

RENFREWSHIE COUNCIL

Instrumental Music Service



Authority Ensemble Programme

The Instrumental Music Service (IMS) authority ensemble programme provides opportunities for young musicians to meet, develop and enhance their musical experiences and learning. Our ensembles are open to children/young people up to the age of 19yrs, who attend a Renfrewshire Council school, the Saturday Music Centre or, reside in Renfrewshire local authority. Making music with others is an important part of learning to play a musical instrument; helping to develop musical skills, confidence, teamwork and contributes to improving health and well-being.

Ensembles rehearse from September to March and are open to children and young people who play a musical instrument and are of the appropriate level.

Children and young people learning an instrument through Renfrewshire Council's Instrumental Programme are invited to participate in the authority ensemble programme when they have reached the required level.

If your child is eligible to attend, they should discuss with their instrumental teacher which ensemble(s) they should attend.

Ensemble	Recommended Level
Guitar Ensemble	Open to guitarists from S1 – S6
Jazz Band	Open to players from S1 – S6
Percussion Ensemble	Open to percussionists at grade 1 or above
Pipe Band	Open to players learning bagpipes or pipe drumming
Training Ceilidh Group	Open to players from S1 and above who play traditional instruments (including fiddle & guitar)
Senior Ceilidh Group	Open to senior players who are confident on their instrument and comfortable learning music by ear
Concert Band	Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion players at Grade 1 – 2
Symphonic Wind Band	Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion players at Grade 3 (or above)
Junior String Ensemble	Open to string players at Grade 1 – 1½
Intermediate String Ensemble	Open to string players at Grade 2 – 3 (or above)



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 0141 487 2496.

To stay informed, access rehearsal details and latest news, download our music service app, '**SCHOOL APP FOR PARENTS**' from the Apple App or Google Play store.

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