



Encore Youth Music Handbook 2023-24

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For enquiries relating to Youth Music ensembles, please contact Lisa Lyness:

lisa@encore-enterprises.com

or alternatively on

01432 853219

Emergency contact number

Saturday Mornings, Concerts / Pre-Concert rehearsals and all Livewire events:

07583 669393 (EYM Mobile)

The EYM Mobile number can also be used to send apologies for all rehearsals.

Please check the website regularly for the latest news and updates.

www.encore-enterprises.com

Handbooks, forms and newsletters are all available to download from the website.

Hard copies are available on request.

For all other Encore enquiries, please contact the office:

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Welcome to Encore Youth Music

We ask and expect a high level of commitment to our ensembles. We plan our music and our performances specifically for the young people in them. Also, it is important that young people learn about commitment and being part of a team; just like a sports team. We know many families lead busy lives, but we do ask you to help with this. All rehearsal and concert dates are in this handbook for you. We also help by sending out information to schools in June of each year to help them plan their musical events around the county calendar and to avoid clashes etc.

Encore Youth Music is heavily subsidised by Encore through some of our Music Hub funding from the DfE. It is very good value for money and we hope that parents with more than one child will appreciate the family membership. Don't forget the membership fee is for EYM (not one ensemble), so if you are in more than one ensemble it doesn't cost any more.

If you have any queries, please do contact us at the Encore office or ask on a Saturday morning.

We hope that you enjoy this year's experiences at EYM!

The Encore Youth Music team

General Information about rehearsals

- ♪ **Please bring a named music stand, pencil and rubber**
- ♪ Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the rehearsal to help set up the chairs and be ready to start playing on time! String players in particular need to allow time to tune their instruments.
- ♪ Rehearsals end at 11.50am - please be ready to pick up your child promptly - and young people will be ready for collection shortly after when everything has been cleared away – we do expect everyone to help!
- ♪ Saturday Music Centre has a tuck shop during the break (10.30 to 10.50am), and the Herefordshire College of Arts has vending machines, so members may want to bring some change.
- ♪ Can we remind everybody that usual Health and Safety rules apply. Please do not run, particularly on the stairs, and keep to the areas of the rehearsal venues that are being used by Encore Youth Music. Please be aware that members of the public use the Town Hall in the evenings and that parents, Hereford Sixth Form College and Herefordshire College of Arts staff and members of the public can often be on site on Saturdays.

First Saturday Music Centre

- ♪ For the first rehearsal of the season only on **Saturday 16th September**, please arrive at 9.15am and assemble in the PAC with your band or ensemble; it will be signposted.

Attendance/Absence

- ♪ Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts. However, we do understand that there are times when missing a rehearsal is unavoidable. Please let your conductor know if you are going to miss a rehearsal, or:
 - Email lisa@encore-enterprises.com
 - Ring the Encore office during the week on **01432 853219**
 - After 4pm on the Friday prior to a Saturday rehearsal, please leave a text message on the EYM mobile **07583 669393**

Instruments

- ♪ Please note that the Encore cannot accept responsibility for accidents or loss of instruments at rehearsals or concerts.
- ♪ Cellists, Double Bass and Bassoon players **MUST** have reliable spike protection.

EYM Membership/Subscription

- ♪ The annual cost of EYM membership is heavily subsidised by the Music Service through our DfE funding and from September 2023 is charged at:
 - **£140 for one child**
 - **£225 for all children living in the same household**
- ♪ Membership is free for low-income families where the school receives Pupil Premium for a child.
- ♪ The Herefordshire Music Fund supports all music activities. Go to the Encore website to see if you qualify for a bursary.
www.encore-enterprises.com/herefordshitemusicfund

Give it a try for free!

- ♪ The first couple of rehearsals will be an opportunity for your child to decide if they enjoy playing with the group before any commitment is necessary; please do not pay the subscription until they have been to 2 rehearsals to be sure that they want to continue with EYM.
- ♪ If you or your child are not sure whether this is something that you wish to be involved in, then drop Lisa an email and she will arrange for you to come and visit us to see! You can join at various times of the year.

The Herefordshire Music Fund



The Herefordshire Music Fund is a charitable trust run by local people. We're driven by the belief that every child and young person should be able to access musical opportunities and develop their talents.

For children and young people in challenging financial circumstances, we provide bursaries to fund instrumental and vocal tuition. We support complete beginners through to the most experienced and across a range of styles including classical, folk, rock, pop and jazz.

We nurture the talent of young musicians across all genres by helping those who struggle financially with the cost of taking part in activities including workshops, courses, residencies, events and masterclasses / sessions with renowned musicians.

www.enclave-enterprises.com/herefordshiremusicfund

Saturday Music Centre

9.30am – 11.50am

Venue: Hereford Sixth Form College, Olympus Way, off Folly Lane HR1 1LU

Junior Strings

♪ Tutors: Shirley Aston and Carol Lewis-Merritt

A Junior String Ensemble for Violins, Violas and Cellos

Standard required to join: Be able to read music and play basic finger pattern - Grade 2

Intermediate Strings

♪ Tutors: Barbara Kinnaird and Hazel Davis

An Intermediate String Ensemble for Violins, Violas and Cellos

Standard required to join: Grade 3 - Grade 5 (Yr 7 & above)

Junior Concert Band

♪ Tutors: Hazel Landey and Hannah West

A Junior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

Standard required to join: Working towards Grade 1 - Grade 2

Intermediate Concert Band

♪ Tutors: Becky Griffiths and John Griffiths

An Intermediate Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 3 - 4

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

Herefordshire Youth Concert Band

♪ Tutors: Andi Licqurish and Sarah Rees

A Senior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 5+

♪ Woodwind and Brass players (not saxophones) may be able to join the Youth Orchestra, rehearsing on Tuesday evenings

♪ Auditions may be required



1:30 - 4.00pm

Led by Chris Butts

♪ Livewire is our all-inclusive Popular Music programme for all young people in Herefordshire. Anyone aged 11-21 can get involved in Livewire, whether they are accomplished musicians or just starting out.

♪ Members of Livewire can also join any of our other ensembles if they play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

Weekday Ensembles

Herefordshire Youth Orchestra

Tues 5:00 - 7:00pm

- ♪ Tutors: Andi Licqurish and Barbara Kinnaird
A Senior Orchestra for Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion
Standard required to join: Grade 5+
- ♪ Auditions may be required



The Tuesday Sessions

Tuesday 5.00 - 7.00pm

Led by Chris Butts

- ♪ The Tuesday sessions are a weekly, term-time, drop-in for anybody interested in Popular Music. Whether you've never picked up an instrument before or you're a Grade 8, classically trained violinist or anywhere in between, we invite you to flex your musical muscles.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

Dates For Your Diaries

Rehearsals

Rehearsal Dates	Sep 2023	Oct 2023	Nov 2023	Dec 2023	Jan 2024	Feb 2024	Mar 2024	April 2024	May 2024	June 2024	July 2024
Saturday Music Centre	16 th 23 rd	7 th 14 th	11 th 18 th 25 th		20 th	3 rd 24 th	2 nd 16 th	13 th 20 th 27 th			
Herefordshire Youth Orchestra (Tuesdays)	19 th 26 th	*1 st 3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th		16 th 23 rd *28 th 30 th	6 th 20 th 27 th	5 th 12 th 19 th	9 th 16 th 23 rd			
Livewire Tuesday Sessions	12 th 19 th 26 th	3 rd 10 th 17 th 24 th	7 th 14 th 21 st 28 th	5 th 12 th 19 th	16 th 23 rd 30 th	6 th 20 th 27 th	5 th 12 th 19 th	9 th 16 th 23 rd 30 th	7 th 14 th 21 st	4 th 11 th 18 th 25 th	2 nd 9 th 16 th

*Sunday Rehearsal

Concerts and Events

Concert/Event	Date	Ensemble(s) performing	Venue
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Sat 25 th Nov from 2pm onwards	Junior and Intermediate Groups	To be confirmed
LIVEWIRE	Sat 25 th Nov 3.45pm tbc	Livewire Saturday Gig	HCA Folly Lane
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Sat 2 nd Dec 7.30pm	Herefordshire Youth Orchestra & Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross, Hereford
Carols in the Old Market	Sat 9 th Dec 12-2pm	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Old Market, Hereford
Army Benevolent Fund Carol Concert	Wed 13 th Dec 7pm	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Hereford Cathedral
Spring Youth Concert Bands & HYCB	Mon 29 th April 7pm	Junior Concert Band Intermediate Concert Band Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford
Spring Youth Concert Strings and HYO	Tues 30 th April 7pm	Junior Strings Intermediate Strings Herefordshire Youth Orchestra	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford

**Concert Dress: Smart black UNLESS your ensemble tutor has stated otherwise.
Please, no jeans, no trainers!**

