



## Newsletter Sept 2025

### Welcome back after the Summer break

We're looking forward to another year of great music making. Fantastic fundraising efforts last year at the Music Marathon, the will writing scheme, the open garden and the sale of donated instruments have ensured that we can keep the programme running this year. We are also able to offer a **new flute choir** for intermediate to advanced flautists, and a **new beginner guitar group**. Also new this year are **group beginner lessons for adults new to MMC**. If you are an existing member and would like to try a new instrument then we ask that you contribute to the lesson as the groups are extremely small.

**New tutor:** We extend a warm welcome to Jayne Walker-Delargy who is joining us as an orchestral strings tutor. Jayne is highly experienced and a very versatile tutor teaching all orchestral strings (including double bass) to all ages.

**New chair:** We are delighted that Brian Lightowler has stepped in as chair of the business committee. He brings a wealth of experience having worked on charitable committees in other settings, as well as being a competent musician himself.

Keep your eye on the website and our Facebook posts for the most recent details of this term's activities.

### Autumn term dates

September 13, 20, 27: October 4, 11, 25: November 8, 15, 29: December 6

**Sunday December 7 is our advanced groups Christmas concert** Venue and time TBC

Building works: We understand that the building works which are preventing us from using the Performing Arts Block will extend until at least half term.

### Be loud and proud about MMC!

We have T shirts, polo shirts, hoodies and tote bags available to order. Have a look in the coffee shop at some examples.

Suggested donations are £10 per bag or T shirt, £15 for a polo shirt, £20 for a child's hoodie and £25 for an adult's hoodie.

**Closing date to place an order this term is 27 September.**

### 🎵 **NCO masterclasses**

8 November is the first chance this academic year to receive some extra individual tuition with an audience. Come as a participant or an observer – everyone is guaranteed to learn.

**November 8 strings**

### Contacting us

Please use the [info@maccmusiccentre.org.uk](mailto:info@maccmusiccentre.org.uk) email address to send in any queries, registration for summer courses and masterclasses, and merchandise orders.

## Holiday music courses 2026

A record 95 people enjoyed the courses last summer. Will you be tempted next year? Register your interest via the [info@maccmusiccentre.org.uk](mailto:info@maccmusiccentre.org.uk) email. Official registration will open in January. MMC member prices remain the same as 2025.

**Adult Jazz (27-31 Jul)** Small ensemble and Big Band playing alongside improvisation practice, theory and the history of jazz sessions. Grade 3+, Ages 18+ (£220 MMC, £300 non-MMC)

**Adult Classical (10-14 Aug)** String orchestra and wind chamber ensembles. There is also the opportunity for masterclass sessions with Martyn Parkes. Grade 5+, Age 18+

**Youth ensembles course (3-7 Aug)** Small ensembles are created according to who signs up and we also join together to form a large orchestra. Grade 1+, Ages 7-17. (£130 MMC, £170 non-MMC)

Discount available to summer term MMC members. Free bursary places for U18s.

**Closing date 30 June 2026**

## Calling all DoE teenagers!

MMC is the perfect place to slot in the service part of your DoE awards around your musical activities.

You could help in the coffee shop, provide assistance by carrying instruments and stands, help put out chairs, play alongside a less experienced player, and/or clear up at the start and end of the morning.

Come and have a chat with us at the front desk if you would like to explore opportunities.

## Have you time to help MMC?

Where else can you enjoy up to a full morning's music making for the cost of a couple of coffees?!

The reason we can keep membership of MMC at an affordable rate is due to the time given freely by our team of volunteers on the business committee.

Would you like to help shape how MMC is run? We generally hold meetings once a term, however your role could be highly specific where you don't need to attend any meetings.

We are currently urgently looking for a **volunteer Webmaster** to run our website (tweaks as and when).

If you feel you could help please come and speak to us at the front desk or drop us an email.