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# 2023 Summer Holiday Musical Activities

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# How to apply

To apply for courses, please use the following link: [www.tinyurl.com/SummerMusicCourses](http://www.tinyurl.com/SummerMusicCourses). Please note that registration for all courses will close on 7 July 2023. You will receive a confirmation email the following week as long as minimum numbers have been reached.

For courses in Clacton, Harwich and Saffron Walden, please follow the registration instructions on pages 13 to 15.

Financial assistance is available for all Summer courses for families on a low income. For further details please go to: Financial assistance – Essex Music Education Hub [essexmusichub.org.uk](http://essexmusichub.org.uk)



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## Witham

## 22 to 24 July

New Rickstones Academy,  
Conrad Road, Witham CM8 2SD

### Film Orchestra Experience

**Sunday 23 July, 10am to 6pm**

#### Junior Film Orchestra Workshop (grades 1 to 3)

Aimed at Instrumentalists working at Grades 1 to 3, this orchestral experience day will give them an insight to learning as an orchestra. They will watch the evening performance by the Essex Young People's Orchestra and perform the repertoire they have learned as part of the concert at 5pm.

**Sunday 23 July, 2pm to 6pm**

#### All-in Film Orchestra (ungraded, any instrument)

Aimed at Instrumentalists who have just started learning and up to Grade 1, this film orchestral taster session will give them an insight to learning as an orchestra. They will watch the evening performance by the Essex Young People's Orchestra and perform the pieces they have learned as part of the concert at 5pm.

Junior  
Film Orchestra  
Workshop £25  
All-in Film  
Orchestra £15



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## Witham

## 22 to 24 July

New Rickstones Academy,  
Conrad Road, Witham CM8 2SD

### Film Orchestra Experience

Saturday 22 July and Sunday 23 July

EYPO Film Orchestra (grades 4 to 8)

Conducted by Robin Browning

This a two-day course culminating in a showcase performance of some of the most exciting film music including Harry Potter and Pirates of the Caribbean on Sunday at 5pm.

### Essex Young People's Orchestra

Essex Young People's Orchestra is the training orchestra for Essex Youth Orchestra. This music group aims to develop the skills necessary to become experienced orchestral players.

The orchestral experience workshops offer an insight into playing as part of a county orchestra.

Players of Grade 4 standard and above may be invited to become permanent members of EYPO following the workshops. EYPO meet for 5 short courses in Chelmsford and Felsted culminating with performances across Essex.

[www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/ensembles/essex-young-peoples-orchestra](http://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/ensembles/essex-young-peoples-orchestra)

EYPO Film  
Orchestra Course  
£90  
(which includes  
lunch and  
refreshments)



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# Witham

New Rickstones Academy,  
Conrad Road, Witham CM8 2SD

## 22 to 24 July

Each taster session is £6 or you can do all three sessions for £15

### Saturday 22 July

#### Workshops for 7 to 11-year-old children

10am to 11am Discover Drumming

11am to 12noon Discover Song-writing

12 noon to 1pm Discover Music Tech

### Saturday 22 July

#### Workshops for 11 to 18-year-old children

10am to 11am Djembe Drumming

11.30am to 12.30pm Song-writing Workshop

1pm to 2pm Music Tech Workshop



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# Witham

## 22 to 24 July

New Rickstones Academy,  
Conrad Road, Witham CM8 2SD

### Come and Sing, DJ or Join the Band Workshops

Monday 24 July 10am to 4pm,  
showcase at 3.15pm

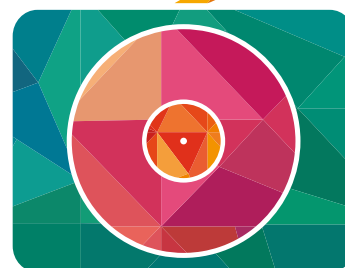
This will be a workshop for singers, bands and also those interested in DJ-ing.

Singers will be taught to sing popular songs, learning singing techniques and harmonising with each other. Instrumentalists will form Rock bands to rehearse the songs with coaches. Additionally, children who are interested in learning the skills of being a DJ can work with expert tutors to develop this through the day.

There will be a joint showcase at the end of the day to demonstrate what has been learnt and songs that have been enjoyed by the students.

Singers and DJs can be any standard of ability and aged 11 to 16.

Players for the bands should at least grade 3 standard on their instrument. Instruments include guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard.



Come and Sing,  
DJ or Join the  
Band Workshops  
£15





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## Basildon

## 25 July

Basildon ACL, Churchill Ave,  
Broadmayne, Basildon SS14 3SG

### Come and Sing, DJ or Join the Band Workshops

**12noon to 6pm, showcase at 5.15pm**

This will be a workshop for singers, bands and also those interested in DJ-ing.

Singers will be taught to sing popular songs, learning singing techniques and harmonising with each other. Instrumentalists will form Rock bands to rehearse the songs with coaches. Additionally, children who are interested in learning the skills of being a DJ can work with expert tutors to develop this through the day.

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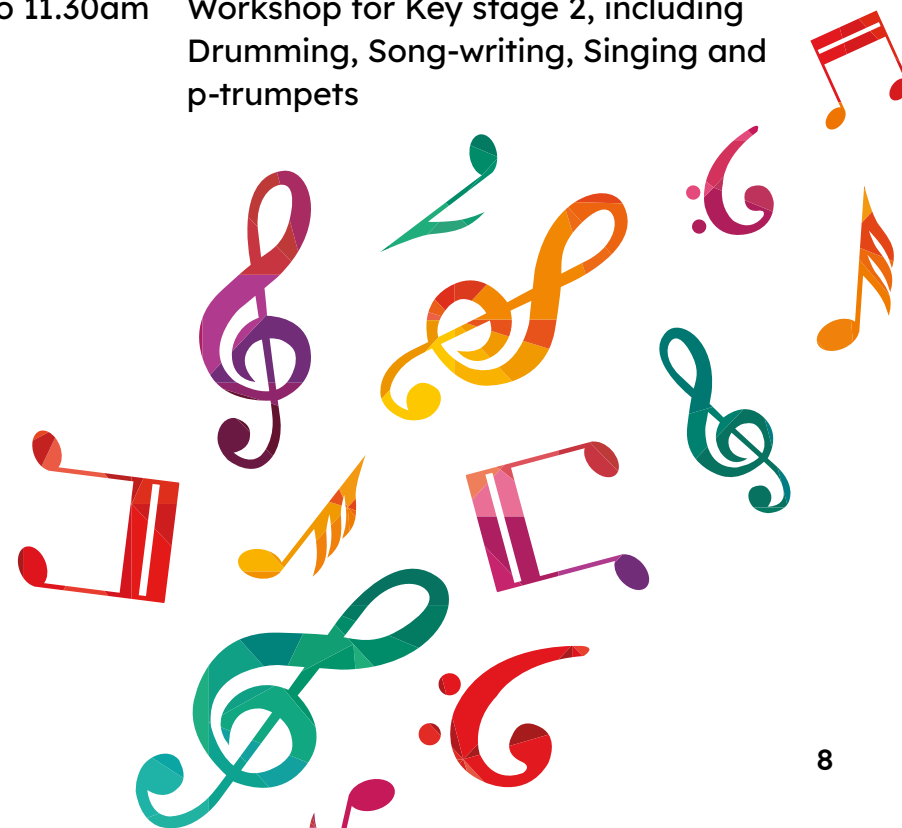
Players for the bands should at least grade 3 standard on their instrument. Instruments include guitar, bass guitar, drums, keyboard.

Come and Sing,  
DJ or Join the  
Band Workshops **£15**  
Discover Music  
Workshops **£6**

### Discover Music

For 5 to 11-year-old children

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|-------------------|--|
| 9.30am to 11am    | Workshop for Key stage 1, including Drumming, Singing and Musicianship             |
| 9.30am to 11.30am | Workshop for Key stage 2, including Drumming, Song-writing, Singing and p-trumpets |





Book a place here: [www.tinyurl.com/SummerMusicCourses](http://www.tinyurl.com/SummerMusicCourses)

## Harlow

## 27 July

Harlow Arts and Recreation Centre,  
St Johns Walk, Old Harlow CM17 0AJ

### Come and Sing, DJ or Join the Band Workshops

**12noon to 6pm, showcase at 5.15pm**

This will be a workshop for singers, bands and also those interested in DJ-ing.

Singers will be taught to sing popular songs, learning singing techniques and harmonising with each other. Instrumentalists will form Rock bands to rehearse the songs with coaches. Additionally, children who are interested in learning the skills of being a DJ can work with expert tutors to develop this through the day.

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| 9.30am to 11.30am | Workshop for Key stage 2, including Drumming, Song-writing, Singing and Steel pans |



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## Colchester

## 29 July

Mercury Theatre, Balkerne Gate,  
Colchester CO1 1PT

### Come and Sing, DJ or Join the Band Workshops

**12pm to 6pm, showcase at 5.15pm**

This will be a workshop for singers, bands and also those interested in DJ-ing.

Singers will be taught to sing popular songs, learning singing techniques and harmonising with each other. Instrumentalists will form Rock bands to rehearse the songs with coaches. Additionally, children who are interested in learning the skills of being a DJ can work with expert tutors to develop this through the day.

There will be a joint showcase at the end of the day to demonstrate what has been learnt and songs that have been enjoyed by the students.

Singers and DJs can be any standard of ability and aged 11 to 16.

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**For 5 to 11-year-old children**

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| 9.30am to 11.30am | Workshop for Key stage 2, including Drumming, Song-writing, Singing and J-saxes |



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## Chelmsford

# 1 to 3 August

Christ Church URC, 164 New London  
Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW

Junior  
Wind Orchestra  
Workshop £25  
All-in Wind Orchestra  
£15

## Wind Orchestra Experience

Wednesday 2 August, 2pm to 4pm and  
Thursday 3 August, 4pm to 8pm

### All-in Wind Orchestras

Aimed at Wind and Brass Instrumentalists who have just started their learning journey up to Grade 1, this wind orchestra experience day will give them an insight to playing as part of an orchestra. They will watch and participate in the evening performance (Thursday 3 August) by the Essex Youth Symphonic Wind Orchestra, performing the pieces they have learned as part of the concert on Thursday at 7pm.

Wednesday 2 August, 10am to 5pm and  
Thursday 3 August, 5pm to 8pm

### Junior Wind Orchestra

Aimed at Wind, Brass and Percussionists working at Grades 1 to 4, this wind orchestra experience day will give them an insight to playing as part of an orchestra. They will watch and participate in the evening performance (Thursday 3 August) by the Essex Young Symphonic Wind Orchestra, performing the repertoire they have learned as part of the concert on Thursday at 7pm.



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Essex Youth  
Symphonic Wind  
Orchestra Course £90  
(includes lunch and  
refreshments)

# Chelmsford 1 to 3 August

Christ Church URC, 164 New London  
Road, Chelmsford CM2 0AW

## Wind Orchestra Experience

Tuesday 1 August to Thursday 3 August

**Essex Youth Symphonic Wind Orchestra  
(grades 5 to 8)**

**Conducted by David Rowland**

This is a three-day course culminating in a concert performance for family and friends on Thursday at 7pm.

Essex Youth Symphonic Wind Orchestra provides great training for wind, brass and percussion players.

Conducted by David Rowland, advanced woodwind, brass and percussion players of Grade 5 and above play a wide range of music and perform at various venues across Essex and also overseas.

**Essex Youth Symphonic Wind Orchestra**

The EYSWO is a unique sound world. It has all the colours of a symphony orchestra but without strings.

Players of Grade 5 standard and above may be invited to become permanent members of EYSWO following the workshops.

[www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/ensembles/essex-youth-symphonic-wind-orchestra](http://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/ensembles/essex-youth-symphonic-wind-orchestra)



Book a place by emailing: [chrisscott@we-are-music.org.uk](mailto:chrisscott@we-are-music.org.uk)

## Clacton 8 August

Jaywick Martello Tower, The Promenade,  
Belsize Avenue, Jaywick, Clacton-on-Sea CO15 2LF

### Rock Band Taster Sessions

Tuesday 8 August, 10am to 2pm

Rock Experience Workshops run in partnership with  
We are Music <https://we-are-music.org.uk>

Workshops for beginners who would like to experience playing in a rock band. You will have hands experience playing guitar, bass and drums and work with music tutors towards performing well-known rock songs. These free sessions are aimed at Key stage 2 children with no prior experience and all equipment / instruments will be provided.

Children will be required to book in advance through We are Music: [chrisscott@we-are-music.org.uk](mailto:chrisscott@we-are-music.org.uk) or 07907 414611.

**FREE**  
sessions!



Book a place by emailing: [chrisscott@we-are-music.org.uk](mailto:chrisscott@we-are-music.org.uk)

## Harwich

# 11 and 18 August

WAM Harwich Centre, Building 4, Dovercourt, CO12 4DP

Hamford Studio, Little Oakley CO12 5JJ

**FREE**  
band sessions  
with  
recording!

## Rock Experience Day

Friday 11 August, 10am to 4pm

WAM Harwich Centre

Run in partnership with We are Music

<https://we-are-music.org.uk>

Workshops for drummers, guitarists, bass players and vocalist with some basic playing ability who would like to experience playing in a rock band with others. You will work with music tutors on cover of rock songs, develop your own music and have a go at recording your pieces in the studio.

These free sessions are aimed at Key stage 3 children with some playing ability and all equipment / instruments will be provided.

## Live Performance video Workshop

Friday 18 August, 10am to 4pm

Hamford Studio, Little Oakley CO12 5JJ

Performance Video workshops run in partnership with We are Music <https://we-are-music.org.uk>

These sessions will provide the ability for two bands to shoot live performance videos and include edit and release. All equipment including video production equipment will be included.



Book a place by emailing: [sophie.stafford@essex.gov.uk](mailto:sophie.stafford@essex.gov.uk)

# Saffron Walden 29 to 31 August

Saffron Centre for Young Musicians,  
Saffron Walden County High School,  
CB11 4UH

## Jazz summer holiday course

Tuesday 29 August to Thursday 31 August,  
10am to 4pm each day

Ages 12 to 19

Gareth Lumbers  
Saxophone

Charlie Bates  
Keys

Andrea Hopgood  
Jazz choir

Rhythm section places are limited. Players should have some experience of jazz solo and / or ensemble playing.

To reserve a place, please email Sophie Stafford on [sophie.stafford@essex.gov.uk](mailto:sophie.stafford@essex.gov.uk) or Kate Llewellyn on [kate.llewellyn@essex.gov.uk](mailto:kate.llewellyn@essex.gov.uk)

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three days  
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available





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