

Issue 7 – October 2023

Head's Lines - Gerard Booth - Director of Music

We are delighted to welcome our wonderful Music Centre members along with all of our students in schools back for this, our sixtieth year of musical excellence. As ever, the Music Centre has an exciting and full year ahead with a comprehensive range of amazing performance opportunities.

The ever popular **Christmas Festival** will take place at the Queen Elizabeth Hall on **10th December**, with the **Junior Festival** being held a few days earlier on **6th December**. Looking further ahead, our week of **Departmental Concerts** takes place from **Monday 11th through to Friday 15th March 2024**. The culmination of the year's work for all of our musicians is the **Summer Festival** which will once again take place in the Town Centre on **Friday 12th and Saturday 13th July**.

As always, our groups can only perform to their best when all the members are present, so please save these dates to your diaries! Of course, there are lots more events scheduled between now and next July and these will be shared with each performing group in the near future.

Free Starter Strings Group

Give your child a fantastic start in the wonderful world of music. Oldham Music Service is offering a free opportunity for children in school years 3 to 6 to learn the violin.

Of course, there are lots of potential benefits for participants, some of which include,

- the opportunity to develop a lifelong love of music
- learning to collaborate with others effectively
- taking part in concerts
- developing enhanced cognitive skills

Classes started on 12th September and take place every Tuesday during term time, 4pm at the Music Centre's Lyceum Building.

For more information email musicservice@oldham.gov.uk or to apply directly for your child to take part please complete the online form at www.oldham.gov.uk/music_centre_application and select the option for 'Starter String Group'. No prior experience is required and an instrument will be provided free of charge for the duration of the course.

All are Welcome!

As well as our bands, choirs and orchestras, we also offer exceptional pre-school music classes for babies, toddlers and other children up to school age, various activities for young people that have Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – more information below, a choir and bands for adults and very successful guitar/ukulele groups for musicians of all ages.

Please help us to spread the word about these and all of our activities to anyone that might be interested in joining our musical community.

To find out more, please contact the Music Centre admin team by clicking [here](#), by calling 0161 770 5660 or by taking a look at our [Community Music](#) page for details.

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OMC Youth Brass Band Tenby Bandstand Tour

The Youth Brass Band enjoyed a mini-tour in July. They broke the outward journey with a lunchtime performance at the bandstand in Llandrindod Wells. Despite the damp weather, we had an appreciative audience. Our home for the weekend was Manorbier YHA which is on a beautiful section of the Pembrokeshire Coastline and only a five minute walk away from the magnificent towering cliffs of Church Doors Cove.

After time to explore the beach and the town, the Band performed to a large and enthusiastic crowd at the Tenby Bandstand. The local audience was boosted by the parents and carers who had travelled down to show support. We were fortunate to have perfect weather for our performance at the iconic clifftop bandstand. The local newspaper interviewed Mr Leedale and the article can be found here: <https://www.carmarthenshirenewsonline.com/nationalnews/oldham-brass-band-warm-the-cockles-at-tenby/>



On the Monday morning, we took a boat trip to Caldey Island. With a recorded history going back over 1500 years, it is one of the holy islands of Britain. Stunning views, beautiful beaches, glimpses of the elusive red squirrels, the opportunity to see seals and, of course, excellent cake from the tea-rooms made this an experience to remember.

The Snowman

Oldham schools who subscribe to Oldham Music Service's Devolved Music Grant, wider support programme (DMG), have recently been offered exclusive, FREE access to **The Snowman Tour** at Queen Elizabeth Hall on Tuesday 5 December at 1.30-2.40pm.



Music Group for children with SEND (8-13 years old)

Mondays 5.30pm-6.30pm

Come along to

- explore and learn to play a musical instrument, find your singing voice
- create music with other young people in a group
- have fun
- develop your self-confidence

AUTUMN TERM Samba and Djembe drumming

Exploring pulse, rhythm and musical texture using a variety of percussion instruments.

SPRING TERM Vocal Project

“Find your voice” through a range of musical genres including popular, music theatre and classical repertoire.

SUMMER TERM Uke Can Too

A first step into playing a ukulele.

Venue: Oldham Music Centre, Lyceum Building, Union Street, Oldham OL1 1QG

Register: www.oldham.gov.uk/music_centre_application Or scan the QR code

You can sign up for one, two or all three projects!



Join a Music Centre Choir



Recruitment is ongoing for all our Music Centre choirs. We cater for singers of all ages. No previous experience necessary, just lots of enthusiasm!

The period from their first attendance until the end of that same term is a **free trial period** so there has never been a better time to join us!

Junior Choir	Vocal Recall*	Intermediate Choir	Oldham Youth Choir
<i>Y3-Y5 Boys & Girls</i>	<i>KS2 & KS3 Boys</i>	<i>Y6-Y9 Boys & Girls</i>	<i>KS4/5 Mixed Voices</i>
Wednesday 4.15pm-5.15pm	Wednesday 5.15pm-5.45pm	Wednesday 5.45pm-6.45pm	Wednesday 6.15pm-7.45pm



*Members of Vocal Recall must also join either Junior Choir or Intermediate Choir

To join one of our choirs, complete the online registration here:
www.oldham.gov.uk/music_centre_application or scan the QR code

GM Hub Folk Ensemble

Following a very successful Folk Experience Play Day in April 2023 we are now launching the new Greater Manchester (GM) Youth Folk Ensemble.

The GM Youth Folk Ensemble will bring together talented young musicians from across Greater Manchester to work with leading tutors from the world of Folk Music. There will be three weekend residencies during this academic year, culminating in a performance in the GM Hub Celebration Concert in the Bridgewater Hall on Sunday 23rd June 2024.

If you are Grade 5+ on any instrument, ask your OMS teacher for more information about this opportunity.

CPD Programme

Our CPD programme develops and extends the musical skills of teachers and practitioners by supporting you in delivering a high-quality music curriculum. Practical, engaging and excellent value for money; our courses are guaranteed to provide a wealth of knowledge and expertise which will have a real impact upon pupils' learning, engagement and progression. Scan the QR code to book onto our Primary Music Network.

Upcoming CPD events

<https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CPNY>

Tuesday 26th September 4pm-5.30pm

Ancient Egyptians: Explore composing, listening and performing linked to this popular History topic. Consider musical progression and assessment.

Tuesday 7th November 4pm -5.30pm

Singing in the Classroom: Ensuring quality singing, creating collaborative learning environments, influencing attention and mood, using music to support other curriculum areas. Lots of resources to explore and use straight away.

Tuesday 30th January 2024 4pm-5.30pm

Music Technology in KS1 and KS2 Simple and effective approaches for children to use music technology

Tuesday 23rd April 4pm-5.30pm

Inventors, Inventions and Greater Manchester: Explore a unit of work linked to this theme. All resources provided for you to take away and try with your own class.



Oldham Secondary Music Network

The Secondary Music Network meets regularly throughout the year. The network is led by Angela Preen (Oldham Music Service) and Grant Taylor (Audenshaw School) who are both SLEs for Northern Alliance Teaching School. The aim of the network is to develop subject leadership for a knowledge-based curriculum.

Musical Beginnings

If you have a child 0-4 years old, you may be interested in our Musical Beginnings sessions at the Lyceum. Currently only £56 per term, they are excellent value for money and very high quality.



We have various sessions throughout the week.

Monday 9.45am (0-4 years)

Monday 1pm (pre-school)

Wednesday 10am (0-4 years)

Friday 10am (babies)

Friday 11am (toddlers)

Additionally, we have FREE **Musical Beginnings Extra sessions on Tuesdays:**

10am: 0-5 year olds who are fostered or adopted

11am: 0-5 year olds who have Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities



Contact musicservice@oldham.gov.uk to find out more about any of our Musical Beginnings sessions.

Register online for these classes here www.oldham.gov.uk/music_centre_application or scan the QR code

Primary Music Network

The Primary Music Network is for all teachers, trainees and TAs (not just Music co-ordinators).

Integrate composing, performing, listening and appraising into your music lessons and develop your confidence to deliver a high-quality and enriching music education which:

- enhances **class topics**
- develops children's **confidence**
- improves **collaborative skills, literacy and communication**
- meets the requirements of the **National Curriculum** and is guided by the framework of the **DfE Model Music Curriculum**
- is underpinned by the principles of **The National Plan for Music Education**

Whether you are an experienced music co-ordinator or an ECT with no musical experience whatsoever, the Primary Music Network is your **FREE** opportunity to develop your knowledge, skills and expertise.

Book here: <https://www.trybooking.co.uk/CPNY>
Or scan the QR code



2023-24 Network Dates

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Oldham Primary Music Conference

Thursday 21st March 9am-3pm

An exciting day of composing, performing, listening, improvising and singing. Workshops, discussions and resources

Workshops will include:

- Musical Vocabulary explained
- Ofsted: Deep Dive Support
- Developing your co-curricular offer
- Transition Y6-Y7
- Bucket Drumming
- Music in EYFS
- Singing Nasheed

£50 for DMG-paying schools
£80 non-DMG

Free for trainee teachers in Oldham Schools/Manchester Nexus Lunch included.

Booking details will be shared Jan 2024

Special Offer: FREE one term of OMC Adult Choir

membership for attendees of the Primary Music Network when signing up for 3 full terms of Adult Choir membership



Sign up here: [Oldham Music Centre – Membership Registration Form - Oldham Council](#) and then email musicservice@oldham.gov.uk to request the FREE term

GM Music Hub Choral Leadership

Confident Conductors, Confident Choirs

Monday 15th January 5pm-7pm

Newman RC College, Oldham

Refine your Conducting Skills

Monday 11th March 5pm-7pm

Venue tbc

Further details will be shared soon

Contact: ryan.hunt@bolton.gov.uk

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Music Centre Term Dates 2023-24

First rehearsal of Autumn Term: Monday 11th September
Last day of first half of Autumn Term: Friday 20th October
First day of second half of Autumn Term: Monday 30th October
Last day of Autumn Term: Friday 22nd December

No rehearsals week commencing 18th December

First rehearsal Spring Term: Monday 8th January
Last day of first half of Spring Term: Friday 16th February
First day of second half of Spring Term: Monday 26th February
Last day of Spring Term: Thursday 28th March

First rehearsal of Summer Term: Monday 15th April
Last day of first half of Summer Term: Friday 24th May
First day of second half of Summer Term: Monday 3rd June
Last day of Summer Term: Tuesday 23rd July

No rehearsals week commencing 15th July

Calendar of events

Wednesday 11th October	Avonleigh Gardens (Junior Choir & Ukueles)
Saturday 11th November 2pm	Children in Need concert (Junior Choir, Adult Choir, Adult Wind Band)
Sunday 12th November	Remembrance Sunday (Youth Brass Band)
Sunday 26th November	NCBF (Youth Wind Band)
Saturday 2nd December	'3-4-1' Charity Ball (Advanced Music Theatre & Youth Wind Ensemble)
Sunday 3rd December 3pm	George Street Chapel (Intermediate Choir, Vocal Recall)
Sunday 3rd December	Victoria Baths (Adult Choir)
Wednesday 6th December 7pm	Junior Christmas Festival (Groups tbc)
Friday 8th December	Pop & Community Groups Christmas Concert
Sunday 10th December 3pm	Christmas Festival (Groups tbc)
Saturday 13th January	Music Theatre Showcase
Monday 11th March	Departmental Concert: Wind
Tuesday 12th March	Departmental Concert: Strings
Wednesday 13th March	Departmental Concert: Voice
Thursday 14th March	Departmental Concert: Brass
Friday 15th March	Adult Groups' Concert
Sunday 23rd June	GMMH Celebration Concert (Junior Choir)
Friday 12th & Saturday 13th July	OMC Summer Festival (all groups)

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