



School Orchestra

Tuesday, 3.15-4.15pm

Dear Parent or Guardian,

We are delighted to offer the opportunity for pupils of Great Chesterford school to play in the School Orchestra. This will be run by Janet Wheeler, Kathryn Middleton with extra assistance from Mrs Butler.

Who can join?

This is available to students in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 who already play an instrument (inside or outside school) or children in Years 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 who are planning to take up an instrument in the very near future. Pianists are encouraged to bring an alternative instrument where possible – e.g. recorder – or to play school's tuned and untuned percussion.

Rehearsals – from Tuesday, 20th September

The sessions will run on Tuesdays from the end of the school day until 4.15. We will rehearse in the school hall. We usually offer children a biscuit whilst setting up to rehearse. We will aim to offer nut-free biscuits, however, if your child has specific dietary requirements, children will be welcome to bring a small, nut-free snack from home.

Content of sessions

All activities will be planned to maximise children's musical learning and enjoyment. Orchestra will operate in line with the school and government's Covid-19 guidance – this is more likely to affect wind and brass players, who may have a greater requirement to remain well-distanced when playing indoors.

Through musical games and orchestral activities, players will enjoy developing these musical skills:

- memorising musical ingredients and structure
- improvising and composing with increasing confidence
- developing aural skills (melody, harmony, rhythm etc)
- increasing instrumental confidence on their own instrument

Performing opportunities

Orchestra usually performs in the church services at the end of each term and also in Collective Worship from time to time. Orchestra also give their own short concerts after school from time to time.

Fees

The fee for this activity is £50 per term for one child and a further £10 per term for each additional child from the same family. In cases of need, the school may be able to help with these fees. Please discuss this in confidence with Mrs Mitchell or Mrs Sargeant.

Parental help

For the club to run smoothly, we welcome parent volunteers to support groups of musicians whilst playing. Please do let the school office or me know if you are able to help.

If you have any queries about any aspect of orchestra, please feel free to email me on janet.wheeler@cantab.net.)

Mrs Middleton and I are very much looking forward to supporting the school's orchestra and to welcoming new players.

If your child wishes to join Orchestra, please register and pay on SCOpay, then complete and return the accompanying form to the school office by Monday, 19th September.

Your sincerely,

Janet Wheeler

SCHOOL ORCHESTRA ENROLMENT 2022-23

- Child's Name:
- School class:
- Instrument(s):
- How long learnt:
- Any grades taken:
- Home email if available:
- Home phone number:

Payment

I confirm that I have given consent and made payment on SCOpay.

Potential Help available from parent/guardian (when we are able to take it up)

If you have a musical background and are willing to help out please give brief details here:

Collection from school

I am happy for my child to travel home independently Yes/No

My child will be collected by me/us or by

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Parent's/Guardian's signature:

We hope very much to have a place for all who want to join, but if we are oversubscribed, we may need to place some children on a waiting list. Priority will be given to children learning an orchestral instrument.

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