



summer school **2012** application form

Kent Music residential courses for young musicians are held each July at beautiful Benenden School near Cranbrook. Their purpose is to give students aged between 8-19 the opportunity to join in concentrated ensemble playing and singing, away from the distractions of home and school.

Friendships develop between those with similar musical interests and for many the Summer School has become an annual event not to be missed. Anyone, regardless of where they live or are educated, can apply for a place. Over 1000 young people are able to develop their musical abilities during the courses through playing in wind bands, symphony orchestras, string orchestras, jazz ensembles, recorder groups and ensembles. On all the courses the emphasis is very much on enjoyment. These courses will be helpful to a wider range of musicians and those preparing for GCSE and A level music will find it a particularly useful supplement to their studies. Singing is fundamental and youngsters with or without experience will be welcomed on the choral courses. Musicianship is also extended by singing in the course chorus during the six-day instrumental courses.

These courses allow musicians to flourish in an unrivalled atmosphere of encouragement, expertise and enjoyment.

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Courses available:

Wind Band
Orchestral
String Orchestra
Jazz
Junior String
Musical Theatre Singing
Junior Singing
Recorder

What the students say:

'Benenden gets better and better every year! I love the music and the people! It really is the highlight of my year.'

'Going to Benenden was not only good for me musically but also for my social life'

'I had an amazing time. We were really well looked after.'

'I definitely want to come back next year'

**Closing date for applications
Friday 24 February 2012**

Due to demand for these courses, applications received after the closing date may be rejected.

No audition is necessary for any of these courses.

Placement will be made after careful consideration of the instrumental teacher's recommendation, the pupil's experience and ability level, together with the need to ensure instrumental and choral balance.

How is a typical day structured?

(A day – with some variation between courses – is as follows)

- 08.15 Breakfast
- 09.00 Rehearsal
- 10.30 Refreshments
- 11.00 Rehearsal
- 12.30 Lunch
- 14.00 Free time for leisure activities/private practice/informal music making.
- 15.00 Rehearsal
- 16.15 Tea
- 16.45 Rehearsal
- 18.00 Evening Meal
- 19.30 Rehearsal
- 20.30 Refreshments

Each course culminates in a concert for parents.

What is the accommodation like?

Benenden School occupies a 240 acre site in the heart of the Kent countryside. Accommodation is mainly individual rooms. Catering facilities are of the high standard expected at this prestigious school. Leisure facilities include a supervised heated indoor swimming pool, organised sports/games, tennis and squash. There is also a shop on site.

Who are the tutors?

The tutors and conductors are highly experienced Kent Music teachers and professional players. A resident nurse/matron, lifeguards and a team of supervisory staff are also present throughout.

How do I book?

Complete the attached booking form and send it to Kent Music (KMSS) at the address below. Acceptance is governed by the need to ensure instrumental and choral balance, so the likelihood of your acceptance may be affected if the form is returned later than Friday 24 February 2012.

If you are interested, return the form now. Do not send any payment as notification regarding fees will be sent with your letter of acceptance in April.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch should you require further information about the courses.

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what's on offer

Wind Band Course Grades: 3-8 £330

Thursday 12 – Tuesday 17 July

Players are divided into three symphonic wind bands – Kent Youth Symphonic Band, Concert Band and Founders Band. Sectional and full rehearsals alternate throughout the course. The repertoire is taken from major original works and arrangements for wind band. Students also sing in the course chorus.

Orchestral Course Grades: Strings 6-8 Wind/Brass 7-8 £330

Thursday 19 – Tuesday 24 July

Sectional and full rehearsals alternate throughout the course. Works studied are taken from the standard orchestral repertoire. Students also sing in the course chorus.

String Orchestra Course Grades: 4-6 £330

Thursday 19 – Tuesday 24 July

A course designed to develop string ensemble playing skills. There are daily sectional and full rehearsals. Students also sing in the course chorus.

Jazz Course Grades: 3-8 £165

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 July

Provides the opportunity to play jazz in the Big Band style with specialist tutors on hand for those wishing to develop improvisational skills.

Junior String Course Grades: 1-3 £165

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 July

For players of violin, viola, 'cello and double bass, who will rehearse in two large string orchestras and sing in the course chorus.

NEW THIS SUMMER

Musical Theatre Singing Courses £165

(ages 12 to 14 & 15 to 19)

Wednesday 25 – Friday 27 July

These courses led by our inspiring tutors aim to give singers aged 12 to 14 & 15 to 19 the opportunity to spend three days exploring the art of singing music from the stage & theatre.

Junior Singing Course £165

Saturday 28 – Monday 30 July

Ages 8-11 (Years 4-6)

Pupils learn basic singing techniques, develop skill in singing with others and learn to sing a variety of songs in unison and in parts, including rounds. It is not necessary for pupils to be able to read music nor for them to have had previous choral experience.

Recorder Course £165

Saturday 28 – Monday 30 July

Offers keen young recorder players of all standards (able to play and read at least 3 notes) the opportunity to hone and extend their skills through working with professional recorder teachers/players on a varied repertoire of ensemble music.



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Please tick relevant boxes below

For families who have more than one child attending (or their child is attending more than one KMSS course) please note there is a discounted price of £315 for the six day courses and £157 for three day courses (excluding County Group Courses held on the KMSS site)

Course	Date	Cost	Please tick
Wind Band	12 – 17 July	£330	<input type="checkbox"/>
Orchestral	19 – 24 July	£330	<input type="checkbox"/>
String Orchestra	19 – 24 July	£330	<input type="checkbox"/>
Jazz	25 – 27 July	£165	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior String	25 – 27 July	£165	<input type="checkbox"/>
Musical Theatre Singing	25 – 27 July	£165	<input type="checkbox"/>
Junior Singing	28 – 30 July	£165	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recorder	28 – 30 July	£165	<input type="checkbox"/>

The applicant will need to complete all relevant sections:

Surname Forenames Gender

Address

Postcode Tel

Email (parents) Mob (parents)

Date of Birth Age at time of course Years Months

Name/Address of School

Instrument to be played on course Number of years learning

Current Grade Standard Teacher

If Saxophone please indicate Soprano Alto Tenor Baritone

If Recorder please indicate Sopranino Descant Treble Tenor Bass

Other instruments played

Grade Standard Teacher

Previous Summer School courses or other courses attended (Please give details eg, Orchestral Course, Symphony Orchestra etc)

Kent Music Local/Area Youth Orchestra, band or choir/school band or choir/other orchestra/band/choir (Please state position held if instrumentalist)

NB: All students take part in the Course Chorus. On six day courses this includes singing in Benenden Parish Church for the Sunday morning service.

If your child is going to be absent from school to attend any of these courses we do recommend you write to your child's school to obtain authorised absence status.

I am willing for my son/daughter to attend this course

Signed Name (please print) Title
(parent/guardian)

This section to be completed by the instrumental/vocal teacher as a guide to placement

Please tick appropriate boxes

- Kent Youth Symphonic Band Concert Band Founders Wind Band
 Symphony Orchestra String Orchestra Jazz
 Junior Strings – Orchestra 1 (Grade 2-3) Junior Strings – Orchestra 2 (Grade 1-2)
 Recorder Junior Singing Musical Theatre Singing

Does your pupil sing in a choir?

- At school Kent Music Centre Church Other No

Please tick to recommend appropriate placement within orchestras, bands or ensembles on instrumental courses:

Strings

- First Second Third (Junior Strings only)

Woodwind

- First Second Third
 Piccolo Cor Anglais Eb Clarinet Bass Clarinet

Brass

- First Second Third Fourth

Recorder

- Sopranino Descant Treble Tenor Bass

Please tick this box if you would like to receive information on other Kent Music activities

Teacher's recommendation:

Signed Name (please print)