



Amphill Music Centre

Head of Centre: Marilyn Burrows and Cate Thomas

Welcome to Amphill Music Centre, part of the provision provided across the County by Bedfordshire Music. The Music Centre meets every Saturday during term time at Redborne Upper School, Flitwick Road, Amphill, Bedford, MK45 2NU.

Activities take place between 09.15 and 12.30, providing a variety of ensemble work for students aged from 7 upwards. We also offer a Junior Music School for children from 4 -7 and encourage parents to join in with other groups where appropriate. We give concerts and have an Open Morning each term which parents/guardians, family and friends are most welcome to attend.

Students are encouraged to participate in a full morning's activities. Regular and committed attendance is essential if our ensembles are to develop and perform to their full potential. Members are expected to attend all concerts in which they are required to perform. The dates for all of concerts are published in advance. If any member is unable to attend a concert, please inform a member of staff well in advance. Please note that all students will need to bring a music stand weekly.

Registration and fees

Fees for the Music Centre are currently £49.00 per pupil per term or £32.00 if only attending a half-hour morning or Junior Music School. There is a reduction for students paying for the whole academic year in September of £141 per annum (£89.00 for Junior Music School students attending just that session). **N.B.** The full fee for a year in advance is payable in the **Autumn term** only. Fees are collected by each school at the beginning of each term, no attendance at the school until the fees are paid.

During the 2007-2008 academic year all **new** students registering at a Music Centre will receive their first half-term free of charge on receipt of a voucher from a Bedfordshire Music Service practice book.

Parents/Guardians of under 18s must complete a registration form and return it to the Centre's Administration Office, Mrs. Hodges, when they join so that accurate records of pupil movement can be maintained. Students who wish to leave the Music Centre must fill in a termination form and pass it to the Administration Officer so that their records can be deleted from the files.

Music Centre Activities

Choirs
String groups
Percussion,
Bands,
Chamber Groups
Guitars
Recorders
Music Theory
Music Technology

All activities are subject to change dependent on demand and staff availability.

Timetable

09.15 – 10.00	10.00 – 10.45	10.45 – 11.00	11.00 – 11.45	11.45 – 12.30
Junior School Senior Choir Junior Strings Junior Windband Recorders Music Theory	Junior School Junior Choir Senior Strings Senior Windband Music Technology		Music Theory Music Theory String Chamber Groups Jazz Band Junior Woodwind Percussion	Pitched Percussion Junior Orchestra Senior Orchestra Percussion

Term Dates 2007-2008

Autumn Term 2007

September	08 – not open	October	06	November	03 – recital morning	December	01
	15		13		10		08 – Senior concert
	22		20 – not open		17		
	29		27 – not open		24		

Spring Term 2008

January	05	February	02	March	01
	12		09 – not open		08
	19		16 – not open		15 – Senior concert
	26		23 – recital morning		22 – not open

Summer Term 2008

April	05 – not open	May	03 – not open	June	07	July	05 – Senior concert
	12		10		14		
	19		17		21		
	26		24 – not open		28		
			31 – not open				

Attendance

Attendance at the Music Centre is of course voluntary; everyone has chosen to attend. We have a code of conduct, which helps the Centre to run smoothly and safely and ensures that every one can work together to the benefit of our music making.

Music Centre Code of Conduct

Membership of a Music Centre brings with it enormous benefits, both musically and socially, for every student, provided that **everyone** understands and accept their responsibility towards one another, and work together as a team.

As a member of a Music Centre all students are expected to:

- ✓ Be punctual and attend regularly each week
- ✓ Where ever possible inform the Head of Centre in advance of any necessary absence
- ✓ Be sensible and show respect for people, property and the school at all times
- ✓ Take good care of any music or equipment loaned to them
- ✓ Always speak politely and truthfully and sort out problems peacefully
- ✓ Not use language that will offend others
- ✓ Follow all instructions given by staff
- ✓ Walk at all times in the building
- ✓ Try to do their best in everything they do
- ✓ Never leave the buildings during the morning without permission from the Head of Centre
- ✓ Complete the appropriate forms and return them to the Head of Centre before ceasing Music Centre Membership
- ✓ Understand that a member of staff's decision is final on any matter

Tuck shop

The Tuck Shop, which is run by a marvellous team of parents and is open from 10.45, is situated in the Drama Foyer. This is also the central 'meeting place' for students and parents/guardians.

Student free time

We hope that students will engage in activities throughout the morning. However, any student with free time at any stage should wait in the tuck shop area and occupy themselves quietly and sensibly.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD ANY STUDENT WANDER ROUND THE SITE ONCE THEY HAVE ARRIVED FOR THE MORNING'S ACTIVITIES. IF A STUDENT NEEDS TO LEAVE PART WAY THROUGH A MORNING THEY MUST SIGN OUT AT THE FRONT DESK.

Health and Safety

To ensure that a safe working environment is maintained for everyone at all times, all students must follow the details in the Centre Code of Conduct. Music Centre staff take on student duty of care at the start of the timetable each morning. Music Centre duty of care ends at the close of the timetable at the published time each morning. During this time students must not leave the building without the permission of the Head of Centre.

Parents/Guardians are responsible for the safe transport of their child to and from the Centre each week and should be aware of the start and end times of the timetabled duty of care responsibility of the Music Centre staff.

In the event of an emergency evacuation pupils should follow instruction given by staff and quietly and sensibly leave the building and assemble with their teacher in the following location.

Emergency evacuation assembly point:

Behind the Sports Hall

First aiders:

Marilyn Burrows and Hannah Perry

Signing in and out

Parents/Guardians are welcome to stay at the Centre during the morning. Any one remaining on site who is not registered must sign in and out in the Centre visitors' book and wear a visitor's badge. All badges should be returned on departure.

Music Centre Staff List

Marilyn Burrows	Head of Centre, choirs and pitched percussion
Cate Thomas	Deputy Head of Centre and strings
Nicky Riding	Head of Junior School and wind groups
Peter Halliday	Bands and Orchestra
Hannah Perry	Chamber groups
Matthew Hill	Music Theory, Music Technology and Junior Orchestra
Pamela Jagers	Recorders
Michael Gardener	Guitars

Further information

For further details of all our activities, why not come along to the Music Centre to see and listen for yourself?

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