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A brand-new centre offering musical opportunity in the community – introducing the West Kent Music Centre



**WEST KENT
MUSIC CENTRE**
SEVENOAKS - TONBRIDGE

Kent Music are delighted to announce the launch of the new West Kent Music Centre in Sevenoaks and Tonbridge, offering high quality music education for everyone.

Starting this summer, the centre will be a hub for the local youth music community. It will provide access to fantastic music education outside of school hours. Young musicians will now access first-rate, affordable music lessons and groups - whether they're available in school or not!

The centre has two locations. The Sevenoaks campus is home to a wide range of instrumental and vocal lessons, and the Tonbridge campus hosts weekly advanced ensembles. From September 2021, we will also be launching exciting new junior ensembles and choirs at the Sevenoaks Centre – so watch this space! Both sites have top quality facilities, including rehearsal rooms and equipment, and are staffed by amazing teachers. There will also be plenty of opportunities for regular performances too!

The Kent Music team is particularly excited about the new instrumental and vocal lessons available for students in the area. At the Sevenoaks campus, we're delighted to have fantastic teaching staff ready to start lessons today.

Kent Music teachers are engaging, experienced and passionate. They're excited to pass their knowledge and love of music on to new pupils of all backgrounds and abilities at the new centre!

Instruments available for tuition at the centre include Trumpet, French Horn, Saxophone, Oboe, Bassoon, Violin, Guitar, Piano, Drum Kit and more, as well as courses like Music Theory, Music Technology and Jazz Improv. A full list of lessons the centre will offer (and how to sign up) can be found on [our website](#).

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Throughout lockdown, the orchestra at the Tonbridge campus, the [West Kent Youth Orchestra](#) (WKYO) met with musical director [Benedict Collins-Rice](#) every week on Zoom. They've kept spirits up and produced amazing music in this time. But with restrictions now lifting, the Orchestra members are thrilled to see their friends again in person!

At Kent Music we're committed to making music accessible for everyone who wants to learn! As such, financial assistance is available for lessons and ensembles at the West Kent Music Centre, as well as for hiring an instrument. Find out more about financial assistance from Kent Music on [our website](#).

The new centre has come together thanks to the hard work of staff and pupils across Kent Music and the wider local music community.

Area Manager for West Kent Steph Godwin said of the new centre *"After a difficult year for musicians, we are very much looking forward to welcoming both new and old students to the relaunched West Kent music centre where they can enjoy making music and new friendships. With the lifting of restrictions, I am excited to hear our choirs and ensembles in full force and am looking forward to our first concert with an audience!"*

We're excited to welcome new students of all ages, skill levels and backgrounds to the West Kent Music Centre's lessons and ensembles. Whether you're just starting your musical journey or an experienced player or singer, the centre is the best place to get involved in making music in West Kent.

Find out more and join the centre today on the West Kent Music Centre page: www.kent-music.com/west-kent-music-centre/ .

Please contact the Music Centres team with any questions on musiccentres@kent-music.com

SEVENOAKS CENTRE

Trinity School, Sevenoaks, TN13 3SL

Opening Times (term time only):

Tuesdays 4pm – 7pm

TONBRIDGE CENTRE

Weald of Kent Grammar School, Tonbridge, TN9 2JP

Opening Times (term time only): Fridays 4.30pm –

6.00pm

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Notes to Editors:

Kent Music, founded in 1948, is a registered education charity and lead partner for the music education hub in Kent. They deliver instrumental and vocal teaching, ensemble classes and courses, music labs, county orchestras and choirs and the historic Kent Music Summer School for thousands of eager young musicians throughout the county, all year round! From supporting young orchestral musicians to fostering new bands and providing creative spaces for young musicians to experiment, they support music making in all its forms.

Kent Music is a partner in music education with Kent County Council and the hub is funded by the Department for Education through Arts Council England. **For more information, visit www.kent-music.com.**

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