SUMMER YOUTH MUSIC COURSE, THE BEDFORDSHIRE MUSIC TRUST, 20 HALEGATE, WOOTTON, BEDS, MK43 9LD** ****please note change in postal address****

The deadline for applications is **FRIDAY 6th JUNE**. Please apply early to allow us time to process applications and organise the ensembles and repertoire. To apply, complete and return the attached form with payment.

Tickets to the concerts will be available on the door, or from the Central Box Office for the Corn Exchange concerts. Ticket prices are as follows: **Training Band** - free entry, retiring collection for Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music; **Junior Strings and Senior Strings, Youth Choir** - £5 full price, £3 concession (OAP, university student), £1 U18. **Wind Band & Concert Band, Second Orchestra & Youth Orchestra** - £8 full price, £6 concession (OAP, university student), £1 U18.

Payment for the Summer 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 'S14' with the student's ensemble (TB, WB, CB, SS, SO, YO or YC) INITIALS and SURNAME. For example, '**S14 YO J BLOGGS**'. For students applying for **both** the Youth Choir and an instrumental course please indicate both groups, for example '**S14 YC/SO J BLOGGS**'. **You MUST confirm your unique reference code on the attached form. If we do not receive a correct reference code your application may not be processed.**

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). The Trust may be also able to support applications in exceptional circumstances. If in doubt, please do not hesitate to contact the Friends and/or Kerri-Anne.

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 **FRIDAY 6th JUNE** at the latest. We will then send you contact details of parents in your area.

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.

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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.

I understand that if for any reason I have not opted out of the car-share scheme and photography options (as stated on the Application Form), my permission will be assumed by the Trust.

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.