



# Encore Youth Music Handbook 2022-23

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

**07376 673404 or 07583 669393**

These numbers can also be used to send apologies for all rehearsals.

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

[www.encore-enterprises.com](http://www.encore-enterprises.com)

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

Hard copies are available on request.

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# Welcome to Encore Youth Music

Welcome to the EYM Handbook for 2022 / 23. Within these pages you will find all the information you will require for the coming year.

We ask & expect a high level of commitment to our ensembles. We plan our music & our performances specifically for the young people in them. Also, it is important that young people learn about commitment & 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 & concert dates are in this handbook for you; there is a separate page for each ensemble. 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 & 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 & I 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. I hope that you enjoy this year's experiences at EYM.

**Andi Licqurish**

**Assistant Manager**

**Community & Ensembles**

## **General Information about rehearsals**

Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the rehearsal to help set up the chairs & be ready to start playing on time! String players in particular need to allow time to tune their instruments.

Rehearsals end at the stated time (i.e. for most of ensembles on a Saturday morning, they end at 11.50am), and young people will be ready for collection shortly after when everything has been cleared away – we do expect everyone to help!

**Please bring a named music stand, pencil & rubber (no stand needed for choir).**

Saturday Music Centre has a tuck shop during the break (10.30 to 10.50am), & The Herefordshire College of Arts has vending machines, so members may want to bring some change.

Can we remind everybody that usual Health & Safety rules apply. Please do not run, particularly on the stairs, & 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 & that parents, Hereford Sixth Form College & Herefordshire College of Arts staff & 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 17<sup>th</sup> September**, please arrive at 9.15am for an 'assembly' in the PAC; it will be signposted.

This is for everyone apart from those in the Ukulele Ensemble, Herefordshire Youth Choir or Livewire whose rehearsals/sessions start later in the day.

## Attendance/Absence

Members are expected to attend all rehearsals & concerts. However, we do understand that there are times when missing a rehearsal is unavoidable. Please let us know if you are going to miss a rehearsal:

- let your conductor know at the previous rehearsal
- email [lisa@encore-enterprises.com](mailto: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; **07376 673404** or **07583 669393**

## Instruments

Please note that the Encore cannot accept responsibility for accidents or loss of instruments at rehearsals or concerts.

Cellists, Double Bass & 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 2022 is charged at £135 for one child or £215 for all children living in the same household.

Membership is free for low-income families where the school receives Pupil Premium for a child.

## 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 & young person should be able to access musical opportunities & develop their talents.

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

[www.encore-enterprises.com/herefordshiremusicfund](http://www.encore-enterprises.com/herefordshiremusicfund)

# Saturday Music Centre

## Starter Strings

9:15 - 10:30am

Tutors: Shirley Aston & Carol Lewis-Merrit

### **A Beginner String Ensemble for Violins, Violas & Cellos**

**Standard required to join:** knowledge of basic finger pattern to Grade 1 +

Members of Starter Strings can also join the Ukulele Ensemble which rehearses after the break from 10:50am to 11:50am. You will be loaned a ukulele or you can bring your own.

Members of Starter Strings can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

## Junior Strings

9:30 - 11:50am

Tutors: Hazel Davis & Carol Lewis-Merrit

### **A Junior String Ensemble for Violins, Violas & Cellos**

**Standard required to join:** Grade 2 – 3

Members of Junior Strings can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses from 12.00pm to 1:00pm.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

## **Intermediate Strings**

**9:30 - 11:50am**

Tutors: Barbara Kinnaird & Shirley Aston

### **An Intermediate String Ensemble for Violins, Violas & Cellos**

**Standard required to join: Grade 4 +**

Members of Intermediate Strings can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses from 12.00pm to 1:00pm.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

## **Starter Concert Band**

**9:15 - 10:30am**

Tutors: John Griffiths & Lorna Ruth

### **A Beginner Wind Ensemble for Woodwind & Brass**

**Standard required to join: ability to play 5 notes confidently**

Members of Starter Concert Band can also join the Ukulele Ensemble which rehearses after the break from 10:50am to 11:50am. You will be loaned a ukulele or you can bring your own.

Members of Starter Concert Band can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.



## **Junior Concert Band**

**9:30 - 11:50am**

Tutors: Hazel Landey & Lorna Ruth

### **A Junior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion**

**Standard required to join: Grade 1 - 2**

Members of Junior Concert Band can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses from 12.00pm to 1:00pm.

Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

## **Intermediate Concert Band**

**9:30 - 11:50am**

Tutors: Becky Griffiths, John Griffiths & Hannah West

### **An Intermediate Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion**

**Standard required to join: Grade 3 - 4**

Members of Intermediate Concert Band can also join the Herefordshire Youth Choir which rehearses from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evening.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

## **Herefordshire Youth Concert Band**

**9:30 - 11:50am**

Tutors: Cliff Woollard, Andi Licqurish, Sarah Rees & Andy Brotherton

### **A Senior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass & Percussion**

**Standard required to join: Grade 5 +**

Members of Herefordshire Youth Concert Band can also join the Herefordshire Youth Choir which rehearses from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.

Woodwind & Brass players (not saxophones) may be able to join the Youth Orchestra, rehearsing on Tuesday evenings; auditions required.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

## **Ukulele Ensemble**

**10:50 - 11:50am**

Tutors: Duncan Cresswell & Hannah West

### **An all-inclusive Beginner Ukulele Ensemble**

**Standard required to join:** From age 6, no experience required; you will be taught to play the ukulele and loaned an instrument

Members of Ukulele Ensemble can also join Starter Strings or Starter Concert Band if they play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.

Members of Ukulele Ensemble can also join the Herefordshire Youth Choir which rehearses from 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

# Herefordshire Youth Choir

12:00 - 1:00pm

Tutors: Jon Weller & Hannah West

## An all-inclusive Choir for Young People

**Standard required to join:** from age 6, no singing experience required

Members of Youth Choir 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.



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: Cliff Woollard & Barbara Kinnaird

**A Senior Orchestra for Strings, Woodwind, Brass & Percussion**

**Standard required to join:** Strings, Woodwind & Brass: Grade 5 +

Members of Youth Orchestra can also join the Youth Choir which rehearses on Saturday mornings.

Brass players can join the Brass Band, rehearsing on Wednesday evenings.

Woodwind, Brass & String players can join ensembles which rehearse on Saturdays.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.



## The Tuesday Sessions

Tues 5:30 - 7:30pm

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.

# **Herefordshire Youth Brass Band**

**Wednesday 5:00 - 7:00pm**

Tutors: John Griffiths & Liessa Price

**An all-inclusive Brass ensemble for all ages & abilities**

**Standard required to join: Grade 2 +**

Members of Herefordshire Youth Brass Band can join any of our Saturday Music Centre Ensembles if they play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.

There is no extra charge for joining another ensemble.

# Dates For Your Diaries

Rehearsal Dates	Sep 2022	Oct 2022	Nov 2022	Dec 2022	Jan 2023	Feb 2023	Mar 2023	April 2023	May 2023	June 2023	July 2023
<b>Saturday Music Centre</b>	17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>		14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	22 <sup>nd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>		
<b>Herefordshire Youth Orchestra</b> (Tuesdays)	20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> * 4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>		10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup> * 31 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>			
<b>Livewire</b>  Tuesday Sessions	13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup>	10 <sup>th</sup> 17 <sup>th</sup> 24 <sup>th</sup> 31 <sup>st</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup> 13 <sup>th</sup> 20 <sup>th</sup> 27 <sup>th</sup>	4 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Herefordshire Youth Brass Band</b> (Wednesdays)	14 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup>	5 <sup>th</sup> 12 <sup>th</sup> 19 <sup>th</sup>	2 <sup>nd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup>		11 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup>	1 <sup>st</sup> 8 <sup>th</sup> 15 <sup>th</sup> 22 <sup>nd</sup> 29 <sup>th</sup>	19 <sup>th</sup> 26 <sup>th</sup>	3 <sup>rd</sup>		

\*Sunday Rehearsals

<b>Concert/Event</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Ensemble(s) performing</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> November from 2pm onwards	All EYM Ensembles, Bands & Choir	Kindle Centre, next to Asda, Hereford
Livewire	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Livewire Saturday and Tuesday Groups	Venue to be confirmed
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Sat 3rd December 7.30pm	Herefordshire Youth Orchestra & Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Holy Trinity Church, Whitecross, Hereford
Carol Playing	Sat 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Old Market, Hereford
Army Benevolent Fund Carol Concert	Wed 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec 7pm	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Hereford Cathedral
Spring Youth Music Concert	Tues 2 <sup>nd</sup> May 7.30pm	Herefordshire Youth Orchestra	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford
Livewire	Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Livewire Saturday and Tuesday Groups	Hereford College of Arts
Spring Youth Music Concert	Mon 8 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm	Junior Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Herefordshire Youth Concert Band, Herefordshire Youth Brass Band	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford
Spring Youth Music Concert	Tues 9 <sup>th</sup> May 7pm	Starter Strings, Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Starter Concert Band, Ukulele Ensemble, Herefordshire Youth Choir	The Courtyard, Edgar Street, Hereford

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

