

Centre for Young Musicians Taunton Summer Holiday Course 2021 Monday 2 to Friday 6 August Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

What will I be doing on the course?

There will be an exciting timetable each day with a variety of workshops for all students including the following:

- an ensemble such as rock & pop band or jazz band or orchestra
- music production workshop to learn how to work with Logic
- singing workshop
- song-writing & composition workshop
- drama workshop
- "own choice" session

You will be in age- and ability-appropriate groups of between 5 - 10 students per group.

What are the own choice sessions?

These are fun breakout sessions of 1 hour duration, intended to be a nice contrast to the music and drama activities in the rest of your timetable. The own choice sessions will change daily and you'll sign up by the end of the lunch break each day. The sessions will include a mixture of the following:

- art and drawing
- chess and other board games (let us know if you have favourites)
- football
- juggling
- samba drumming
- ultimate Frisbee

Will there be a show or performance at the end of the week?

Yes, there will be a presentation by students to parents/carers on Friday 6 August at 2.30pm - c.3.30pm. All welcome, free admission. All audience members will be required to sign in and provide contact details in case of track and trace.

What are the timings for each day?

The timings for **Monday, Tuesday and Thursday**:

- 09.30 - 10.20 session 1, 50'
- 10.20 - 10.25 break, 5'
- 10.25 - 11.15 session 2, 50'
- 11.15 - 11.25 break, 10'
- 11.25 - 12.15 session 3, 50'
- 12.15 - 12.45 lunch, 30'
- 12.45 - 1.45 session 4, 60'
- 1.45 - 1.50 break, 5'
- 1.50 - 2.50 session 5, 60' - this is your OWN CHOICE session
- 2.50 - 3.00 break, 10'
- 3.00 - 4.00 session 6, 60'

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The timings for **Wednesday**:

- 09.30 - 10.20 session 1, 50'
- 10.20 - 10.25 break, 5'
- 10.25 - 11.15 session 2, 50'
- 11.15 - 11.20 break, 5'
- 11.20 - 12.10 session 3, 50'
- 12.10 - 12.30 lunch, 20'
- 12.30 - 1.30 session 4, 60' - your OWN CHOICE session
- 1.30 - 2.15 folk/drama session 1, 75'
- 2.15 - 2.25 break, 10'
- 2.25 - 4.00 folk/drama session 2, 75'

Please note the timings for Wednesday afternoon are different because the option from 1.30pm - 4pm will be **either** a drama workshop **or** a folk music workshop. We'll be joined by a fantastic musician called Archie Churchill-Moss as guest tutor for the folk music workshop.

Archie is one of the UK's finest young melodeon / accordion players, having rapidly made a name for himself on the folk circuit with Moore, Moss, Rutter (BBC Young Folk Award winners in 2011), Sam Kelly & the Lost Boys and False Lights. His extensive teaching experience includes tutoring for Halsway Young Folk, National Youth Folk Ensemble and Leeds College of Music.

The timings for **Friday**:

- 09.30 - 10.20 session 1, 50'
- 10.20 - 10.25 break, 5'
- 10.25 - 11.15 session 2, 50'
- 11.15 - 11.25 break, 10'
- 11.25 - 12.15 session 3, 50'
- 12.15 - 12.45 lunch, 30'
- 12.45 - 1.45 session 4, 60' - your OWN CHOICE session
- 1.45 - 1.50 break, 5'
- 1.50 - 2.30 session 5, 40' - set up for end of course performance
- 2.30 - 3.30/4.00ish End of course performance

What Covid-safety rules are in place?

At Centre for Young Musicians Taunton (CYMT), we are committed to everyone's safety and have rigorous Covid-safety procedures. We are maintaining all strict Covid-safety procedures that were set in April 2021, even though the government roadmap moved to the next stage on 19/7/21. This means:

- Social distancing remains in place and we expect everyone to keep their distance.
- All adults will be required to wear face coverings indoors (unless exempt) unless 2m+ apart from others.
- We strongly encourage all students aged 11+ to wear face coverings indoors (unless exempt) unless 2m+ apart from others.
- We would expect everyone aged 11+ to do twice weekly lateral flow tests, especially the night before joining the course.
- We do not require you to provide the results of tests as we trust that if you have a positive result or are unwell you would not attend.

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- We have a strict hygiene policy and require everyone to use hand sanitiser upon arrival and frequently throughout the day, as encourage good respiratory hygiene by promoting the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach. The etiquette expected is that coughing or sneezing should be done into your crooked elbow.
- We will ensure windows and doors are open and we'll run classes outdoors if feasible.
- We are vigilant about HANDS - SPACE - FACE - VENTILATION, hence hand sanitiser, social distancing, face coverings and ventilation of classrooms during and between all sessions.

Will refreshments be available and are they included?

No, everyone will need to bring their own packed lunch of food & drink OR order in advance (and pay on the day) from the college canteen. There is a water fountain and the college canteen will be open until lunchtime serving hot drinks and a limited food menu. A 'meal deal' from the canteen costs £3.99. Food will be made to order, with the following available separately or as part of a meal deal:

- Cheese sandwich £2.00
- Ham sandwich £2.00
- Cheese salad sandwich £2.30
- Egg sandwich £2.00
- Bacon, lettuce, tomato sandwich £2.50
- Ham salad baguette £2.50
- Cheese salad baguette £2.50
- Chicken salad baguette £2.50
- Sausage or Bacon baguette £2.50
- Ham and Cheese panini £2.50
- Mozzarella, tomato, pesto panini £2.50
- Brie and cranberry panini £2.50

If you would like to pre-order before the course, just let us know what you'd like from the list above. If ordering on the day, we need to provide orders to the canteen by 9.30am so please make sure you've decided when you sign in before your first session at 9.30am.

What is your refund policy?

Once payment has been made refunds will not be given, however in exceptional circumstances we would provide a credit note so you could access part of our term-time provision or carry the fees over to another holiday course in the future.

What should I bring with me?

Students are expected to come prepared to learn and have fun. No equipment will be loaned or shared unless there is surplus available and cleaning materials available. The exception to this is instruments already out on loan, as well as pianos, ukuleles, drumkits and music stands. CYMT/Huish instruments will be cleaned before and after use. Students are advised to bring the following with them:

- face covering (and plastic bag for if/when it is removed) for Year 7 upwards or aged 11+
- individual water bottle – there will be access to a water fountain – food and drink as needed
- individual packet of tissues
- pencils (ideally 2B for music), eraser & sharpener
- musical instrument
- guitarists will need their own leads
- drum kit players will need their own sticks / brushes
- music production students will need their own headphones / earphones
- reading book – in case you have an extended break or wish to have 'time out'

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What entrance / exit should I use?

The main entrance at the front of Richard Huish College, South Road, Taunton TA1 3DZ should **only** be used for pedestrians accessing CYMT in the Willow Building at Richard Huish College. The rear car park and the green gate near that car park is the entrance which should be used by all students/staff arriving by car. Proceed on foot to the Willow Building where everyone will be required to form an orderly queue, maintaining a social distance of 2m where possible, and sign in at the CYMT reception desk. Everyone will be required to sanitise their hands on arrival, for which hand sanitiser and wipes will be available at the entrance and at other points on site.

What about pick-up time?

Parents/carers picking up students should collect from outside the Willow Building maintaining 2m distance between themselves and others. Alternatively, they can wait in their cars and communicate by text (to the student direct or to CYMT mobile 07754 217993) as to where they are. Everyone will be required to sign out at the CYMT reception desk when they leave.

Who is the person in charge of Safeguarding?

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at CYMT is Rachael Parvin on 07754217993, email: rparvin@cym.org.uk. In her absence please contact Guildhall School's Head of Safeguarding - Hetsie van Rooyen on 07473 961279, email: hetsie.vanrooyen@gsmd.ac.uk.

We believe all students should be able to confidently report any concerns to CYMT staff, to know that their concerns will be treated seriously and that they can safely express their views and give feedback to us. Guildhall School's Safeguarding Policy is available to read on the CYMT website.

What happens in case of emergency?

In a medical emergency an appointed First Aider will attend wearing appropriate PPE as necessary. The appointed First Aider at CYMT is Rachael Parvin on 07754217993, and there are several First Aiders on the staff at Huish who will be available during the holiday course if needed.

If the Fire Alarm sounds (a continuous alarm) everyone leaves the building by their nearest exit, gathers on the lawn in front of the Willow Building and waits until the fire marshal says it is safe to go inside the building. Social distancing should be maintained as far as possible at all times.

If the Critical Incident Alarm sounds (pulsing on and off) everyone should follow the well-publicised **Run - Hide - Tell** procedure which all staff know and understand, and they will look after students during such an incident. Again, social distancing should be maintained as far as possible at all times.

Who do we contact if we have questions or concerns?

In the first instance, tutors will be happy to help and support students, and answer any questions they may have. The pastoral staff will also be available so please do contact staff whenever you wish – don't keep worries to yourself, please share them with us and allow us to help.

We look forward to meeting you!

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