

Welcome to Lewes Music Centre

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MUSIC

MUSICAL ACTIVITIES FOR SCHOOL
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Music Centres provide opportunities to play in groups, bands and orchestras. There are choirs too, for those who love to sing. The Centres offer a fun and sociable environment where learning is accelerated with the support of expert tutors.

A wide range of activities take place on Saturday mornings and weekday evenings after school, and concerts take place throughout the year so that our young musicians can grow in confidence and discover the thrill of live performance.

Malcolm Warnes
Music Centre Leader

JOINING A MUSIC CENTRE

School age children are welcome to become members of our Music Centres and access the groups, bands and choirs appropriate to their experience and age, together with tuition on their chosen instruments.

They also have access to a great social atmosphere away from the pressures of the normal school day.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

The termly fee is £75. This allows pupils to join as many appropriate Music Centre activities as they wish. A £5 registration fee is payable for pupils not currently registered with East Sussex Music. Assistance with fees is available to families in receipt of certain benefits (please refer to the application form online for details).

“What an amazing concert tonight. Every group, every tune, every child. Thank you.”

Photography by Rohan Van Twest

Applications should be made online at eastsussexmusic.org

CHOIRS

Singing is fun and is a central activity at Music Centres.

LEWES MUSIC CENTRE CHOIR

Saturday mornings

For those who wish to join a Music Centre choir only, the termly fee is £42.

FOR GUITARISTS

CLASSICAL GUITAR GROUP

Saturdays

For students who have at least one year's experience on the classical guitar.

CLASSICAL GUITAR BAND

Saturdays

For students who have been playing the classical guitar for two to three years.

CLASSICAL YOUTH GUITARS

Saturdays

This group is for players who are Grade 3 or above and have been playing for four to five years.

FOR STRING PLAYERS

STRING GROUP

Saturdays

These groups are for children in their early years of learning. They enrich and develop the skills they are learning in their weekly lessons.

As well as learning music of different styles, these groups help to reinforce technical points, such as posture and bow holds.

STRING TRAINING ENSEMBLE

Saturdays

This group is for Violinists and Cellists who have been learning for over a year and are at a Pre-Grade 1 to Grade 1 level of learning. They will play tunes together as a group and learn how to play as an ensemble.

STRING ORCHESTRA

Saturdays

This ensemble is for string players who are Grades 1-2 and gives them their first experience of playing as full string orchestra. They perform a wide variety of music from classical to film and popular style. There are also opportunities to try Viola and Double Bass.

YOUTH STRING ORCHESTRA

Friday evenings • Performing Arts Centre

The orchestra plays in a wide range of styles, from Baroque to contemporary. Entry is by audition for pupils of Grade 4 standard.

JUNIOR AND SENIOR CHAMBER GROUPS

Saturdays

Open to players of Grade 1 standard or above, our chamber groups consist of 3 to 5 players and will introduce them to a rich tradition of chamber music. Players will learn to develop their own critical responses and increase confidence in their abilities as they develop their own musicianship.

FOR KEYBOARD, WIND, BRASS & PERCUSSIONISTS

KEYBOARD GROUP

Saturdays

This keyboard ensemble enables keyboard players to play and experience a wide variety of styles from rock and pop to more traditional pieces arranged for keyboard. This group is suitable for students learning at Grade 3 and above.

FLUTE GROUP

Saturdays

This group provides a fun way to build on skills learnt in lessons. Learn to play in a group and develop performance skills. For beginners to Grade 3 level.

YOUTH FLUTES

Saturdays

An advanced flute choir for pupils of Grade 4 standard or above. Students are given the opportunity to try-out piccolo, alto and bass flutes, and play a wide variety of pieces written specifically for flute choir.

CLARINET/SAX GROUP

Saturdays

This woodwind group invites pupils who play clarinet, oboe, saxophone and bassoon. They play rounds and popular pieces in a wide range of styles.

YOUTH CLARINET/SAX

Saturdays

This ensemble caters for clarinet and saxophone pupils from Grade 5 standard and above. Students are given many performing opportunities with the music centre and nationally.

BRASS ROOTS

Saturdays

This is a fantastic chance to play as part of an ensemble. For brass players from Grade 1 to Grade 4 standard.

LIVE BANDS

Saturdays

A Rock & Pop Band for keyboards, guitars, drums and vocalists, suitable from Year 5 and beginners to Grade 2 standard. Boost your confidence and learn session skills. Experience planning and playing a set. We reflect the way Rock and Pop musicians learn by playing great music!

LIVE YOUTH BANDS

Saturdays

Following on from Live Bands, this group is ideal for those in Year 8 and above and for students that are Grade 3 and above in keyboard, guitar, drums and vocals.

WIND BAND

Saturdays

This band provides pupils with an opportunity to play with other instruments playing a wide range of repertoire. For pupils of Grade 2-4 standard.

YOUTH CONCERT BAND

Wednesday evenings • 6.00–7.30pm
• Performing Arts Centre

Pupils explore the vast and exciting repertoire of Concert Band music ranging from popular to rock arrangements as well as more traditional styles. Players should be approximately Grade 4 standard or above.

THEORY OF MUSIC

Understanding the theory of music is vital for anyone who aspires to become a fully rounded musician. Theory is essential in understanding musical structure and enhances the reading and interpretation of music.

MUSIC THEORY

Pupils have the choice of attending;

Saturday mornings

Wednesday evenings • Performing Arts Centre

This course is suitable for pupils who are approaching Grade 4-5 on their instruments. Passing Grade 5 Theory gives GCSE musicians a distinct advantage and is essential for those who wish to go on to study music at A Level.

Parents and carers of Music Centre pupils are welcome and encouraged to observe lessons.

It is especially helpful for parents of younger pupils to attend sessions as this can help increase the effectiveness of home practice.

UNLESS INDICATED,
THE VENUE FOR ALL
ACTIVITIES IS:

Priory School, Mountfield Road
Lewes BN7 2XD

A few classes are held at the
Performing Arts Centre,
Mountfield Road, Lewes BN7 2XH

WIDER AREA ENSEMBLES

These groups draw their membership from more than one Music Centre area.

SOUTH DOWNS YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Friday • 6.00–8.30pm • Priory School, Lewes

The South Downs Youth Orchestra meet for weekly rehearsals during term-time. This orchestra sets itself the challenge to perform great music of the classical repertoire. They have performed overtures by Beethoven, Dvorak, and Mendelssohn, and symphonies by such composers as Schubert, Dvorak, Tchaikovsky, and Shostakovich. They have also performed the film music from Star Wars, and Mission Impossible and Harry Potter. The orchestra is committed to performing new music, and frequently play music written for the orchestra by local composers.

They perform throughout East Sussex, and have played at the Royal Albert Hall and St John's Smith Square in London. The orchestra benefits from a team of tutors who give their time and experience to working with the orchestra at rehearsals on Friday evenings.

Auditions take place throughout the year. If you play an orchestral instrument and are Grade 6 standard or above, why not apply?

Apply online for SDYO
at eastsussexmusic.org

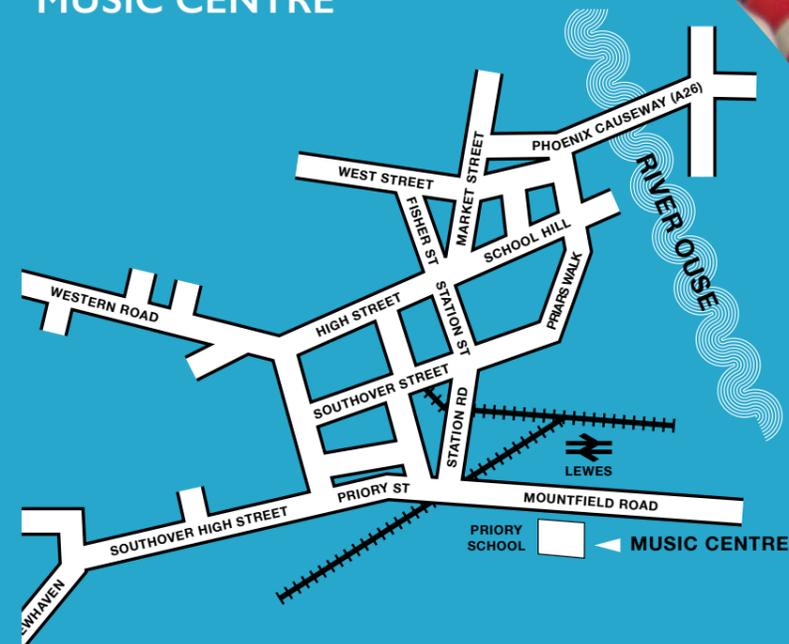
Some of our courses require an audition for entry, and our staff would be delighted to discuss this with you and advise which group(s) would be appropriate for your child. Please telephone Irene Shilling on 01273 261546 or email esm@brightondome.org

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Monday to Friday, term time only

Please note that administrative staff are only available during term time and the office is closed during school holidays.

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