



Kent Music Summer School 2020

Thursday 9th July - Monday 27th July 2020

Benenden School, Benenden, Cranbrook, Kent TN17 4AA

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Welcome

Kent Music Summer School is an excellent opportunity for young people who love music to develop their instrumental and vocal skills, and to enjoy making music with others. The Summer School takes place at Benenden School in the heart of the beautiful Kent countryside, spanning three weeks over the summer. It is made up of nine residential courses, lasting between two and six days, and is designed for young musicians aged eight to 19 years old.

The focus of the Summer School music programme is for young people to have fun while being encouraged and motivated to improve, supported by professional tutors and an experienced pastoral team. It enables course members to build on their previously learned skills alongside others of a similar age and level of experience.

We welcome students of all abilities - no auditions are necessary to take part. Every course involves time working in small groups to focus on individual skills and interests, and finishes with a celebration performance for family and friends.

We look forward to welcoming you to one of our courses in 2020!



A Day at KMSS

This is an example of an average day on the Symphony Orchestra Course:

8.00am	Breakfast
8.50am	Daily messages (short meeting for everyone)
9.00am	Sectional rehearsal
10.15am	Choir (all)
11.00am	Refreshments
11.30am	Full Orchestra rehearsal
1.00pm	Lunch
2.00pm	Free time
4.00pm	Refreshments
4.30pm	Sectional rehearsal
5.15pm	Choir (all)
6.00pm	Dinner
7.00pm	Full Orchestra rehearsal
8.30pm	Refreshments and free time

During free time, the students can choose to join organised activities, swim, play music in smaller groups they have arranged themselves or simply relax on their own or with friends in the grounds or in the boarding house common room where a TV and age suitable DVD's are available.



Wind Band

During this course, woodwind, brass and percussion players will experience playing alongside others in a large ensemble under the expert guidance of wind band professionals.

During sectional and full rehearsals, players are introduced to a broad range of music including arrangements of well-known pieces and more traditional wind band repertoire. They have the opportunity to develop their technique and enhance their ensemble playing skills in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

All course members come together for vocal sessions; wind band and vocal items will be shared with family and friends at the end of course performance.

Thursday 9th - Tuesday 14th July 2020

- **Age: 8 to 19 years**
- **Level: Grade 2-8 or equivalent**
- **Fee: £384 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Tuesday 14th July**

"I think KMSS is a fantastic thing! It promotes independence, cooperation, hard work and creativity and is always fantastically well organised."

- Parent, KMSS 2019

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Music Explorers

The Music Explorers course is ideal for all young instrumentalists at the start of their musical journey. It is designed for pupils who have experienced whole class instrumental lessons at Primary School or who have had instrumental lessons for just a few months but have had little or no ensemble experience.

Players will be encouraged to take the next step in their musical exploration by playing in a multi-instrument ensemble. They will make music together with others of a similar age, experience and ability in a fun, friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Please contact kmss@kent-music.com when you make your application if you would like us to provide an instrument.

Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th July 2020

- **Age: 8 to 13 years**
- **Level: Beginner to Grade 2**
- **Fee: £128 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Sunday 12th July**

"It was my first time here but it definitely won't be my last!"

- Young musician, KMSS 2019

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Symphony Orchestra

A course which provides the opportunity for more advanced musicians to play in a full symphony orchestra.

Players benefit from expert tuition and guidance from professional orchestral players. The emphasis is on further development of technique and the musical interpretation of orchestral repertoire.

As well as classic repertoire for a Symphony Orchestra, modern repertoire may also be studied to give players a variety of styles including music from shows or films.

The course culminates with a performance to family and friends in the impressive Benenden School Theatre.

Thursday 16th - Tuesday 21st July 2020

- Age: 8 to 19 years
- Level: Grade 6+
- Fee: £384 - Financial assistance available
- Free performance: Tuesday 21st July

"Great value for money. Super experience for our child. He absolutely loved it and wants to attend next year!"

- Parent, KMSS 2019

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Musical Theatre

Sing, dance, act and have fun – the key elements of this very popular five day course.

Repertoire is selected from rock opera, contemporary and concept musicals, juke box and light opera.

Performers are encouraged to experiment with a wide variety of singing and performance styles. The course includes workshops on physical theatre, improvisation and audition techniques which makes this a must for all Musical Theatre enthusiasts.

Share the experience at the end of course performance in the wonderfully equipped Benenden School Theatre.

Sunday 19th - Thursday 23rd July 2020

- **Age: 12 to 19 years**
- **Level: Open to all levels**
- **Fee: £320 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Thursday 23rd July**

"I have been coming for five years and each year it surpasses my expectations and makes my summer worth it."

- Young musician, KMSS 2019

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Summer Strings

This course focusses on the further development of ensemble playing skills in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

Participants will be placed in one of two string orchestras depending on their experience and ability.

Players will benefit from sectional and full rehearsals which will improve their overall technique and enhance their musical development and understanding.

Course members will also come together to form a choir and they will share string orchestra and vocal items with family and friends during the end of course performance.

Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th July 2020

- **Age: 8 to 19 years**
- **Level: Grade 1-5**
- **Fee: £192 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Friday 24th July**

“Great environment, appropriate level of independence and great teachers.”

- Parent, KMSS 2019

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Recorders

Many people learn to play the recorder but there are very few opportunities for them to play in large ensembles led by professional musicians.

Students on this course will focus on developing the skills needed to perform within an ensemble including the introduction to a variety of recorders. The focus is very much on enjoyment whilst making progression within an ensemble.

The music studied on the course is performed in an end of course concert, which is free for family and friends to attend.

Wednesday 22nd - Friday 24th July 2020

- **Age: 8 to 19 years**
- **Level: Beginner to Grade 5**
- **Fee: £192 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Friday 24th July**

“The staff are so lovely and I'm already looking forward to coming next year!”

- Young musician, KMSS 2019

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Summer Singing

Enthusiastic young singers can take their singing to the next level by singing with like-minded young people from across the county.

This course is a lot of fun and is led by experienced professionals who are skilled at working with this age group.

Students will sing accessible and engaging music in a variety of styles and will learn to sing in unison and in parts, including rounds.

Saturday 25th - Monday 27th July 2020

- **Age: 8 to 11 years**
- **Level: Open to all levels**
- **Fee: £192 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Monday 27th July**

“My son had an amazing week and enjoyed playing, singing and making new friends.”

- Parent, KMSS 2019

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Jazz

This course gives players the opportunity to explore a range of Jazz styles in both small and large groups.

Players are encouraged to contribute to the creative process and are given freedom to experiment and develop improvisation techniques supported all the way by professional jazz musicians.

The course culminates with a performance to family and friends highlighting a selection of the styles and genres that participants have experienced whilst on course.

Please note some instrument places (such as rhythm section places) are limited on this course so early booking is strongly recommended to avoid disappointment.

Saturday 25th - Monday 27th July 2020

- **Age: 8 to 19 years**
- **Level: Grade 2+**
- **Fee: £192 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Monday 27th July**

"My fourth time here and it never ceases to amaze and enchant with music and a challenge!"

- Young musician, KMSS 2019

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Song Writing

This course provides the opportunity for participants to work individually and collaboratively to develop their songwriting skills under the guidance of songwriting experts.

The focus is on how contemporary and modern songs are structured and put together and what makes them successful.

Support and advice will be given to help understand lyric writing and arrangement techniques; this will incorporate “live” instruments giving course members the freedom to experiment with different musical textures and voicings.

Saturday 25th - Monday 27th July 2020

- **Age: 11 to 19 years**
- **Level: Open to all levels**
- **Fee: £192 - Financial assistance available**
- **Free performance: Monday 27th July**

“Excellent opportunity and musical experience with amazing care and organisation.”

- Parent, KMSS 2019

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FAQs

Are auditions required?

No auditions are necessary.

What if school is still in session on the course dates?

Your child's head teacher may grant permission to attend Kent Music Summer School and generally head teachers are very keen to permit attendance. If your child is due to attend school when the course takes place, please ensure you inform your school in good time and follow their normal procedure for authorised absence (code B). We are always happy to talk with schools to answer any questions that they may have.

My child has special educational needs or a disability - can they still attend?

We aim to make courses accessible for all to attend. Please contact Kent Music to discuss your child's requirements before completing this application.

Who are the staff?

The Music Team of conductors, tutors, accompanists, vocal and instrumental coaches are experts in their field. A qualified child safeguarding officer, nurse, lifeguards and a team of experienced pastoral staff are present throughout.

Our Pastoral Team are experienced in supporting young people during their stay ensuring their safety comfort and well-being throughout. They stay in the same accommodation houses as the students so there is always someone on hand to help if needed. We engage a Student Welfare Officer who remains on-site during all courses and is available if any student wishes to talk to someone other than than someone from the music or pastoral team.

All Kent Music Summer School and Benenden School staff members have Full Disclosure DBS certificates and current Child Safeguarding training and many of them have first aid training.

FAQs

What is included in the fee?

All tuition, music, accommodation including bedding and towels, food (breakfast, lunch, dinner and refreshments), as well as leisure activities such as swimming, games and quizzes, plus seats for family and friends at the end of course performance. Financial Assistance is available upon meeting criteria, please visit www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance to find out more.

What is the accommodation like?

Benenden School is in a 240-acre beautiful parkland site in the heart of the Kent countryside and the school facilities are exceptional. Accommodation is mainly in small three or four bed rooms and the catering is of the standard you would expect from this prestigious school. Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided each full day as well as refreshments at the morning, afternoon and evening break times. Leisure facilities include a supervised heated indoor swimming pool, tennis courts and a varied range of indoor and outdoor supervised games and sports activities such as rounders, cricket and frisbee. There is also a shop on site.

Is the food provided suitable for children with allergies or specific dietary requirements?

A wide selection of food is available at each of the daily meals –breakfast, lunch and supper. There is a variety of milks available – almond, soya, hazelnut as well as skimmed and semi skimmed. There is also a separate toaster provided for gluten-free bread and there are gluten-free and vegetarian options available at all meal times.

Food served at the counter is nut-free. If you require a different diet, eg. vegan, this can be provided as long as we are given sufficient notice. The registration form you will be asked to complete will give you the opportunity of letting us know your requirements. All food is labelled with EU allergen symbols eg. sesame, crustaceans, molluscs and eggs.

If you have any other questions please get in touch at kmss@kent-music.com.

How to Apply

Booking Procedure

Each booking will be processed on receipt of an application form and deposit of £35. You can fill out the application form overleaf or download a form from www.kent-music.com/summer-school.

Bookings will be acknowledged within 21 working days of receipt. An early booking is strongly recommended to secure your place. If a course (or section of a course) is full, your booking will be placed on a waiting list and you will be advised if a place becomes available. If we are unable to offer you a place by the start of the course, all associated fees, including the deposit, will be refunded.

Payment Procedure

You will receive an invoice with the course joining instructions. Payment in instalments can be arranged; please contact kmss@kent-music.com at the time of your booking to ask for a payment plan. Course fees must be received in full no later than 31st May 2020, unless you have a payment plan agreement in place.

Financial Assistance

We offer up to 75% discount for those meeting specific financial criteria. For more information please visit www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance. Please note that an application for Financial Assistance should be submitted at the same time you apply for your chosen Summer School course.

Terms and Conditions

Please visit our website for full Terms and Conditions.

Joining Instructions

You will receive the course joining instructions in April. It is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure all sections of the form are completed and that the form is returned to Kent Music no later than 31st May 2020.

Cancellation Procedure and Refunds

Cancellations must be given in writing, either by letter or email to kmss@kent-music.com. Your cancellation will be confirmed within 15 working days of receipt.

Refunds will be processed no later than 31 August 2020. The following refund entitlements apply:

CANCELLATION RECEIVED

On or before 31/05/20
Between 01/06/20 & 20/06/20
Between 21/06/20 & 04/07/20
On or after 05/07/20

REFUND

Full, minus £35.00
50% of full course fee
25% of full course fee
No refund

**Please return your completed application to kmss@kent-music.com or by post to:
KMSS, Kent Music, 24 Turkey Court, Turkey Mill, Ashford Road, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5PP.**

Alternatively you can download an application form online at www.kent-music.com/summer-school.

Student Details	
Course Name	
Full Name	
Gender	<input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female <input type="radio"/> Other
Date of Birth	
Current School/College/ Training Provider	
Current Year Group	
If none of the above, is the applicant:	
<input type="radio"/> Home tutored <input type="radio"/> In an apprenticeship <input type="radio"/> On a gap year	
Voice:	
<input type="radio"/> Treble <input type="radio"/> Soprano <input type="radio"/> Alto	
<input type="radio"/> Tenor <input type="radio"/> Bass <input type="radio"/> Unknown	
Grade/Standard:	Teacher:
Instrument to be played on course	
Instrument Teacher	
Grade/Standard	
Other instruments and grade/standard	
KMSS or previous music courses/groups/music centres attended	

Parent/Carer Details	
Title	
Full Name	
Home Address	
Postcode	
Home Telephone Number	
Mobile	
Email:	
<input type="radio"/> Please contact me with details of the Kent Music Financial Assistance Scheme	

Declaration	
I have read and accept the Kent Music Summer School Terms and Conditions and fully support the application for this student.	
<input type="radio"/>	I have paid the £35 deposit by card by phone (01622 691212)
<input type="radio"/>	I have paid the £35 deposit by BACS bank transfer to Kent Music. Account number: 79395015 / Sort Code: 60-60-08
<input type="radio"/>	I enclose a £35 deposit cheque made payable to 'Kent Music'.

Parent/Carer Signature: _____

Date: _____

Kent Music would like to keep in touch with you about our music opportunities and services. We will not pass your details on to third party organisations. If you **WOULD** like to receive this information by POST please tick here.

If you **WOULD** like to hear from us by EMAIL please tick here and provide your email address: _____





"Safe, fun, good food,
great venue and
fantastic people."

- Parent, Kent Music Summer School 2019

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