

Encore Youth Music Member Handbook 2024 - 2025

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Emergency contact number

Saturday Mornings, Concerts / Pre-Concert rehearsals and all Livewire events:

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The EYM mobile number can also be used to send apologies for all rehearsals.

Call/Text/Whatsapp 07583 669393

Please check the website regularly for the latest news and updates.

www.encore-enterprises.com

Handbooks and registration forms are all accessible from the website.
Hard copies of the Handbook and newsletters are available on request.

For all other Encore enquiries, please contact the office:

info@encore-enterprises.com

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Welcome to Encore Youth Music

We ask and expect a high level of commitment to our ensembles. We plan our music and our performances specifically for the young people in them. Also, it is important that young people learn about commitment and being part of a team; just like a sports team. We know many families lead busy lives, but we do ask you to help with this. All rehearsal and concert dates are in this handbook for you. We also help by sending out information to schools in June of each year to help them plan their musical events around the county calendar and to avoid clashes etc.

Encore Youth Music is heavily subsidised by Encore through some of our Music Hub funding from the DfE. Don't forget the membership fee is for EYM (not one ensemble), so if you are in more than one ensemble it doesn't cost any more.

If you have any queries, please do contact us at the Encore office or ask on a Saturday morning.

We hope that you enjoy this year's experiences at EYM!

The Encore Youth Music team

General Information about rehearsals

- ♪ Please bring a named music stand, pencil and rubber.
- ♪ Please arrive 5 to 10 minutes before the scheduled start time of the rehearsal to help set up the chairs and be ready to start playing on time! String players in particular need to allow time to tune their instruments.
- ♪ Saturday Music Centre morning rehearsals start at 9.30am and end at 11.50am - please be ready to pick up your child promptly - and young people will be ready for collection shortly after when everything has been cleared away – we do expect everyone to help!
- ♪ Saturday Music Centre has a tuck shop during the break (10.30 to 10.50am) so members may want to bring some change. For all other venues, please can members take their own snacks, thank you.
- ♪ Can we remind everybody that usual Health and Safety rules apply. Please do not run, particularly on the stairs, and keep to the areas of the rehearsal venues that are being used by Encore Youth Music. Please be aware that members of the public use the Town Hall in the evenings and that parents, Hereford Sixth Form College and Herefordshire College of Arts staff and members of the public can often be on site on Saturdays.

First Saturday Music Centre

- ♪ For the first Saturday morning rehearsal of the season only on **Saturday 14th September**, please arrive at 9.15am and assemble in the PAC with your band or ensemble; it will be signposted.

Attendance/Absence

- ♪ Members are expected to attend all rehearsals and concerts. However, we do understand that there are times when missing a rehearsal is unavoidable. Please let your conductor know if you are going to miss a rehearsal, or:
 - Email lisa@encore-enterprises.com
 - Ring the Encore office during the week on **01432 853219**

- After 4pm on the Friday prior to a Saturday rehearsal, please email or leave a text or Whatsapp message on the EYM mobile **07583 669393**

Instruments

- ♪ Please note that Encore cannot accept responsibility for accidents or loss of instruments at rehearsals or concerts.
- ♪ Cellists, Double Bass and Bassoon players **MUST** have reliable spike protection.

EYM Membership/Subscription

- ♪ The annual cost of EYM membership is heavily subsidised by Encore through our DfE funding and from September 2024 is charged at:
 - **£150 per child. Unfortunately there is no family rate this year**
 - **Attendance at Livewire is not included in the subscription. Please email lisa@encore-enterprises.com for more information**
- ♪ Membership is free for low-income families where the school receives Pupil Premium.

Give it a try for free!

- ♪ The first couple of rehearsals will be an opportunity for your child to decide if they enjoy playing with the group before any commitment is necessary; please do not pay the subscription until they have been to 2 rehearsals to be sure that they want to continue with EYM.
- ♪ If you or your child are not sure whether this is something that you wish to be involved in, then drop Lisa an email and she will arrange for you to come and visit us to see! You can join at various times of the year.

Saturday Music Centre

Venue: Hereford Sixth Form College, Olympus Way, off Folly Lane HR1 1LU

Junior Strings 9.30am – 11.50am

♪ Tutors: Shirley Aston and Carol Lewis-Merritt

A Junior String Ensemble for Violins, Violas and Cellos

Standard required to join: Be able to read music and play basic finger pattern - Grade 2

Intermediate Strings 9.30am – 11.50am

♪ Tutors: Barbara Kinnaird and Hazel Davis

An Intermediate String Ensemble for Violins, Violas and Cellos

Standard required to join: Grade 3 - Grade 5 (Yr 7 & above)

Junior Concert Band 9.30am – 11.50am

♪ Tutors: Hannah West and Liessa Price. Percussion - Ian Russell

A Junior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

Standard required to join: Working towards Grade 1 - Grade 2

Intermediate Concert Band 9.30am – 11.50am

♪ Tutors: Becky Griffiths and John Griffiths. Percussion - Ian Russell

An Intermediate Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 3 - 4

There is no extra charge for joining Herefordshire Youth Choir or Herefordshire Youth Orchestra.

Herefordshire Youth Concert Band

9.30am – 11.50am

Venue: Hereford Sixth Form College, Olympus Way, off Folly Lane HR1 1LU

♪ Tutors: Colin Hales and Sarah Rees. Percussion - Ian Russell

A Senior Wind Ensemble for Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 5+

♪ Woodwind and Brass players (not saxophones) may be able to join the Youth Orchestra, rehearsing on Tuesday evenings. Email lisa@encore-enterprises.com for more details.

There is no extra charge for joining Herefordshire Youth Choir or Herefordshire Youth Orchestra.

Herefordshire Youth Choir

9.30am – 11.00am

Venue: St Nicholas Church, Barton Road, Hereford HR4 0AY

♪ Open to any 9 - 18 year olds who love to sing, no experience required.

♪ Members of Herefordshire Youth Choir can also join any of our other ensembles free of charge if they play an appropriate instrument to the required standard.

♪ Please note that some Youth Music ensembles/bands and Youth Choir rehearsals are scheduled at the same time. Tutors will advise nearer the time which rehearsals you need to attend.

Herefordshire Youth Orchestra

Tuesdays 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Venue: To be confirmed

♪ Tutor: Barbara Kinnaird

A Senior Orchestra for Strings, Woodwind, Brass and Percussion

Standard required to join: Grade 5+

♪ Auditions may be required.





Saturdays 12.00pm – 4.15pm

Venue: Hereford College of Arts, Folly Lane, Hereford HR1 1LT

Led by Chris Butts

♪ Livewire is our all-inclusive Popular Music programme for all young people in Herefordshire. Anyone aged 11-21 can get involved in Livewire, whether they are accomplished musicians or just starting out.

♪ There are two sessions:

- Session 1 is 12.00pm – 2.00pm for 11-14 yrs
- Session 2 is 2.15pm – 4.15pm for 15-21 yrs

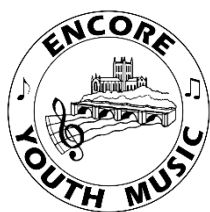
The Monday Sessions 5.00pm – 7.00pm

Led by Chris Butts

♪ The Monday sessions are a weekly, term-time, drop-in for anybody interested in Popular Music. Whether you've never picked up an instrument before or you're a Grade 8, classically trained violinist or anywhere in between, we invite you to flex your musical muscles.

♪ Gig opportunities are Applefest (28th September) plus end of Spring Term and Summer Term.

There is a voluntary donation of £2 per session attended.

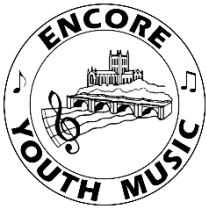


Dates For Your Diaries

Rehearsals

Rehearsal Dates	Sep 2024	Oct 2024	Nov 2024	Dec 2024	Jan 2025	Feb 2025	Mar 2025	April 2025	May 2025	June 2025	July 2025
Junior & Intermediate Ensembles, Herefordshire Youth Concert Band (Saturday morning) 9.30-11.50am	14 21	5 12 26	9 23		18 25	8 15	1 15 22 29				
Herefordshire Youth Choir (Saturday morning) 9.30-11am	7 28	5 19	9 23	7	11	1 8 15	1 15 22	5	3 17	7 21	5
Livewire Saturdays (afternoon) 12-4.15pm	14 21	5 12 26	16 23		18 25	8 15	1 15 22 29				
Livewire Monday Drop in Sessions 5-7pm	9 16 23 30	7 14 21	4 11 18 25	2 9 16	13 20 27	3 10 24	3 10 17 24 31	7 28	5 12 19	2 9 16 23 30	7 14
Herefordshire Youth Orchestra (Tuesdays) 5-7pm	17 24 *29	1 8 15 22	5 12 19 26	3	7 14 21 28	*2 4 11 25	4 11 18 25				

*Sunday Rehearsal



EYM Dates For Your Diaries

Concerts and Events

Concert/Event	Date & Time	Ensemble(s) performing	Venue
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Sat 23 rd Nov 2pm onwards	Junior and Intermediate Groups	St Nicholas Church, Barton Rd, Hereford
G4 Concert	Wed 27 th Nov 7pm	Herefordshire Youth Choir	Hereford Cathedral
Autumn Youth Music Concert	Sat 7 th Dec 7.30pm	Herefordshire Youth Orchestra & Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	St Nicholas Church, Barton Rd, Hereford
Army Benevolent Fund Carol Concert	Wed 11th Dec 7pm	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band & Herefordshire Youth Choir	Hereford Cathedral
Carols in the Old Market	Sat 14 th Dec 12-2pm	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	Old Market, Hereford
Courtyard Joint Concert	Friday 14 th Mar Time TBC	Herefordshire Youth Choir	The Courtyard, Hereford
Spring Youth Concert Bands	Mon 31 st March 7pm	Junior Concert Band, Intermediate Concert Band, Herefordshire Youth Concert Band	St Nicholas Church, Barton Rd, Hereford
Spring Youth Concert Strings and HYO	Tues 1st April 7pm	Junior Strings, Intermediate Strings, Herefordshire Youth Orchestra	St Nicholas Church, Barton Rd, Hereford
Singing for Wellbeing Celebration Concert	Wed 25 th June Time TBC	Herefordshire Youth Concert Band & Herefordshire Youth Choir	Hereford Cathedral



Dates For Your Diaries Livewire Gigs and Events

Gig/Event	Date & Time	Group(s) performing	Venue
AppleFest	Sat 28th Sep	Livewire Mondays	Hereford High Town
Livewire Gig	Sat 30th Nov 5 – 6pm 7 – 8pm	Livewire Saturdays	HCA, Folly Lane
Livewire Gig	End of Spring Term TBC	Livewire Mondays	TBC
Livewire Gig	Thurs 3rd April Time TBC	Livewire Saturdays	TBC
Livewire Gig	Provisional Thurs 17 th July from 7pm	Livewire Mondays	TBC

Livewire Central is a half term project, open to anyone aged 11-21 yrs. Please visit the Encore website or follow our social media for more info: www.encore-enterprises.com

