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Harrogate Music Centre Open Morning - Saturday 1st July 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing to invite you to our Harrogate Music Centre Open Morning which will be taking place on Saturday 1st July from 09:30-12:30 at St Aidan's C of E High School in Harrogate. We are inviting any prospective new members that are thinking of joining in September 2023 to come along to meet our team and see how we operate.

Rehearsals will run as normal and for those interested in joining our ensembles, please do bring your instrument and join in! There will be tea and coffee for adults, as well as a tuck shop for students provided by the Friends Association and you will have a chance to chat with our friendly volunteers and staff. A list of our ensembles and their rehearsal schedules is overleaf for your information.

We will also be hosting presentations from our brass teacher for those who do not yet play an instrument but are considering learning one in the near future. Please see the information overleaf for the times of these presentations.

If you intend to come, please contact Emily Jones via email Emily.Jones@northyorks.gov.uk to register your details and let us know which session you are interested in attending so that we can have plenty of resources available on the day.

Yours faithfully, Emily Jones Acting Harrogate Music Centre Manager North Yorkshire Music Service

<u>09:30-10:45</u>

Blast Off!

For beginner woodwind, brass and percussionists from 5 notes – grade 2.

Junior Ukuleles

For primary aged students interested in playing the ukulele. From beginner to more advanced.

Concert Orchestra

For brass, woodwind and string players from grade 2+.

Harrogate Youth Percussion Ensemble (HYPE)

For percussionists as well as pianists who would like to try percussion from grade 3+.

10:30-12:30

Harrogate Youth Jazz Orchestra (HYJO)

For musicians playing trumpet, trombone, saxophone, guitar, bass guitar, jazz piano or percussion from grade 6+. Audition required.

11:15-12:30

Concert Band

For brass, woodwind and percussionists from grade 3+.

String Ensemble

For string players from pre-grade 1 to grade 8+.

Youth Choir

For primary aged children who love to sing. No experience required.

Ukuleles (ADULT ENSEMBLE)

For adults who would like to play the ukulele. No experience required.

Parental Guidance (ADULT ENSEMBLE)

A wind band for adults who have either never played a wind instrument before or haven't for a long while and need to brush up on their skills!

Lessons at HMC

We offer some large group instrumental lessons at HMC for strings, brass and woodwind instruments. Our brass teacher will be doing a small presentation on brass instruments and will have a brief chance for students to try the instruments at the following times. These presentations will last 30 minutes. Please note these lessons are subject to teacher availability. We are hoping to have availability for woodwind and string teachers in the next academic year. If you are interested in this, please let us know which of the below sessions you would like to attend.

Brass: Presentations from 10:15-10:45am and 12:00-12:30pm.