

# Holiday Music Courses 2024-25



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Our holiday courses are held at Camden School for Girls, Sandall Road, NW5 2DB during the first weekend of all half-term holidays, and the Easter holiday.

There are four holiday courses every year. If your child is a member of a one of these groups, we expect them to attend **all four** courses.

These weekends are fun, energetic and friendly and help young musicians improve their instrumental, vocal and group music-making skills, as well as make new friends!

All groups perform in a wonderful concert at the end of every course.

## Dates for this year are:

- October 25 27
- February 14 16
- April 4 6
- May 23 25 (end of year concert)

# Approximate timings are:

- Friday: 5.15 7.30
- Saturday: 9.45 3.45
- Sunday: 9.45 4.00

# Cost:

All groups have a membership fee for the year, which is divided into three termly payments. You do not pay per course. Refunds are not given if your child is not able to attend all four courses.

# Primary (up to Year 6)

#### SuperGroups

**Details:** SuperGroups are for primary-aged players of strings, brass, woodwind, percussion, piano and guitar. Members will have been learning for more than a term and can read some music or chords. Everyone who plays an instrument is welcome. The groups are:

- SuperStrings for string players (violin, viola, cello, double bass)
- SuperBlast! for brass players (trumpet, cornet, trombone, euphonium, baritone, tuba) and saxophone
- SuperToot for woodwind players (recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon)
- SuperStrike for percussion or keyboard players
- SuperStrum for acoustic and electric guitar players
- \*NEW for 2024\* SuperUkes for ukulele players

Next steps: Any secondary group, plus Philharmonia

# Camden Philharmonia

**Details:** For primary aged violin, viola and cello players of Grade 1+ level who can read printed music.

Next steps: Camden Concertante

# Secondary (Year 6+)

### **Camden Youth Orchestra**

**Details:** While not strictly a 'holiday course' group, Camden Youth Orchestra meets on four weekends per year during the holiday course weekends. The Orchestra has played at major London venues such as the Royal Albert Hall and LSO St Luke's and last year co-wrote a new piece alongside a composer. Membership of the orchestra is by audition in the summer term, and members are Grade 4 level and above, and at secondary school.

Cost: £103.36 per term

## \*NEW for 2024\* Woodwind and Brass Group

**Details:** For secondary school woodwind and brass players who are in Years 6 – 9 and can play some tunes, up to Grade 3 standard.

Next steps: Philharmonic Band, Junior Camden Youth Jazz Band

#### **Philharmonic Band**

**Details:** For brass, woodwind, and percussion players of Grade 3 – 8 level who love to play music from films and shows.

Next steps: Camden Youth Jazz Band, Camden Concert Band, Camden Youth Orchestra

#### **Percussion Group**

**Details:** For percussion players who can read printed music and who are having regular lessons. Players will play a range of percussion including drumkit, tuned percussion and timpani in both Western classical and more popular styles. This group forms the percussion sections of **Philharmonic Band** and **Camden Youth Orchestra**, so that the players experience playing different genres and styles of music.

#### Concertante

**Details:** For secondary school aged string players of Grade 1+ level who can read printed music. Pieces learnt are from a diverse range – from jazz to classical to film music!

Next steps: Camden Youth Orchestra

#### **Guitar Group**

**Details:** For guitar players who can read printed music and/or tab, and who have been learning for at least a year. Both classical and electric guitarists are welcome.

#### **Camden Holiday Voices**

**Details:** For singers who are interested in RnB, soul and other popular styles of music, who want to improve their vocal strength, health and technique and understand more about singing in harmony. Members learn about microphone technique and learn how to write songs too. This group would particularly suit GCSE musicians.

