



The Course

In brief...

The Centre for Wessex Young Musicians (CWYM) offers high quality (orchestral instrument) ensemble training and music theory classes to young musicians of all ages and stages. Established in January 1971 by Don Riddell MBE, the CWYM has continued to provide lively musical training for over 47 years.

The Centre's largest and best known ensemble is The Wessex Youth Orchestra. The WYO performs a minimum of 3 concerts a year, delighting audiences with a wide range of music from seasonal novelties to light classical, film music and of course works from the major symphonic repertoire.

Whilst the WYO offers access to a wide range of musical experiences for the Centre's more advanced musicians, the CWYM's other ensembles remain equally important. They provide vital training for younger CWYM members (and possibly future members of the WYO) in both the preliminary and intermediate stages of their musical education.

There are two string orchestras, Wessex Starter Strings and Wessex Middle Strings and two wind bands, Wessex Junior Fanfare and Wessex Youth Fanfare. The range of activities is complimented by music theory classes, covering grades 1-5 of the Associated Board (ABRSM) theory requirements.

The Wessex Youth Orchestra, Junior and Youth Fanfares, Middle and Starter Strings give regular termly performances, many taking place in major venues.

New Centre members are welcomed throughout the year. Membership of the WYO is subject to audition which can be arranged by completing the application form available on the WYO pages of the website: www.cwym-music.com There is no audition requirement for the Wessex Starter & Middle Strings or Junior or Youth Fanfares.

In addition to weekly rehearsals during term time, students have access to a Centre Tuck Shop run by volunteers, a regular newsletter and the opportunity to participate in a solo concert series. There are also regular opportunities to take part in organised musical events, trips and (for the WYO) foreign concert tours.

What the Course Leads to

What courses can I do after this?

Any full time College course: Advanced Studies in Music (A Level based programme), BTEC Extended Level 3 Diploma in Music and the BTEC Extended Level 3 Diploma in Music Technology.

What do I need to apply

To do this course you should have...

To do this course, you should have a playing ability of:

Wessex Youth Orchestra:

- Strings: Grades 6-8 *
- Wind/Brass/Percussion: Grades 7-8 *

Key Information

Duration

3 Terms

Attendance

Part-time

Level

Other Courses

Qualification Name

None

Awarding Body

None

** We understand that not all students use the graded system, however all applicants should be of the equivalent playing level, and if you do use the exam system, it should be understood that you will be expected to have taken and be moving on from the minimum required exam grade, before applying.*

Junior Fanfare (Wind Band): Grades 2 - 4

Youth Fanfare Band (Wind Band): Grades 5 - 7

Starter Strings: Grades 0-2

Middle Strings: Grades 3-6

Music Theory: Grades 0-1, 2-3, & 4-5

Course costs

Associated Costs

Membership fees (correct as of 2017-18) are £175.00 per year or £65.00 per term. Annual fee only available to those enrolling in the Autumn term.

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The Wessex Youth Orchestra, Youth Fanfare, Middle and Starter Strings give regular termly performances in major venues.

Under the distinguished direction of Susannah Riddell, The Wessex Youth Orchestra also performs with local talented and international soloists. Auditions take place regularly and new members are welcome throughout the year. Auditions can be arranged by contacting the Administrator on 01202 205572 or by emailing Susanna Riddell at CWYM.music@virgin.net

In addition to weekly rehearsals during term time, students have access to a refectory run by volunteers, a regular newsletter and a programme of termly solo concerts. There are also regular opportunities to take part in organised musical events and trips.

Next Steps ...

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