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The historic summer school for young musicians returns this summer

Following an amazing reopening in 2021, the whole [Kent Music](#) team are thrilled to be back at Benenden School for another fantastic few weeks of music making in 2022.

What is Kent Music Summer School (KMSS)?

KMSS is a musical summer school, offering residential music courses of all kinds for young musicians aged 8 – 19 from 14th July – 1st August.

The summer school has been running at the beautiful [Benenden School](#) since 1947 and, although it began aimed at adults, thousands of children have since taken part in a range of courses, from wind bands to musical theatre. Financial assistance is also available to make sure as many young musicians can access KMSS as possible.

Why should I go to a KMSS course?

Kent Music Summer School has been a part of the summer experience for young musicians in Kent for over 70 years. From new starters to experienced players, it's a place for everyone to enjoy themselves and enrich their summers, making friends and memories to last a lifetime!

The focus of the Summer School music courses is for young people to have fun while being encouraged and motivated to improve, supported by professional tutors and an experienced pastoral team.

It's not all rehearsing, though. During free time, students can play music in smaller groups, join organised activities, go swimming, explore the grounds or relax in the boarding house common room. In break times and evenings, students from across the courses will mingle – pianists and musical theatre performers, symphony orchestra players with brand new music explorers, and more.

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What courses are running this year?

We run courses which are suited to young musicians of all ages, abilities and experience levels. No auditions are required – just a passion for making music!

Applications are now open, and courses are first-come-first served. Don't miss your chance to claim a place on your favourite course!

- [Wind Band](#)
Dates: 14th – 19th July | **Ages:** 8 – 19 | **Level:** Grade 2+
- [Music Explorers](#)
Dates: 16th – 17th July | **Ages:** 8 – 13 | **Level:** Beginner (some experience of instrumental tuition necessary) to grade 2
- [Symphony Orchestra](#)
Dates: 21st – 26th July | **Ages:** 8 – 19 | **Level:** Grade 6+
- [Musical Theatre](#)
Dates: 21st – 25th July | **Ages:** School year 7+ | **Level:** Open to all levels – no experience required
- [Summer Strings](#)
Dates: 27th – 29th July | **Ages:** 8 – 19 | **Level:** Grades 1-5
- [Jazz](#)
Dates: 27th – 29th July | **Ages:** 8 – 19 | **Level:** Grade 2+
- [Song Writing](#)
Dates: 27th – 29th July | **Ages:** School year 7+ | **Level:** Open to all levels – no experience required
- [Summer Singing](#)
Dates: 30th July – 1st August | **Ages:** 8 – 13 | **Level:** Open to all levels – no experience required

For more information visit www.kent-music.com/kent-music-summer-school/

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Notes to Editors: Kent Music 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 electronic 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. More information can be found on the Kent Music website: www.kent-music.com/

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