



Kent Music Summer School

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Welcome

We're delighted to bring back the iconic Kent Music Summer School in summer 2021 for music courses!

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 2021!



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
8.00pm	Refreshments and free time
9.30 - 10.15pm	Bedtime - times vary by age

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 15th - Tuesday 20th July 2021

- **Age:** 8-19 years
- **Level:** Grades 2-8 or equivalent
- **Fee:** £384 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Tuesday 20th 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 17th - Sunday 18th July 2021

- **Age:** 8 - 13 years
- **Level:** Beginner to Grade 2
- **Fee:** £128 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Sunday 18th July

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

- Young musician, KMSS 2019

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Ukulele

This is a new course for 2021!

The Ukulele Course is ideal for all young players in the early stages of their musical journey.

It is designed for pupils who have experienced whole class ukulele lessons at Primary School or who have had ukulele lessons for just a few months but have had little or no ensemble experience.

Players will be encouraged to build on their knowledge and experience from school sessions. This is an opportunity to hone their technique, be introduced to different music and styles and play more notes and chords.

They will experience playing in a group with others of a similar age, experience and ability all in a fun, friendly and supportive atmosphere.

Saturday 24th - Sunday 25th July 2021

- **Age:** 8 - 13 years
- **Level:** Beginner to Grade 2
- **Fee:** £128 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Sunday 25th July

"I'm very excited to attend in the summer and happy that we'll be able to get together again"

- Young musician, 2021

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New this year!

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 22nd - Tuesday 27th July 2021

- **Age:** 8 - 19 years
- **Level:** Grades 6+
- **Fee:** £384 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Tuesday 27th 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, jukebox 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.

Thursday 22nd - Monday 26th July 2021

- **Age:** School years 7+
- **Level:** Open to all levels
- **Fee:** £320 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Monday 26th 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 28th - Friday 30th July 2021

- **Age:** 8 - 19 years
- **Level:** Grades 1 - 5
- **Fee:** £192 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Friday 30th July

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

- Parent, 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 31st - Monday 2nd July 2021

- **Age:** 8 - 13 years
- **Level:** All levels welcome
- **Fee:** £192 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Monday 2nd 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.

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th July 2021

- **Age:** 8 - 19 years
- **Level:** Grades 2+
- **Fee:** £192 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Friday 30th 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 song writing skills under the guidance of song writing 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.

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th July 2021

- **Age:** 11 - 19 years
- **Level:** All levels welcome
- **Fee:** £192 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Friday 30th 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). School absence Code B covers approved educational activities and courses which take place away from the school site.

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.

How do I access financial assistance?

Financial Assistance is available upon meeting certain criteria. Please visit www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance to find out more and make an application.

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, e.g. 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 e.g. sesame, crustaceans, molluscs and eggs.

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

FAQs: COVID-19

We are very hopeful that KMSS will take place in 2021 but as you will understand, all plans and arrangements being made are subject to change and will depend on the prevailing Covid related government guidelines and safety measures.

Although we are unable to answer specific questions about exact arrangements at this time, we can reassure you that the safety and welfare of students and staff are paramount and with that in mind we will ensure:

- All required measures are implemented and adhered to
- Full details of the procedures will be sent to you and posted on the website as soon as they are confirmed
- A full Risk Assessment for Summer School will be made available by the end of June 2021.
- Full refunds will be processed at the earliest time if courses are cancelled due to Covid-19

For more information on how Kent Music is responding to the Covid-19 pandemic, including our latest updated guidance document, please [visit our website](#).

What happens if courses are cancelled?

We will only cancel a course when no other safe options are available. If this occurs, parents/carers will be contacted at the earliest opportunity, and full refunds will be processed as quickly as possible.

What happens if my child/ward has COVID symptoms or has to isolate and cannot attend the course?

If a student cannot attend due to COVID symptoms or exposure, please contact the County Programmes team as soon as possible on kmss@kent-music.com. Full refunds will be processed on production of proof of a positive COVID-19 test and/or a doctor's certificate.

What measures and guidance have Kent Music put in place to ensure all the courses are safe?

The health, safety and welfare of all participants and staff is our top priority. We will ensure all measures by the prevailing regulations and laws at the time of the course are adhered to.

FAQs: COVID-19

Will COVID-19 testing take place for staff or students?

If required by government or Benenden School, we will conduct routine tests. We will advise parents/carers as soon as we have this information confirmed, shortly before the start of your course.

Will students be required to wear face masks while on the site?

If required by government or Benenden School, we will request masks or face coverings are worn unless there is evidence of exemption. If face coverings are not mandatory, students may wear them if they feel more comfortable in doing so.

I would like to wait until I know more about the COVID situation this summer before I apply. When is the latest we can apply for a course?

We believe the courses will be extremely popular this year so we strongly recommend you apply as soon as possible to secure your place. Full refunds will be given if we must cancel due to COVID, so you will not be at any financial disadvantage by making an early application.

Will students be allowed to share rooms?

At the time of writing, government guidance on residential courses has not yet been published. The accommodation houses at Benenden that we are likely to occupy are made of individual rooms although this has not been confirmed. We will inform parents/carers of the situation as soon as this is confirmed.

Will the end of course concerts go ahead as usual?

We are planning for or celebratory end-of-course concerts to go ahead as usual on the final day of each course.

Will sports and/or swimming facilities be available to use during the course?

We hope that these activities will be permitted during the Summer School. If so, time will be scheduled for use of the leisure facilities.

If you have further questions regarding how we are complying with COVID-19 guidance please email kmss@kent-music.com/

How to Apply

Booking Procedure

Each booking will be processed on receipt of an online application form. To apply please visit www.kent-music.com/summer-school or click the links in this brochure.

Bookings will be acknowledged within 7 working days of receipt. When your booking is confirmed you will be contacted with an invoice and payment information. A deposit of £35 is required upon receipt of this email to secure your place. **Please do not make a payment until you have received your confirmation email and invoice.**

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.

Payment Procedure

You will receive an invoice with your booking confirmation and we ask that £35 of this total is paid on receipt as a non-refundable deposit to secure your place.

You will be able to pay this invoice in one lump sum or by instalments of your choice through your SpeedAdmin account. Course fees must be received in full no later than the 5th July 2021. If you would like to discuss an alternative payment plan please email kmss@kent-music.com

Terms and Conditions

Please visit our website at www.kent-music.com/terms-and-conditions/ for full Terms and Conditions. Summer School Terms and Conditions should be read in conjunction with Kent Music's General Terms and Conditions.

Financial Assistance

We can offer up to a 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 as soon as possible after you apply for your chosen Summer School course.

Joining Instructions

You will receive the course joining instructions no later than the end of June 2021. These will give you final details on plans for the course, accessing the site, what to bring and more.

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 2021. The following refund entitlements apply:

CANCELLATION RECEIVED

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

REFUND

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



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Don't miss your chance to join the Summer School family this year.
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"Safe, fun, good food,
great venue and
fantastic people."

- Parent, Kent Music Summer School 2019

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