

# 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 children/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. Making music with others is an important part of learning to play a musical instrument; helping to develop musical skills, confidence, teamwork and contribute to improving health and wellbeing.

Ensembles normally rehearse from September to March and are open to pupils/young people who play an instrument and are of the appropriate level.

If a child/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 guitar
Jazz Band	Open to players from P7 – S6
Percussion Group	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 – 1½
Symphonic Wind Band	Open to brass, woodwind and percussion players at Grade 2 - 3 (or above)
Junior String Group	Open to string players at Grade 1 – 1½
Intermediate String Group	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](mailto:mark.traynor@renfrewshire.gov.uk) or telephone 0300 300 0170

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