

# YOUTH MUSIC IN WESSEX

With a tradition of high-quality training, major performances both in the UK and abroad, festival successes, recordings, documentaries and dedicated YouTube channels, international twinning with like-minded organisations and a worldwide network of alumni support, Youth Music Wessex's 53 year track-record speaks for itself.

By scheduling all our activities to happen at the same time and all under one roof, our young musicians quickly come to feel a sense of belonging. Routes of progression through the YMwes ensembles are clear for even our youngest musicians, adding that extra sense of purpose to their own instrumental journeys.

With further collaborations, specialist instrumental days, additional mini-projects and introductory sessions throughout the season, Youth Music Wessex CIC has much to offer budding young musicians in 2024-25.

Production of YMwes 2024-25 season brochure is kindly sponsored by the Wessex Young Musicians Trust



Youth Music Wessex CIC - where musical adventures begin

For further information on Youth Music Wessex activities please visit [www.youthmusicwessex.org](http://www.youthmusicwessex.org)

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# JOINING YMWES

New members are welcomed and may enrol throughout the season

## Single Provision Membership (non-instrumental)

- £70 per term (10 weeks) \*reduced to £60 if payment (or confirmation of bursary application) is made within 14 days of first attendance.

## Standard Membership

(Covering Youth Orchestra membership or up to two of the following: Strings, Bands, Music Theory, Recorders etc.)

- £125\* per term (minimum 10 weeks) \*reduced to £95 if payment (or confirmation of bursary application) is made within 14 days of first attendance.
- or
- £270 per year (minimum 30 weeks) if payment (or confirmation of bursary application) is made within 14 days of first attendance.

## Standard-Plus Membership

A 3rd YMwes provision can be added to your membership for an additional £45 per term.

## Robbie Bowering Brass Class Membership

Prior to bursary support:

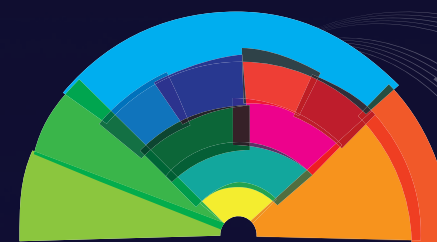
- class participation - £50 per term
- optional instrument hire - £20\* per term \*discounted to £10 per term for first 12 month hire period
- option of up to 3 x 20 minute one-to-one lessons with the pros per term - £10 per lesson

Brass class bursaries (covering part or all aspects of the class i.e. class participation/instrument hire/lessons with the pros) available to those meeting eligibility criteria - for further information please visit the Conservatoire pages of the website [youthmusicwessex.org](http://youthmusicwessex.org)

**Bursaries** - Information on bursaries available upon request by emailing [info@youthmusicwessex.org](mailto:info@youthmusicwessex.org)



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## THE CENTRE

Gainsford Theatre Building - Lytchett Minster School,  
Post Green Road, Lytchett Minster, Poole, BH16 6JD

### Wessex Youth Symphony Orchestra Saturday mornings: 9.15am - 12.30pm

The WYSO offers "the complete package" - top quality professional training on a weekly basis and lively, detailed rehearsals; equipping the WYSO team with the confidence and knowhow to successfully tackle some of the most exciting symphonic programmes in the repertoire. Incorporating regular performances in professional venues and bi-annual foreign tour opportunities, the WYSO continues to surprise and delight its audiences both near and far.

**Entry by audition - applicant requirements: Woodwind, brass and percussion grade 7-8+ Strings grade 6-8+**

Information on graded playing level requirements and current vacancies listed at [www.youthmusicwessex.org](http://www.youthmusicwessex.org)

### Wessex New Strings Saturday mornings: 9.15am - 10.15am

The New Strings offers youngsters their first taste of orchestral playing and the chance to try out their newly acquired instrumental skills.

Grades 0-2 \*  
No audition requirement

\* Graded exams need not have been taken, the grade level simply allows us to select the appropriate ensemble for each player.

### Wessex Apprentice Strings Saturday mornings: 10.30am - 12pm

This intermediate string ensemble nurtures instrumental progression. The 90 minute rehearsals allow for a more in depth look at string repertoire and the challenges and rewards of ensemble playing.

Grades 3-6 \*  
No audition requirement

### Wessex Junior Wind Band Saturday mornings: 9.30am - 10.30am

The WJWB caters for our newest wind, brass and percussion players; offering an all-round introduction to the wind band world.

Grades 2-4 \*  
No Audition requirement

### Wessex Youth Wind Band Saturday mornings: 10.45am - 12.15pm

Welcoming wind, brass and percussion players of an intermediate level, the WYWB takes on a wide variety of music from traditional wind band repertoire, film and show scores and some classical pieces too.

Grades 5-7 \*  
No audition requirement

## THE CONSERVATOIRE

### Music Theory Classes Saturday mornings

Grades 4-5: 9am - 10.30am  
Grades 0-1: 10.30am - 11am  
Grades 2-3: 11am - 12pm

Music theory classes cover the Associated Board theory requirements up to grade 5. Class spaces can become limited. Reserve yours in good time to avoid disappointment.

### Aural Training Saturday Mornings

One-to-one lessons covering the ABRSM aural test requirements for grades 1-8. Using an online booking system, choose your weeks and pay as you go.

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## 2024 - 25 DATES

**Season Launch**  
**Saturday September 21st**  
Open Orchestra Event and Brass Class Taster Session and performances throughout the morning.

**Term dates:**  
**Autumn**  
September 28th - December 8th 2024

**Spring**  
January 11th - March 29th 2025

**Summer**  
April 26th - July 5th 2025

For concert dates and further info on YMWeS activities, please visit [www.youthmusicwessex.org](http://www.youthmusicwessex.org) or email: [info@youthmusicwessex.org](mailto:info@youthmusicwessex.org)

### Wessex Recorder Classes Saturday Mornings

9am - 9.30am - Recorder Ensemble  
11am - 11.30am - Beginners & Beyond

Introductory classes for beginner recorder players and ensemble class (grades 2/3+) offering an opportunity to learn from the start or to continue progression following school first-access classes; an ideal way to introduce youngsters to the fun and discipline of playing in groups.

### Robbie Bowering Brass Class at Youth Music Wessex Saturday Mornings

9am - 9.30am

A lively class for beginner brass, incorporating group learning, instrument loans and top-up lessons with the pros. Created in memory of Dorset-born Army Musician Robbie Bowering, the class incorporates bursary support for eligible candidates, ensuring that musical study and ensemble music-making, is accessible for all.

**Instrumental Lessons**  
Various lessons take place at YMWeS each Saturday. If you're looking for an instrumental teacher for your youngster - either for Saturday lessons or mid-week, YMWeS can help. We will happily connect you with teachers across the area.

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bursaries available

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