

RENFREWSHIE COUNCIL

Instrumental Music Service



Authority Ensemble Programme

The **Instrumental Music Service** (IMS) authority ensemble programme provides opportunities for musicians to meet, develop and enhance their musical experiences and instrumental learning. Our ensembles are open to children and young people up to the age of 19 years of age, 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/Grade
Guitar Ensemble	Open to guitarists from S1 – S6
Jazz Band	Open to players from P7 – S6
Percussion Ensemble	Open to percussionists from S1 – S6
Pipe Band	Open to players learning bagpipes or pipe drumming
Clarsach Ensemble	Open to Clarsach/Harp players from P6 – S6
Training Ceilidh Group	Open to players from P7 – S3 who play traditional instruments (including fiddle & guitar)
Senior Ceilidh Group	Open to senior players from S3 – S6 confident on their instrument and comfortable learning music by ear
Junior Concert Band	Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion players up to Grade 1*
Concert Band	Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion players at Grade 1½ – 3*
Symphonic Wind Band	Open to brass, woodwind, and percussion players at Grade 4* and above
Junior String Ensemble	Open to string players from 1 finger to Grade 1*
Intermediate String Ensemble	Open to string players from Grade 1½ * and above

***Individual grade, not ensemble grade**

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