

Kent Music Summer School 2023

Thursday 13 - Monday 31 July
Benenden School, Cranbrook

www.kent-music.com/kmss





" My child really enjoyed the whole experience, loved the music, and raved about the food! So nice for him to be able to spend time with other children with similar interests in such a well organised setting."

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Welcome

Kent Music is both pleased and excited to launch the 2023 Kent Music Summer School to be held at beautiful Benenden School where we have been offering courses for over 70 years.

The emphasis continues to be on fun and enjoyment, which allows students to flourish musically and make friends with students that have similar interests.

With access to facilities including the new concert hall, music department and theatre the courses allow students to perform music together in a nurturing environment. We hope that our friendly and welcoming atmosphere will benefit all that attend.

All courses were extremely popular last year with waiting lists on many courses so please do reserve your place as soon as possible particularly if you missed out last year! If you have any questions that are not answered in this brochure please do not hesitate to make contact and we will be happy to help.

Help to keep music live and join us at the Kent Music Summer School in 2023. I look forward to welcoming you in July!

Phill Hyde

Manager, Kent Music Summer School



Course Timetable

July
2023

THURS 13	FRI 14	SAT 15	SUN 16	MON 17	TUES 18	WEDS 19	THURS 20	FRI 21	SAT 22
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WIND BAND

SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

**EXP
DAY**

**MUSIC
EXPLORERS**

MUSICAL THEATRE

SUN 23	MON 24	TUES 25	WEDS 26	THURS 27	FRI 28	SAT 29	SUN 30	MON 31
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SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

SUMMER STRINGS

SUMMER SINGING

**MUSICAL
THEATRE**

JAZZ

SONG WRITING

JUNIOR

ADVANCED

MIXED LEVEL

Wind Band

The Wind Band course is designed for woodwind, brass and percussion players with some experience. Players will practice and perform with others in a large ensemble under the expert guidance of wind band professionals.

During sectional and full rehearsals, players will explore a broad range of music. This includes arrangements of well-known pieces and more traditional wind band repertoire.

The course is perfect for young players looking to develop their technique and enhance their ensemble playing skills in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere.

Thursday 13th - Tuesday 18th July 2023

- **Age:** 8-19 years
- **Level:** Grades 2+
- **Fee:** £420 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Tuesday 18th July

"My child had an absolutely fantastic time and is already asking to go back next year!"

SCAN ME or visit
tinyurl.com/kmsswindband23
to apply





Music Explorers

The Music Explorers course is ideal for all young instrumentalists at the start of their musical journey. It's perfect for players who may have experienced whole class instrumental lessons at school, or who have had instrumental lessons for just a few months but have had little or no ensemble experience.

The course encourages players to take the next step in their musical journey by playing in a multi-instrument ensemble. They will make music 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 15th - Sunday 16th July 2023

- **Age:** 8 - 13 years
- **Level:** Beginner to Grade 2
- **Fee:** £140 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Sunday 16th July

"Our child came back overjoyed from the music explorer course on Sunday! He absolutely loved it."

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tinyurl.com/kmssexplorers23
to apply





Symphony Orchestra

This course 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 course emphasises development of technique and the musical interpretation of orchestral repertoire.

Repertoire will cover the classics of Symphony Orchestra pieces. This may expand to include music from shows or films to give players experience in a variety of styles.

The course culminates with a performance to family and friends in the impressive Centenary Hall at Benenden.

Thursday 20th - Tuesday 25th July 2023

- **Age:** 8 - 19 years
- **Level:** Grades 6+
- **Fee:** £420 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Tuesday 25th July

"My child had an absolutely brilliant time and would love to join again...I was extremely impressed by how beautifully and passionately the students performed at the concert."

SCAN ME or visit
tinyurl.com/kmsssymphony23
to apply





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. A must for all Musical Theatre enthusiasts!

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

Thursday 20th - Monday 24th July 2023

- Age:** School years 7+
- Level:** Open to all levels, no experience required
- Fee:** £350 (Financial Assistance Available)
- Free performance:** Monday 24th July

"My daughter absolutely enjoyed her course and had an amazing time making new friends in the process."

SCAN ME or visit
tinyurl.com/kmsstheatre23
to apply





Summer Strings

This course is perfect for violin, viola, cello and double bass players looking to develop their 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 with expert tutors. Course members will also come together to form a choir.

The course will support improving overall technique and enhancing musical development and understanding.

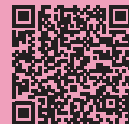
Players will perform for family and friends at the end of course performance in the impressive Centenary Hall at Benenden.

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th July 2023

- **Age:** 8 - 19 years
- **Level:** Grades 1 - 5
- **Fee:** £210 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Friday 28th July

"It was such a wonderful experience for my children. They both thoroughly enjoyed it"

SCAN ME or visit
tinyurl.com/kmssstrings23
to apply





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.

All instruments are welcome, as long as you're of the right standard. However, the course is tailored for brass, wind and rhythm section instruments specifically.

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

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th July 2023

Age: 8 - 19 years

Level: Grades 2+

Fee: £210 (Financial Assistance Available)

Free performance: Friday 28th July

"I just wanted to say how amazing the jazz course was... He said it was just so amazing to be with others who loved to play music as much as he did."

SCAN ME or visit

tinyurl.com/kmssjazz23

to apply





Song Writing

This course provides the opportunity for participants of all experience levels to develop their song writing skills. Participants will work individually and collaboratively 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 demystify lyric writing and arrangement techniques.

Participants will have the freedom to experiment with different musical textures and voicings. Live instruments will be incorporated, although you don't need to play to have a valuable experience.

Participants will share their creations in a concert for family and friends at the end of the course.

Wednesday 26th - Friday 28th July 2023

- **Age:** School year 7+
- **Level:** All levels welcome, no experience required
- **Fee:** £210 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Friday 28th July

"My child absolutely loved the course and has been writing songs and singing ever since!"

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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 29th - Monday 31st July 2023

- **Age:** 8 - 13 years
- **Level:** All levels welcome, no experience required
- **Fee:** £210 (Financial Assistance Available)
- **Free performance:** Monday 31st July

"My children are still singing and humming the tunes they learnt and recounting stories from the course!"

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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, play music in smaller groups they have arranged themselves or simply relax on their own or with friends.

Students can relax in the grounds or in the boarding house common room where a TV and age-appropriate DVDs are available.





Meet County Groups

The KMSS courses are not the only music courses Kent music organises at Benenden School during the summer.

Kent Music also run three county groups who meet during July and August. Kent Youth Wind Orchestra and Kent Youth Choir summer courses run alongside KMSS which offers a great opportunity for students to see and hear the advanced groups in action, get some tips and be inspired.

Our county groups represent the best Kent has to offer in youth music ensembles, and work with experienced professional tutors and conductors to develop their skills and perform at concerts throughout the year.

We are very proud that many of our county group members move on to further advance their music studies at college, university as well as into national music groups such as the National Youth Wind Orchestra of Great Britain, National Youth Choirs of Great Britain and National Youth Orchestra.

Many of our group members started their journeys to be top young musicians in the county right here at Kent Music Summer School.

From Summer Strings to KCYO, song writing to KYC, or Music Explorers to KYWO , starting at Summer School can lead to amazing places!





Kent Youth Wind Orchestra (KYWO)

KYWO is for woodwind, brass and percussion players in year 7 and above (maximum age 19) who have reached a minimum standard of grade 6 on their instrument. Their summer course runs alongside the KMSS Wind Band and Music Explorers courses.

Kent Youth Choir (KYC)

KYC is for singers covering the full vocal range in year 9 and above (maximum age 21). Although sight singing is not a pre-requisite, it is a skill that each member acquires and develops over time. The KYC summer course runs alongside the KMSS Summer Singing course.



Kent County Youth Orchestra (KCYO)

KCYO is for orchestral players in year 8 and above (maximum age 21) who play at grade 7 level or higher. Their summer course this year will take place at Benenden School during the first week of August.



If you would like to find out more about any of the county groups, how to join or where and when they perform, visit www.kent-music.com/county-groups/ or contact us at countygroups@kent-music.com

FAQs

Are auditions required?

Auditions are not required. Placement in groups will be made after careful consideration of the standard and experience of the student as indicated on the booking form together with the need to ensure instrumental and vocal balance.

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 your 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.

What is included in the fee?

Here is a list of some items covered by the fee: Tuition, music, music stands, accommodation, bedding, towels, food and drink (breakfast/lunch/dinner/3 refreshment sessions per full day), pastoral team, nurse, student welfare officer, use of leisure facilities, sports team, free access to end of course performances.

All courses are partially subsidised by a grant from Kent County Council, helping us make KMSS accessible to as many young musicians as possible.

What time do courses start?

Registration on the first day of the course is between 9.30 and 10.30am.

FAQs

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 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. Pastoral team members 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 should any student wish to talk with someone other than from the music or pastoral team. All Kent Music Summer School and Benenden School staff members have Full Disclosure DBS certificates and are current with Child Safeguarding training. In addition to an on-site nurse, many of the team have first aid training.

What if my child has another commitment during the course?

We understand sometimes there are existing commitments to school or for music exams where they may need to arrive late or be off-site for a time during the course. Please ask for an off-site/late arrival request form from kmss@kent-music.com

Can my child be non-residential?

It is our belief young musicians gain maximum benefit from being residential where they can join both the musical and social aspects of the course. If you prefer them not to stay overnight this can be arranged, however please bear in mind that you will need to drop-off at 8.45am and collect at 8.15pm each day except for the first morning and post-concert collection.

There is no reduction in fee for being non-residential. Please email kmss@kent-music.com if you would like them to attend on a non-residential basis.

FAQs

Why can't a full refund be given for withdrawal?

We must employ staff and give expected course attendance numbers approx. 6 weeks before the start of KMSS. This means that by 1st June, Kent Music is committed to financial outlay on your behalf for the booked place on course. For this reason, it is essential you read and understand the cancellation and refund terms to know your entitlement.

In exceptional circumstances e.g., student illness or accident, where a doctor and/or hospital certificate is provided to support the withdrawal, we will only retain the £35 deposit.

How do I access financial assistance?

We have a Financial Assistance scheme for those who need additional support to attend Kent Music activities, including lessons, groups, courses and Summer School. If you require financial assistance for Kent Music Summer School courses, please visit our Financial Assistance webpage at www.kent-music.com/financial-assistance/. You will need to download a form specifically for County Groups courses and return it to our team - full instructions for this are on the webpage.

If you would like further information about County Programmes financial assistance, please contact Valerie Cordina, County Programmes Manager, at vcordina@kent-music.com. If you are unable to secure financial assistance for KMSS, a full refund of any associated fees paid will be given.

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 dinner. There are a variety of milks available including almond, soya and hazelnut as well as skimmed and semi skimmed dairy milks. There is a separate toaster provided for gluten-free bread and there are gluten-free and vegetarian options available at all mealtimes. Food served at the counter is nut-free. All food is labelled with allergen symbols e.g., sesame, crustaceans, molluscs, and eggs.

If you require a different diet, e.g., vegan, this can be provided as long as we are given sufficient notice. When booking, you will have the opportunity to let us know your requirements.

FAQs

What is the accommodation like?

Benenden School is in a beautiful 240-acre parkland site in the heart of the Kent countryside and the school facilities are exceptional. Accommodation is mainly individual rooms with shared bathroom facilities. 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 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 small shop on site.

What do I need to bring with me?

You only need to bring your personal items for the length of your course. Bedding, food and towels will be provided. You will also need to bring your own instrument (if required for the course). If you already own instrument accessories, e.g. mute, please bring them with you. If you play a bowed string instrument, please bring spare strings. We do have access to a small allocation of instruments if you don't have your own.

Please contact kmss@kent-music.com when you make your application if you need us to provide an instrument. Instrument hire will incur a small additional cost which will be a maximum of £15.00 (depending on length of hire and instrument type). Instrument hire will be free of charge to students in receipt of financial assistance.

COVID-19 and KMSS

The health, safety and well-being of students and staff is paramount; KMSS will follow all prevailing guidelines and law. We will keep you informed should the need arise.

If you would like any further information or to discuss any FAQs, please get in touch at 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/kent-music-summer-school/ or click the links in this brochure.

Bookings will be acknowledged within 7 working days of receipt. Once your booking is confirmed you will be sent an invoice for the deposit payment. A non-refundable deposit of £35 is required within 5 working days of receiving your invoice to secure your place. **Please do not make a payment until you have received your confirmation email and invoice.** If you do not pay the deposit within 5 working days your place will be released, and you will have to reapply for the course.

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 Kent Music is unable to offer a place, all your related fees will be refunded.

Payment Procedure

You will receive an invoice for the non-refundable deposit with your booking confirmation, and we ask that this is paid on receipt to secure your place. The deposit makes up part of the total course fee.

An invoice for the remaining fee will be sent to you week beginning 1st May 2023. 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 2nd July 2023.

If you would like to discuss an alternative payment plan, pay in installments, or you are awaiting confirmation of financial assistance, 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 at the same time as your Summer School course application.

Joining Instructions

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

Cancellation Procedure and Refunds

Withdrawal by student

Notice to withdraw must be given in writing, either by letter or email to kmss@kent-music.com. The cancellation will be confirmed by email within 15 working days of receipt; the refund amount will be verified.

If a student is unable to attend a course the following refund policy will apply:

Withdrawal notification received by kmss@kent-music.com

- On or before 31/05/23 = Full refund (minus non-refundable deposit)
- Between 01/06/23 & 17/06/23 = 50% of full course fee
- Between 18/06/23 & 01/07/23 = 25% of full course fee
- On or after 02/07/23 = No refund

Please note: The refund policy applies to all registered students regardless of their date of registration or when/if payments have been made.

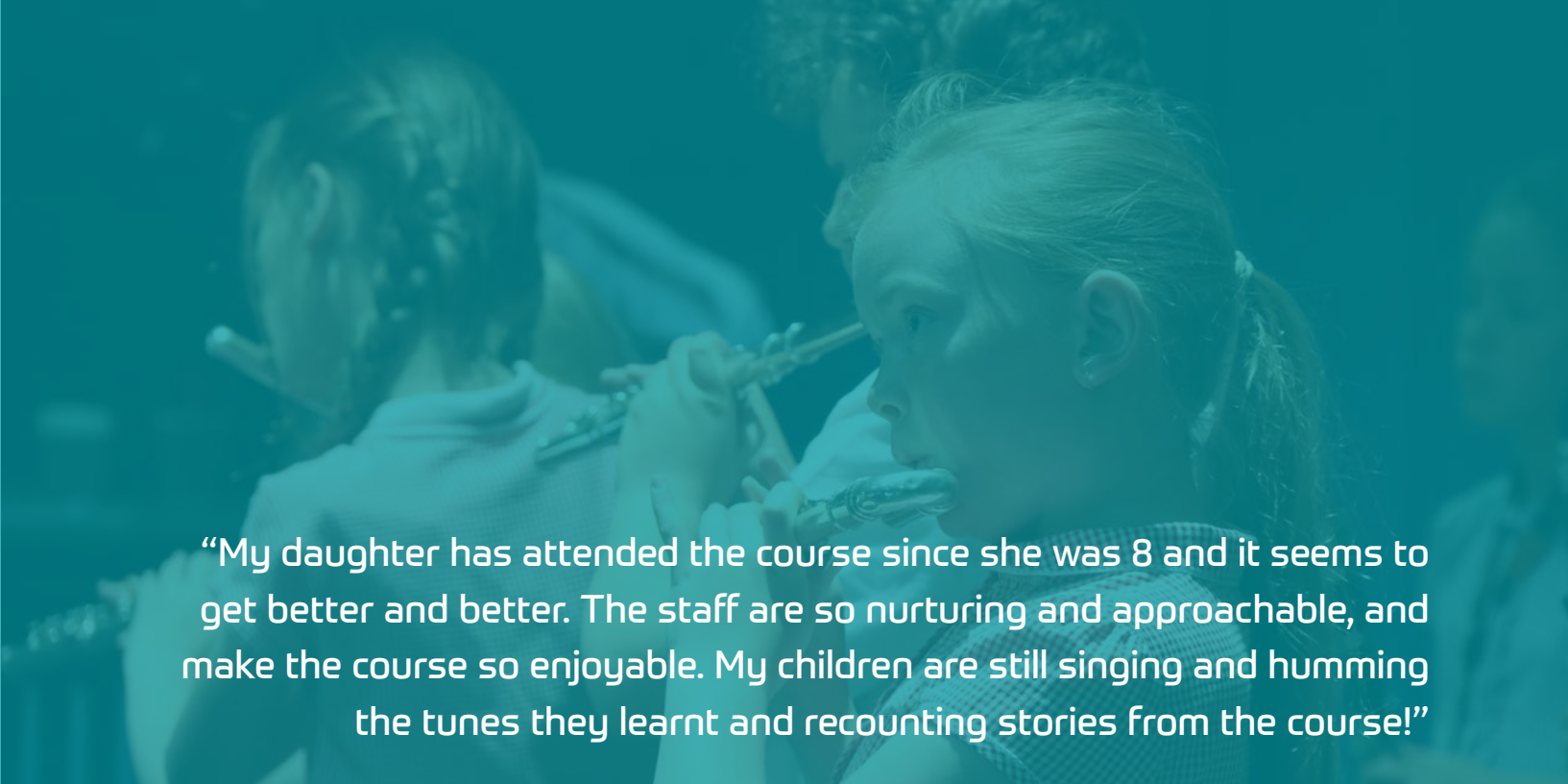
Withdrawal due to illness or accident

If a student is unable to attend due to illness or accident, we request you send us the doctor and/or hospital certificate to confirm. In this instance a refund, less £35.00 deposit will be processed. Please note, this applies to all medical conditions including COVID-19 related withdrawals.

Cancellation by Kent Music

Should Kent Music cancel any Kent Music Summer School courses, a full refund including the deposit will be processed.





“My daughter has attended the course since she was 8 and it seems to get better and better. The staff are so nurturing and approachable, and make the course so enjoyable. My children are still singing and humming the tunes they learnt and recounting stories from the course!”

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