

Dear Parent/Guardian

To celebrate your child's first year of learning an instrument through our Whole Class Ensemble Teaching (WCET) programme, we would like to invite them to join one of our Suffolk Youth Music Ensembles <u>free of charge for one term.</u>

Starting Spring term 2025, these free ensembles will run for 10 weeks with a performance in the final week.

As part of our commitment to music making in Suffolk Schools, we want your child to experience making music as part of a large ensemble / orchestra with other young musicians. As well as developing their musical skills they will improve their confidence, develop their creativity and sense of achievement, make new friends and have fun!

The Suffolk Youth Music ensembles will be running at the following venues:

- Bury St Edmunds (West Suffolk Junior Music School) Abbeygate Sixth Form College, Beetons Way, IP33 3YU beginning Friday 17 January 4.20pm 5.50pm (all instruments welcome)
- Lowestoft (North Suffolk Youth Music Beginner Band) Benjamin Britten Academy of Music, Blyford Road, NR32
  4PZ beginning Friday 17 January 4.30pm 5.45pm (all instruments welcome)
- Stradbroke (Stradbroke Junior Band) Stradbroke High School, Wilby Road, IP21 5JN beginning Friday 17 January 4.15pm – 5.15pm (Woodwind, Brass and Percussion only)
- Ipswich (Ipswich County Music School) Northgate Arts Centre, Sidegate Lane West, IP4 3DF beginning Saturday 18 January 10.00am -11.45am (Woodwind, Brass, Strings, and Percussion only)
- Ipswich (South Suffolk Youth Guitar Ensemble) Northgate Arts Centre, Sidegate Lane West, IP4 3DF beginning Thursday 16 January 4.30pm – 5.30pm (Guitars/Ukulele only)

To take advantage of this free opportunity for your child/children simply complete the application form at <a href="https://suffolkcountymusicservice.co.uk/take-part/suffolk-youth-music-activities/how-to-join-suffolk-youth-music/suffolk-youth-music-personal-information-form-24-25">https://suffolkcountymusicservice.co.uk/take-part/suffolk-youth-music-activities/how-to-join-suffolk-youth-music/suffolk-youth-music-personal-information-form-24-25</a>. At the payment section (page 6) please ensure you select **'I** am applying to get the Spring term 2025 free of charge as a potential WCET Star for 2025'. I will input the offer code of WCETSTAR25 into the offer code box to confirm this.

\*This offer is only available for those currently learning WCET in school with a Suffolk County Music Service tutor\*

Kind regards

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