

RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

Instrumental Music Service



Authority Ensemble Programme

The Instrumental Music Service authority ensemble programme provides opportunities for young musicians to meet, develop and enhance their musical experiences and learning. These ensembles are open to pupils/young people up to the age of 19yrs, who currently attend a Renfrewshire Council school; the Saturday Music Centre or reside in Renfrewshire local authority. Ensembles normally rehearse from September to March and are open to pupils/young people who play an instrument or sing and are of the appropriate level.

If a pupil/young person currently learns an instrument as part of Renfrewshire Council's instrumental programme, it is expected that when they reach the appropriate level, they make every effort to attend one or more of these ensembles. If your child is eligible to attend, please ask them to speak with their instrumental music teacher which ensemble(s) is/are the most appropriate for them to attend.

Ensemble	Recommended Level
Guitar Ensemble	Open to guitarists from S1 – S6 currently learning
Jazz Band	Open to players at Grade 2 or above with an interest in learning to play jazz music
Junior Concert Band	Open to brass, woodwind and percussion players at Grade 1/2
Percussion Ensemble	Open to percussionists at grade 1 or above
Pipe Bands (Novice A & B)	Open to players from P7 and above learning bagpipes or pipe drumming
Senior Ceilidh Band	Open to senior players who are confident on their instrument and comfortable learning music by ear
Training Ceilidh Band	Open to players from P7 and above who play traditional instruments (including fiddle & guitar)
Gaelic Choir	Open to pupils from P7 – S3 who have an interest in learning to sing in Gaelic
Senior Concert Band	Open to brass, woodwind and percussion players at Grade 3 or above
String Ensemble	Open to string players at Grade 3 and above
String Orchestra	Open to string players at Pre-grade 1 to grade 3 level with limited ensemble experience
Symphony Orchestra	String Ensemble and Senior Concert Band members combine in January to form the Symphony Orchestra



Where can I find out more information?

Speak to your child's instrumental music teacher/school music department or if your question is more generally about instrumental music, email mark.traynor@renfrewshire.gov.uk or telephone 0300 300 0170

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