



# THE HIGH WYCOMBE MUSIC CENTRE

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## GROUP ACTIVITIES AT THE HIGH WYCOMBE MUSIC CENTRE – 2011-12

The following is a summary of the range of exciting opportunities for young people up to the age of 19+ available at **THE HIGH WYCOMBE MUSIC CENTRE** from September 2011. All activities are run by experienced and well-qualified staff, and applications to join a particular group are welcome at any time. Unless otherwise indicated, all groups rehearse weekly during school terms (30 sessions per year). Where gradings are given, they should only be regarded as a guide to standard. Entry will be dependent on available space and in some cases, satisfactory audition.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR STRING, WOODWIND, BRASS and PERCUSSION PLAYERS:

**STRING CLUB** **FRI 4.45 - 5.45 PM** **NORTH HALL** **LINDA MILLER, NAOMI JACOB & NICOLA WALL**

For players who have been learning only a short time, *String Club* will develop confidence by reinforcing basic technical and musicianship skills, speeding up progress and adding to the fun and enjoyment of music-making.

**SATURDAY STRINGS** **SAT 9.00 – 10.30 AM** **ROOM 12 SYLVIA ROSE & MARY WALTON**  
*Saturday Strings* offers players of grade II – III standard the opportunity to play in a full string orchestra. Repertoire is carefully chosen to develop and cultivate good habits, but also encouraging the fun element of playing a string instrument.

**JUNIOR ORCHESTRA** **SAT 9.00 – 10.30 AM** **SOUTH HALL** **SALLY STAFFORD**  
Junior Orchestra provides players with their first opportunity to play in a full symphony orchestra. Repertoire is popular, varied and exciting. Grades IV to V standard.

**SENIOR ORCHESTRA** **FRI 6.00 – 7.30 PM** **NORTH HALL** **SYLVIA ROSE**  
The Senior Orchestra offers a more demanding repertoire and requires a minimum standard of Grade V.

**YOUTH ORCHESTRA** **FRI 6.00 – 7.30 PM** **SOUTH HALL** **SALLY STAFFORD**  
HWMC's flagship Symphony Orchestra. A minimum level of at least Grade VI is required in most sections. A range of orchestral repertoire is performed at concerts, festivals and international tours. The orchestra has also worked with internationally renowned soloists and conductors.

**STRING ORCHESTRA** **FRI 7.45 – 8.45 PM** **ROOM 9** **GEORGE BENT**  
This string ensemble offers the senior players in the Music Centre the chance to discover the exciting and challenging repertoire for string orchestra. Players are generally drawn from the Senior Orchestra and the Youth Orchestra.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOODWIND, BRASS AND PERCUSSION PLAYERS:

**PREPARATORY WIND BAND** **FRI 4.45 – 5.45 PM** **ROOM 12 ANDY ROGERS & JESSICA KOHL**  
For players who have been learning only a short time, this Band will provide plenty of fun and enjoyment in the very early stages.

**MARLOW JUNIOR BAND** **THUR 3.45 – 4.30 PM** **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL, MARLOW**  
For woodwind, brass and percussion players who have been learning for over six months. **MATTHEW GIBBS**

**TRAINING BAND** **FRI 6.00 – 7.00 PM** **ROOM 12 JESSICA KOHL & EMMA WALKER**  
For promising wind players who have reached Grade I – II, this band is an ideal follow-on from PWB or MJB and will develop confidence by developing skills learned in instrumental lessons.

**ELEMENTARY WIND BAND** **SAT 10.45 – 12.15 PM** **SOUTH HALL** **MATTHEW GIBBS**  
An ideal follow-up to Training Band, where players of Grades III - IV standard will flourish through a programme of exciting and fun repertoire.

**JUNIOR WIND BAND** **SAT 10.45 – 12.15 PM** **NORTH HALL** **ANDY ROGERS**  
Standards and expectations are raised further in the Junior Wind Band. The band has an ongoing reputation for vibrant music making at Grades IV to V standard.

**SENIOR WIND BAND** **FRI 7.45 – 9.15 PM** **NORTH HALL** **MARTIN HELLEWELL**  
The fifth in the ladder of the six Music Centre wind bands, the Senior Wind Band has a very high standard and a busy concert schedule. Players should be of Grade V level upwards.

**CONCERT BAND** **FRI 7.45 – 9.15 PM** **SOUTH HALL** **ANDY ROGERS**  
The senior wind band in the Music Centre, requiring a minimum level of at least Grade VI in most sections. The Concert Band is one of the best youth wind bands in the county and has a demanding concert schedule.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR JAZZ:

**BIG BAND** **TUES 6.30 – 7.45 PM** **ROOM 12** **PATRICK GAZARD**  
For saxophone, trumpet, trombone, electric guitar, piano and drum kit players (minimum Grade VI standard). The Band plays a wide variety of jazz standards. In order to keep the ensemble balanced, entry will depend on vacancies.

**JUNIOR BIG BAND** **TUES 5.15 – 6.15 PM** **ROOM 12** **PATRICK GAZARD**  
This ensemble has the above requirements at minimum Grade IV and V standard.

### OPPORTUNITIES FOR GUITARISTS:

**TRAINING GUITAR ENSEMBLE** **SAT 10.50 – 11.30 AM** **ROOM 9** **SAMANTHA HOLWILL**  
For players who have completed Guitarist's Way Book 1 or equivalent (pre-Preliminary Grade). Recommendation by teacher is sufficient to join.

**JUNIOR GUITAR ENSEMBLE** **SAT 9.00 – 10.00 AM** **ROOM 9** **SAMANTHA HOLWILL**  
This follows the Training Ensemble. Acceptance by audition after a successful attempt at Grade 1. You may take the audition pending a current attempt at the necessary grade.

**INTERMEDIATE GUITAR ENSEMBLE SAT 9.00 – 10.00 AM LIBRARY GARETH HOLWILL**

An excellent follow-up to the Junior Ensemble. For players of Grade III standard. Acceptance by audition.

**SENIOR GUITAR ENSEMBLE SAT 10.45 – 11.45 AM LIBRARY GARETH HOLWILL**

For players of Grade V. High standards of sight-reading and musicianship expected. Many public performances undertaken.

**CLASSICAL GUITAR CONSORT FRI 4.45 – 6.00 PM LIBRARY GARETH HOLWILL**

Acceptance by stringent audition for students of Grade 6. A very high standard of sight-reading and musicianship is required, coupled with commitment and dedication. The ensemble has a fixed number of players and auditions for vacancies are competitive if oversubscribed.

**EAST SIDE GUITAR CLUB THURS 4.15 – 5.00 PM MANOR FARM JUNIOR SCHOOL, HAZLEMERE SAMANTHA HOLWILL**

For players who have been learning only a short time, this ensemble will provide plenty of fun and enjoyment in the very early stages, leading to quicker progress all round. This group will run at the same level as the Training Guitar Ensemble, but may be more suitable for those living to the east of High Wycombe.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR RECORDER PLAYERS:****PREPARATORY/INTERMEDIATE RECORDERS FRI 4.45 – 5.45 PM G18 ELIZABETH MARTIN**

For players who have been playing one to two terms. Descant, treble and tenor recorders welcome. Bass recorder players are especially welcome!

**JUNIOR RECORDER CONSORT FRI 6.00 – 7.00 PM G18 ELIZABETH MARTIN**

For players of approximately Grade V standard, this group is aimed at secondary school-aged children.

**RECORDER CONSORT SAT 11.15 – 12.15 PM ROOM G40 JACKEY BIRCH**

The excellent Consort is the senior recorder ensemble and is for experienced players of Grade V standard.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR SINGERS:****JUNIOR CHOIR SAT 10.45 – 11.45 AM ROOM 11 KATE VENVELL**

For children aged 8 – 11. An ideal introduction to choral singing. The choir sings a wide variety of music which includes both popular and classical compositions. There are no individual auditions.

**INTERMEDIATE CHOIR FRI 4.45 – 5.45 PM ROOM 11 KATE VENVELL**

For children in Yrs 6 – 8. A follow-on to the Junior Choir

**STAGE CHOIR SAT 11.00 – 12.00 PM ROOM 8 PATRICK GAZARD**

For pupils of secondary school age who enjoy singing more popular styles of music (shows, albums, pop &amp; folk).

**YOUTH CHOIR SAT 9.30 – 10.30 AM NORTH HALL TIM VENVELL**

For older singers aged 12 – 19, this is a mixed four-part choir. The standard is high and the choir has achieved a high reputation both locally and nationally.

**CHAMBER MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES:**

A strong emphasis is given to chamber music within the Music Centre and players are encouraged to participate in this intimate and enjoyable form of music making.

**STRING CHAMBER MUSIC FRI 4.45 – 5.45 PM VARIOUS KATIE HAYES (Co-ordinator)**

Coached chamber music is available for players of intermediate and advanced standard.

**FLUTE CHOIR FRI 4.45 – 5.45 PM ROOM 8 EMMA WALKER**

Intermediate and advanced flute players are encouraged to join the flute choir that explores the ever-increasing repertoire available to this medium.

**JUNIOR FLUTE CHOIR MON 5.00 – 5.45 PM ROOM 11 JESSICA KOHL**

For players of Grade II - III standard.

**CLARINET CHOIR FRI 4.45 – 5.45 PM ROOM 9 ALISON DOWNIE**

For clarinet players of Grade VII – VIII standard. This ensemble plays to a very high standard and has performed regularly at the National Festival of Music for Youth. Membership tends to be by invitation only.

**SAXOPHONE CHOIR FRI 6.45 – 7.45 PM ROOM 8 ALISON DOWNIE**

For woodwind players of Grade VII – VIII standard. Membership tends to be by invitation only.

**CLARINET QUARTET & SAX QUARTET SAT 10.30 – 11.30 AM (ALTERNATE WEEKS) ALISON DOWNIE****BRASS ENSEMBLE FRI 4.45 – 5.45 PM ROOM G18 MATTHEW GIBBS**

Brass chamber music for advanced players. Membership tends to be by invitation only.

**PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE SAT 8.30 – 9.15 AM NORTH HALL PAUL CRAGGS**

For players of Grade V and above, playing pitched and unpitched percussion.

**JUNIOR PERCUSSION ENSEMBLE FRI 5.00 – 5.45 PM SOUTH HALL JONATHAN LEWIN****THEORY & GENERAL MUSICIANSHIP****Beginners' Theory Class SAT 9.00 – 9.30 AM G55 JEAN ASHFORD****Advanced Theory Class (preparing for Grade 5 exam) SAT 8.30 – 9.00 AM G55 JEAN ASHFORD**

General Musicianship classes are generally only available for County Music Scholars. However, particular requests to join one of these graded classes by students who are not scholars, will be treated sympathetically.

**OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADULTS:**

Whilst not officially part of the Music Centre, the Wycombe and Great Kingshill Wind Band rehearses in Room 12 at the Centre on Friday evenings, 7.30 – 9.00 pm, and is open to all wind, brass and percussion players of limited experience. A great confidence builder for those who haven't played for a while.