

MUSIC at FORTISMERE



FORTISMERE
MUSIC CENTRE

WELCOME TO MUSIC AT FORTISMERE

As a specialist music department our mission is to nurture talent and to inspire high quality music-making. Music at Fortismere comprises the school music curriculum, and a broad range of extra-curricular activities for both students and the wider community: a thriving, vibrant and creative hub for all ages to learn and perform music. We are based in the state-of-the-art Music Block in North Wing where all school music lessons and rehearsals take place. The Music Block houses two fully equipped recording studios, three classrooms, five peripatetic teaching rooms, twelve practice rooms, a music technology suite and a large concert hall for rehearsals and concerts.

We showcase our students' talents throughout the year with annual Christmas Concerts and many other performance opportunities such as Music and Poetry, Charity Band Night and the School's Summer Festival. We also have a Community Symphony Orchestra and a Community Choir that perform regularly in Muswell Hill and are open to our more advanced students, staff, parents, and members of the wider community.

With a dedicated and expert team of three full-time staff, a part-time Centre Manager and over 20 visiting instrumental/vocal teachers, hundreds of students and people of all ages from Muswell Hill and beyond benefit from high quality individual instrumental/vocal lessons and other music-making opportunities that take place each week. All ensembles, orchestra and choir rehearsals and individual lessons take place in the Music Block which is next to the School's North Wing.

On the following pages you will find more information about all the music-making that students and the general public can join in with. Now's the time to register your interest or book a place - go to <https://forms.gle/eJbW9usTjRfS12c26> or scan the QR code and we'll be in touch over the summer with more information.



INSTRUMENTAL AND VOCAL LESSONS

We offer individual lessons during the school day or on Saturdays. Lessons during the school day are generally 30 minutes, while Saturday lessons can be anything from 20 minutes to 1 hour. We also offer group lessons (for 2 students) in key instruments for beginners - a fun and sociable way to start learning an instrument. There are discounted fees for Pupil Premium and GCSE/A Level music students.

Individual lessons during the school day (students only):

Piano
Drums
Electric Guitar
Classical Guitar
Bass Guitar
Oboe
Saxophone
Voice (non-classical and classical)
Trumpet
Violin
Other instruments on request

Lessons on Saturdays (general public):

Piano
Cello
Theory of Music
Drums
Electric Guitar
Bass Guitar
Other instruments on request

CHOIR AND SCHOOL OF ROCK & POP

Fortismere Junior Choir, 3.30 - 4.30 pm on Mondays (Years 7 & 8)
Fortismere Youth Choir, Monday lunchtimes (Years 9 and up)

Ex-Fortismere student and graduate of the Royal Academy of Music, Flossie Price, will be joining the Music team in September to direct the Junior Choir after school and Youth Choir at lunchtimes on Mondays. Fun warm-up games are combined with learning all sorts of different repertoire, including pop songs, jazz, soul, and classical. The choirs perform at all the school concerts, as well as the Christmas concert at St Andrew's in December. The Junior Choir is open to Year 7 and 8 students and the Senior Choir to Years 9 and above.

School of Rock & Pop, 9 am - 12 noon & 12.30 - 3.30 pm on Saturdays

School of Rock & Pop is led by Axel Krogness, a Swedish guitarist who is currently working as a guitar performer, composer and teacher. The School is for students at all levels of learning guitar, bass, keyboard, drums or vocals who would like to be in a band. There is both a morning and an afternoon session. Students who already play with friends outside school are encouraged to apply together - this is a great opportunity to be coached by an expert both in performance and in song-writing. Open to all students (not just Fortismere students) from Year 7 and up. The current School of Rock bands will be performing at the Fortismere Summer Festival on Sunday, 6th July.

BANDS AND ENSEMBLES

We offer Fortismere students plenty of playing opportunities throughout the week. This includes weekly rehearsals for Junior and Youth Choirs, Junior Band, Samba Band, Guitar Group, Big Band and Music Tech; for our more advanced students we also offer the opportunity to play with our Community Orchestra or sing with our Community Choir.

We encourage every student having instrumental lessons to join at least one of the school ensembles from the start of September. They rehearse weekly and perform in many of the student concerts. Practice rooms are also available for students to use at set times during the week.

The provisional timetable for the Autumn Term is below:

Monday lunchtime	Youth Choir (Y9-13)	Senior Strings
Monday after school	Junior Choir (Y7 & 8)	
Tuesday lunchtime	Samba Band	Guitar Group
Tuesday after school	Junior Band	
Wednesday lunchtime	Junior Strings	Wind Band
Thursday lunchtime	Big Band	
Friday after school	Music Tech Club	

SCHOOL CONCERT PROGRAMME

There is a busy schedule of school concerts throughout the year giving students the opportunity to take part in high-quality performances, whether soloists or ensemble players.

Students who are more advanced players also have the opportunity to take part in masterclasses given specially for them by the soloists that are performing with the Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra. In the Autumn Term, the masterclass will be with Haru Ogiwara, an ex-student of Fortismere who will be performing Shostakovich's *Cello Concerto No.1* with the orchestra in November.

Autumn Term Concerts

There are five concerts in the Autumn Term, starting with the Welcome Back Concert on 5th October and culminating in the two Christmas concerts on 15th and 16th December.

All students are encouraged to audition for these concerts. Those participating in ensembles are always given priority when allocating solo spots.

Spring and Summer Term Concerts

There are three concerts in each of the Spring and Summer Terms, and students also have the opportunity to perform on stage at Fortismere's Summer Festival.

FORTISMERE'S COMMUNITY ENSEMBLES

Fortismere Community Symphony Orchestra, 7 - 9 pm on Tuesdays

Led by composer and Vamoosh creator, Thomas Gregory, this is a high-calibre amateur orchestra that performs three times yearly in St Andrew's and St James in Muswell Hill. Professional musicians, Fortismere students, parents, staff and amateurs from the wider community all come together with professional soloists to create fabulous performances. There are spaces for new players in the strings section, particularly violas and cellos (Grade 6+ needed). The next concert is on Sunday, 23rd November.

Fortismere Community Choir, 7 - 9 pm on Wednesdays

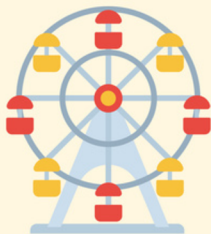
Led by John Eady, this choir is for parents, staff and the wider community and collaborates closely with both the orchestra and the school choirs. Rehearsals start in mid-September and will work towards the annual Christmas Carol concert at St Andrew's Church on Sunday, 7th December where they perform a range of classical and more modern Christmas music along with the two student choirs.

Fortismere students are always given free tickets to all the orchestra and choir concerts.

Students, parents/carers and the general public can sign up for any of these groups or activities now by scanning the QR code and submitting the registration form, or by emailing fmcinfo@fortismere.org.uk. The registration form is also available at <https://forms.gle/eJbW9usTjRfS12c26>.



FRIENDS OF FORTISMERE PRESENT



FORTISMERE

SUNDAY 6TH JULY

SUMMER

12PM-4PM

FESTIVAL

**MUSIC STAGE FEATURING
PUPIL & TEACHER BANDS AND THE
FORTISMERE COMMUNITY CHOIR & ORCHESTRA**

CLASSIC CAR SHOW
DOG SHOW
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CANDYFLOSS
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PIMMS & STRAWBERRIES
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SUMMER CONCERT

THURSDAY 10TH JULY at 6.00 PM



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