



Music Ensemble/Music Centre

Student Code of Conduct

1 Introduction

Music ensembles aim to create a positive impact among children and young people by providing opportunities to learn and perform music in a group. The experience in the groups should be musically rewarding, fulfilling and a lot of fun.

This Code of Conduct for students is to ensure that the groups run effectively and create an atmosphere where all students feel safe and comfortable to express themselves musically and otherwise.

Any breach of this code of conduct will be dealt with appropriately, which in severe cases may result in being asked to leave the group.

2 Rehearsals

To ensure the effective running of sessions:

- Attend all rehearsals (we realise that there are times throughout the year when this may not be possible but we request that they are kept to a minimum). Music provides a break from revision and is good for your mental health
- Let us know in advance if you cannot attend a session so that plans can be amended
- Arrive promptly; rehearsals start at the published time therefore you should be ready to play at that time
- Ensure that you have been registered as you arrive. Do not leave the rooms without the permission of and Music & Arts Service teacher
- Be prepared with your music and instrument/accessories
- Be aware of your safety and that of others – be careful of instruments

3 Behaviour

Good behaviour and manners are expected at all times. Students are expected to behave in a responsible and considerate manner to other students and staff. Bullying or harassment of any sort is not tolerated.

- Mobile phones should be kept in bags or instrument cases and switched off during activities
- Dress should be appropriate for a school age environment
- Snacks must not be eaten during rehearsals (if there is a medical reason that this is not appropriate, we must be informed in writing in advance of the sessions)
- Drinks should be in lidded cups and kept safely away from instruments/music. Water is preferred for wind players as sugar can damage the instrument
- Follow instructions from ensemble leaders carefully to ensure safety
- Smoking/Vaping/Ecigarettes/Alcohol/Chewing gum is not allowed on the premises

4 Valuables

These are brought at your own risk.

5 Performances

Groups perform throughout the year. Every group member is expected to perform in these events. This is important as it is the culmination of the work that students have been preparing, and a valuable experience that helps to improve musical skills and confidence. As each student plays an essential role in the music, the group cannot perform to the best of its ability if members are missing.