

Aberdeenshire Music Centres

Session 2009 -2010



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Aberdeenshire Council provides a comprehensive music centre service, designed to meet the needs of pupils of all ages, from very young to advanced players. Junior groups meet on Saturday mornings in Stonehaven, Inverurie and Fraserburgh. Senior groups meet on Tuesdays and Fridays after school in Westhill and Mintlaw.

Aberdeenshire Council supports a 'Lifelong Learning' policy resulting in opportunities for adult learners to take part in a various music centre activities. For more details, please contact your local music centre Administrator. Participating in music centre groups enhances and inspires the musical and social development of young musicians and complements their regular instrumental tuition.

There is an annual charge of £48.50 for membership (including private pupils). NB Please do not send payment until invoiced by Aberdeenshire Council. Four or more attendances at music centre will incur the full charge. Pupils who are entitled to free school meals are exempt from charges. For more information please see the leaflet "A guide on how to obtain Free School Meals", available from schools and on the internet at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/meals

Transport is provided at no extra cost. For further details please refer to the list of pick-up points applicable to your local music centre in this booklet. On concert days transport will be provided to the concert venue, but there will be no transport for the return journey.

Enquiries should be sent in writing to the Administrator of your local music centre. General advice is available at the Instrumental Music Service office on 01467 629963.

Details of ensembles are correct at the time of printing. The Instrumental Music Service reserves the right to make changes in provision as will be necessary from time to time.

Approximate standards are given next to the ensemble. Players are placed in the ensemble most beneficial to their musical development.

Enrolment

The preferred method of enrolment is online at www.aberdeenshire.gov.uk/ims If you prefer you may use the form on page 9 of this booklet and send it to the appropriate administrator. Please send your child along to the first rehearsal even if you don't receive an acknowledgement.

North Aberdeenshire Music Centre - Fraserburgh Academy

Saturday 10.00 am – 12 noon

Initial String Orchestra	Grade 1-2	Annabel Caldwell
Junior String Orchestra	Grade 3-4	
Junior Concert Band	Grade 2-4	Rachel Green

Bus Routes

ROUTE A

Hatton	Primary School	8.40
Cruden Bay	Kilmarnock Arms	8.50
Boddam	Roxley Hotel	9.05
Peterhead	Landale Road	9.20
St. Fergus	Clyne Autos	9.25
Crimond	Bus Stop	9.30
Lonmay	Bancar Hotel	9.35
Rathen	Crossroads	9.40

ROUTE B

Longside	Old Bruce Arms	8.40
Mintlaw	Bus Station	8.50
Stuartfield	The Square	8.55
Old Deer	Opposite hotel	9.00
Maud	Post Office & Longleys	9.15
New Deer	Car Park	9.20
Strichen	Chemist's corner	9.35

ROUTE D

Fyvie	School	8.55
Towie	Tavern	9.00
Turriff	Academy	9.10
Cuminestown	Square	9.20

ROUTE E

Portsoy	Church Hall	8.40
Whitehills	The Square	8.50
Banff	Seafield Street (Tel Exchg.)	9.00
Macduff	Bayview Hotel	9.10
Irvine's DIY		9.15
New Pitsligo	The Square	9.30
Tyrie		9.40

On concert days transport will be provided to the concert venue, but there will be no transport for the return journey.

Central Aberdeenshire Music Centre - Inverurie Academy

Saturday 10.00 am – 12 noon

Junior String Orchestra	Grade 1-2	Sheila Weir
Intermediate String Orchestra	Grade 3-4	Paul Tierney
Junior Concert Band	Grade 1-4	Hannah Hilton

Bus Routes

ROUTE A

Huntly	War Memorial	9.00 am
Mill of Newton	Cross-roads	9.20 am
Insch	Square	9.30 am
Pitcaple	Station	9.40 am
Inverurie Academy		9.50 am

ROUTE B

Westhill Primary		9.00 am
Dunecht	Post Office	9.15 am
Lyne of Skene	Cross-roads	9.25 am
Kintore	Square	9.35 am
Inverurie Academy		9.50 am

ROUTE C

Alford	Fountain	9.00 am
Monymusk	Road End	9.25 am
Kemnay	Aquithie Road	9.35 am
Inverurie Academy		9.50 am

ROUTE D

Ellon Academy, Ellon Primary & Auchterellon Shop		9.00 am
Ythanbank	bus stop	9.15 am
Methlick	opposite garage	9.20 am
Inverurie Academy		9.50 am

ROUTE E

Balmedie	White Horse Inn	9.00 am
Newburgh Mathers School		9.15 am
Pitmedden School		9.25 am
Tarves	Square	9.30 am
Oldmeldrum	Bus stop-Urquart Rd	9.40 am
Inverurie Academy		9.50 am

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South Aberdeenshire Music Centre

Saturday 10.00 am – 12 noon - Mackie Academy

Initial String Orchestra	Grade 1-2	Theresa Boag
Junior String Orchestra	Grade 3-4	Ruth Kalitski
Junior Concert Band	Grade 1-3	Julie Smith
Intermediate Concert Band	Grade 3-4	Joanne Metelski
Big Band	Grade 4+	Pete Wiltshire
Choir	P5 and up*	Barry Drennan/ Anne-Marie Lussier

* There is no upper age limit in the choir. Pupils work together as a choir and divide into smaller choirs where appropriate.

Bus Routes

ROUTE A

St Cyrus	Church	9.00 am
Johnshaven	Square	9.20 am
Inverbervie	Filling Station	9.30 am
	Bervie Chip shop	
Catterline	Bus stop	9.35 am
Mackie Academy		9.45 am

ROUTE B

Mearns Academy		9.00 am
Fettercairn	Square	9.10 am
Auchenblae	Thistle Inn	9.20 am
Drumlithie	Hotel	9.30 am
Mackie Academy		9.45 am

ROUTE C

Aboyne Square		8.45 am
Torphins Chemist		9.00 am
Banchory Academy		9.15 am
Banchory Dee Street		9.20 am
Mackie Academy		9.50 am

ROUTE D

Portlethen Academy		9.20 am
Newtonhill	Primary School	9.30 am
Park Place	Bus stop	
Mackie Academy		9.45 am

On concert days transport will be provided to the concert venue, but there will be no transport for the return journey.

North/Central Aberdeenshire Music Centre - Mintlaw Primary School

Tuesday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Youth Concert Band Grade 5+ Rachel Green

Friday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm

Youth Orchestra Grade 5+ Mark Boyd

Promotion to the senior groups normally follows an audition.

Tuesday/Friday Bus Routes

Route S

Peterhead Academy 3.50 pm

Mintlaw Academy 4.15 pm

Route T

Fraserburgh Academy 3.50 pm

Route V

Banff Academy 3.50 pm

As this bus leaves promptly, please make every effort not to be late.

Route W

Turriff Academy 3.50 pm

Route X

Meldrum Academy 3.45 pm

Ellon Academy 4.05 pm

NB: All buses will return to the academies. Pupils will be able to be dropped off on the main route home by arrangement. On concert days transport will be provided to the concert venue, but there will be no transport for the return journey.

South/Central Aberdeenshire Music Centre - Westhill

Tuesday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm	Trinity Church, Westhill
Youth Concert Band Grade 5+	Richard Paton

Friday 4.30 pm - 6.30 pm	Ashdale Hall, Westhill
Youth Orchestra Grade 5+	Bruce Wallace

Promotion to the senior groups normally follows an audition.

Tuesday/Friday Bus Routes

ROUTE G

Gordon Schools Huntly	3.30 pm	
Westhill Trinity Church/Ashdale Hall		4.25 pm

ROUTE H

Kemnay Academy	3.15 pm	
Inverurie Academy	3.50 pm	
Westhill Trinity Church/Ashdale Hall		4.20 pm

ROUTE J

Aboyne Academy	3.20 pm	
Banchory Academy	3.40 pm	
Westhill Trinity Church/Ashdale Hall		4.20 pm

ROUTE K

Mackie Academy	3.15 pm	
Portlethen Academy	3.30 pm	
Westhill Trinity Church/Ashdale Hall		4.20 pm

ROUTE L

Mearns Academy	3.30 pm	
Westhill Trinity Church/Ashdale Hall		4.25 pm

ROUTE M

Alford Academy	3.20 pm	
Westhill Trinity Church/Ashdale Hall		4.20 pm

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Music Centre Consent

Rehearsals, concerts and transport are risk assessed and every effort is made to minimise risk. In signing the enrolment form you are asked to accept that some risk remains. There is no more risk in Music Centre than there is risk in normal day to day living. Concerts in venues other than the normal rehearsal venue comply with Aberdeenshire Council's Excursion Policy a copy of which is available for inspection at the Instrumental Music Service Office. You will be given full information prior to any excursion.

Photography and video recording of pupils

Aberdeenshire Council recognises that parents expect educational establishments to seek positive opportunities to celebrate the achievement of pupils. There is an established tradition in Aberdeenshire of developing events such as concerts, plays, and other activities. These offer pupils just such opportunities to perform or appear before their peers, parents, and on occasion the general public. In all circumstances where pupils or children may be likely to be photographed or video recorded in schools or on Council premises it is necessary to obtain the prior written permission of parents. If prior written permission has not been obtained pupils may not be photographed or video recorded under any circumstances on school or other educational premises. Please complete the appropriate part of the enrolment form to indicate your consent.

Photographing or video recording your own children

Your attention is drawn to copyright restrictions in musical performances. Where the music centre has obtained permission through the Performing Rights Society to mount a performance of a complete musical or other work, this permission will specifically exclude video recording of the whole performance.

Parents will be allowed to photograph or video record their child participating in concerts and other events subject to the following conditions:

- i) Photography will take place at a time/place as directed by the Administrator or representative;
- ii) It will not interrupt or disrupt any such performance or event.
- iii) Any photograph or video recording made will not be sold on or used for any commercial purposes whatsoever;
- iv) Any photographs or video recording is for personal/family use only, and that such recordings will not be copied on to third parties;
- v) No attempt will be made to photograph or record children other than your own without permission;
- vi) It is understood that failure to comply with these conditions or such other reasonable instruction as may be issued to me by the Administrator or member of educational establishment staff will lead to withdrawal of such permission.

Enrolment

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Forename: Surname:

Date of Birth:

Full name parent/guardian (including Mr/Mrs/Other):.....

Address

..... Postcode.....

Telephone:

Emergency Contact Telephone.:

School: Year group (200892010)[e.g. p6, s1]:

Instrument: Grade:

Instructor:

Bus Route Pick up point

Pupils who are entitled to Free School Meals are exempt from charges.

If you are entitled to Free School Meals, tick this box

Please indicate the group you wish to attend by ticking the appropriate box overleaf.

- **I agree to the above named attending the Music Centre and to the annual charge of £48.50 should they attend four or more rehearsals. NB Please do not send payment until invoiced by Aberdeenshire Council.**
- **I agree/disagree* to allow my child to participate in rehearsals and concerts. I understand that such participation may lead to him/her being photographed or video recorded and to possible publication and identification by name of the above child. *delete as appropriate.**
- **I consent to my child using the provided Music Centre transport which I understand will occasionally be re-organised when a different concert venue is used.**

Signature of parent/guardian:

I wish to attend North Aberdeenshire (please tick)

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|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Initial String Orchestra | Fraserburgh (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior String Orchestra | Fraserburgh (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior Concert Band | Fraserburgh (Saturday) |

I wish to attend North/Central Aberdeenshire (please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Concert Band | Mintlaw (Tuesday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Orchestra | Mintlaw (Friday) |

Note: Membership of a senior group normally follows an audition.

I wish to attend Central Aberdeenshire (please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior String Orchestra | Inverurie (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Intermediate string Orchestra | Inverurie (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior Concert Band | Inverurie (Saturday) |

I wish to attend South/Central Aberdeenshire (please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Concert Band | Westhill (Tuesday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Youth Orchestra | Westhill (Friday) |

Note: Membership of a senior group normally follows an audition.

I wish to attend South Aberdeenshire (please tick)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> | Initial String Orchestra | Stonehaven (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior String Orchestra | Stonehaven (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Junior Concert Band | Stonehaven (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Intermediate Concert Band | Stonehaven (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Big Band | Stonehaven (Saturday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | Choir | Stonehaven (Saturday) |

Return to the appropriate Administrator:

North and North/Central forms should be sent to:

Mark Boyd, NAMC Administrator, Mintlaw Academy,
Station Road, Mintlaw, AB42 5FN

Central forms should be sent to:

Pamela Turnbull, CAMC Administrator, Inverurie Academy,
Jackson Street, Inverurie, AB51 3PX

South and South/Central forms should be sent to:

Euan Crabb, SAMC Administrator,
12 Doctor Lang Place, Brechin, Angus, DD9 6BF

Medical Information

If your child suffers from any significant medical condition e.g. asthma, diabetes, please inform the appropriate Administrator in writing. All information will be treated in the strictest confidence.

Break

Pupils have a break during which they may have light refreshments. There is a small stock of strings, rosin, reeds, valve oil etc. These can be purchased during the break or at any time in an emergency.

Dress

For concerts pupils will be expected to wear black trousers or skirts with white shirt or blouse and the Music Centre tie. The tie can be purchased from Music Centre.

Music

Music is very costly to replace should it be lost. One lost part can render a set of parts useless, as single parts cannot be purchased. Please take great care to ensure the safety of all music on loan to you from Aberdeenshire Music Centres. The cost of replacing missing music will be met by those responsible for its loss.

Bad Weather Procedure

1. It is sometimes necessary to cancel the Music Centre due to bad weather. Aberdeenshire Music Centres are part of the Schools' Telephone Information Service, which is used if there is a closure due to adverse weather. This allows parents to listen to a recorded message from the Administrator. To access the service dial 0870 054 4999 and enter the appropriate pin number.
 - NAMC (North) pin number: 02 1280
 - CAMC (Central) pin number: 02 2800
 - SAMC (South) pin number: 02 1870
2. Should bad weather arrive unexpectedly, the Centre may have to be closed without notice. This can happen minutes before the buses are due to leave.
3. Parents should use their own discretion before allowing children out in inclement weather. If transport does not arrive within 15 minutes of the normal pickup time, then it should be assumed the Centre is closed and pupils should return home.
4. Announcements may also be made on Northsound Radio.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 21 st August 2009	Music Centre Opens
Saturday 7 th November 2009 Mackie Academies)	Open Morning (Fraserburgh, Inverurie & Mackie Academies)
Friday 11 th December 2009	Senior Groups Christmas Concerts
Saturday 12 th December 2009	Junior Groups Christmas Concerts
Friday 8 th January 2010	Music Centre re-opens
Saturday 20 th March 2010 Inverurie & Mackie Academies)	Junior Groups Final Concert (Fraserburgh, Inverurie & Mackie Academies)
Wednesday 17 th March 2010	Senior Groups Final Concert (Music Hall)

Music Centre will be closed on the following dates:

9th October – 25th October 2009 inclusive

Tuesday 17th November (In-service)

15th December 2009 - 5th January 2010 inclusive

12th February - 16th February 2010 inclusive

Contacts:

North and North/Central

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