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*Celebrating the musical successes and achievements of children, young people, and schools across Warwickshire.*

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## Welcome

[Warwickshire Music](#) is proud to be the principal provider of music education services and opportunities in Warwickshire and the lead partner of the Warwickshire Music Education Hub. Working in partnership with Schools & Academies across the county, our team of amazing teachers and partner organisations provide musical opportunities to over 12,000 children & young people each week.

We are extremely pleased to launch a new termly newsletter for schools, students, parents & carers to share and celebrate the musical achievements of our family of students and schools in Warwickshire. The newsletter will also provide information about the musical activities and opportunities available from Warwickshire Music and its delivery partners.

In this, our first edition, we share highlights from our Autumn Term events and news about activities and opportunities available for children, young people, and schools through the Spring Term.

I do hope that you enjoy our first edition!

Best wishes.

*Richard Hart*

Delivery Lead, Warwickshire Music

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## Autumn & Winter Celebrations

Warwickshire Music provides more than [20 free music groups and ensembles](#) for children & young people of all ages and stages to participate in at Area Music Centres across the county. Groups meet weekly, enabling players to develop their performance skills throughout the year. The groups also provide an opportunity for members to make new friends and develop key life skills such as leadership and teamwork.

The variety of groups provided cover many musical styles and genres from Rock and Steel Pan groups to more traditional Bands and Orchestras. At the end of each term every group participates in a concert performance and the Autumn Term was no exception.

Highlights of our Winter Festival Concerts series included the [North Warwickshire Area Orchestra](#) and Rock Band's joint performance of Seven Nation Army by The White Stripes; a fusion which was wonderful to both see and hear!



The [East Warwickshire Area Rock Band](#) performed We Will Rock You by Queen to a very enthusiastic audience.



Our [South Warwickshire Music Centre](#) groups brought us a fantastic programme ranging from Sarah Watts Biscuit Club Boogie to the more adventurous Hall of the Mountain King!



Our advanced level [County Group](#) concert was a particular highlight of the term, with performances from the Warwickshire County Youth String Orchestra and County Youth Wind Band performing alongside our Junior Steel Pan group Panissimo and the amazing County pan group Pandemonium!



The concert included performances of works by Holst, Vaughan-Williams and Glen Miller and also included a performance of Baba Yetu from the computer game Civilization.



## Young Soloist Hit the High Notes!

Young soloist concerts took place in many areas in December to celebrate the individual successes and musical journey of students across Warwickshire.



These events were extremely well attended and received by families, friends and pupils alike and truly demonstrated the amazing talents of these young performers.

## Individual Success Stories

Several Warwickshire Music students have achieved amazing individual successes during the Autumn Term, including representing Warwickshire at a national level. Congratulations go to three young musicians from the Warwickshire Music Suzuki group who have secured places in the National Children's Orchestra of Great Britain. They attend Suzuki Workshops each month and are also members of the Warwickshire County Youth String Orchestra.



Joshua, a member of the Warwickshire County Youth String Orchestra delivered an amazing performance enabling him to win the Alcester Singers Young Musician of the Year 2023 award in November.

Ted, a member of the North Warwickshire Music Centre Area Orchestra was awarded the Hannah Carrington Award in December. Hannah Carrington was an extraordinary young lady who loved music and engaged in many Warwickshire Music activities. When she sadly passed away from cancer, the Hannah Carrington award was created in her memory, to inspire and celebrate young musicians who work hard and are dedicated to music as she was.



## Music for All!

Nicholas Chamberlaine School in Bedworth are working in collaboration with Warwickshire Music and the Andrew Lloyd Webber MiSST programme to enable every child in the school from year 7 to 9 to learn to play a musical instrument. Instrumental lessons are delivered by Warwickshire Music and school-based teachers each week as part of the school's key stage 3 music curriculum.



At the end of the Autumn Term, Warwickshire Music teachers led an inspiring ensemble morning at the school with many pupils from year 7 to 11 coming together to form the Nicholas Chamberlaine Symphony Orchestra. It was a hugely successful event, and pupils and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to make music together.



Music Hub Partners [Warwickshire Youth Choirs](https://www.warwickshiremusic.org.uk/youth-choirs) had a very busy Autumn Term. Youth Choir amateurs deliver the Warwickshire Sings! programme which reaches thousands of children in their schools each week as well as providing individual mentoring and training opportunities for school staff. Feedback tells us that children and staff are having a wonderful time and learning a great deal too!

Youth Choirs were also busy, with weekend workshops, Wednesday evening rehearsals and several concert opportunities. In October, their Junior Girls Choir sang at the Big Local Night Out in Warwick and all three Youth Choirs came together in November in a Matilda themed concert.

Warwickshire Youth Choirs also initiated a Young Leaders Programme in the autumn term. The first

two recruits, have both demonstrated super musicianship and professionalism in their roles. To find out more and to become a Young Leader, do visit [www.bit.ly/WYCLEaders](https://www.bit.ly/WYCLEaders)



## You Can Sing 2024 Competition

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March:** This is a wonderful opportunity for young people either individually or as part of a choir or school group.



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More information can be found at [www.bit.ly/SingComp](http://www.bit.ly/SingComp) for both the Solo and Group sections of the competition. All you need to do is to submit a recording of your child or group singing a song of their choice by Friday 9th February and they might be chosen to compete in our live Semi-Final event on Sunday 10th March in Warwick with audience voting! For teachers, this is a wonderful opportunity to signpost individual children with a particular love for singing or music towards something special for them.

### Spring Term Weekend Workshops

Youth Choirs Weekend Workshops this term are for all upcoming popstars! The children and young people

attending will work in groups to create a brand new song of their own to perform in March.

### Spring Term Workshop Dates:

Saturday 20th January, Saturday 3rd February and Sunday 10th March for the concert

Further information and sign up details can be found [here](#)

### Youth Choir Membership

Warwickshire Youth Choirs run three amazing vocal groups for children and young people.

Further information and membership details can be found [here](#)



Music Hub delivery Partners the [Orchestra of the Swan](#) had a very exciting Autumn Term, as part of the orchestra's residency at the Warwick Schools Foundation with many opportunities to get involved with music making in the wider community.

The Orchestra delivered workshops in four Primary Schools: All Saints, Westgate, Heathcote and Evergreen. Sessions included introducing students to orchestral instruments, singing and exploring Beethoven's 5<sup>th</sup> symphony.

In October, The Swan performed at Warwick Hall, and students from Westgate and Coten End Primary Schools attended the open rehearsal. Pupils had the opportunity to talk to the musicians as well as see them rehearsing in a professional environment.

The orchestra welcomes schools to attend selected rehearsals. This is done on a first come first basis by emailing: [education@orchestraoftheswan.org](mailto:education@orchestraoftheswan.org) The orchestra's next performance is on 8<sup>th</sup> February at Warwick Hall. If schools would like to bring students to this rehearsal, please do contact the orchestra directly.

### Swan Primary School 'Come Play Days'

**Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** A wonderful opportunity for children in the CV34 postcode area to spend a day playing with Swan musicians in a large orchestral setting. For more information and to get involved, please email: [education@orchestraoftheswan.org](mailto:education@orchestraoftheswan.org)

### Swan Secondary School 'Come Play Days'

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July:** An amazing opportunity for secondary aged musicians in the CV34 postcode area to spend a day playing alongside Swan musician in a large orchestral setting. For more information and to get involved, please email: [education@orchestraoftheswan.org](mailto:education@orchestraoftheswan.org)

### The Swan Festival Day 2024

Tuesday July 2<sup>nd</sup>: A showcase of the Orchestra's CV34 project and Warwick a Singing Town programme, with an afternoon performance of Vivaldi's Gloria. For more information and to get involved, please email: [education@orchestraoftheswan.org](mailto:education@orchestraoftheswan.org)





The [Swan Youth Orchestra](#) is a new partnership between the orchestra, the Music Hubs of Warwickshire, Coventry & Solihull and the Warwick Schools Foundation. The Youth Orchestra aims to provide an outstanding orchestral experience for advanced level young musicians across the music hub areas. Delivered on a course basis, rehearsal will provide opportunities for students to work alongside Swan musicians and Music Hub teachers under the direction of a world class orchestra conductor.

#### Course dates 2024:

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February, at Warwick School, concert at 6:30 p.m.

Repertoire to include *Brahms Symphony no. 2* and music from the movie *Indiana Jones*

Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> & Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, at Warwick School, concert at 6:30 p.m.

More information about the orchestra and membership information can be found [here](#)

WACY Brass' [debut performance at Uni Brass](#) earlier this year to an audience of over 1000 extremely enthusiastic brass players with thousands more watching via Live Streaming was a huge success.



The group continues to go from strength to strength with a series of rehearsal courses and concerts planned through the 23-24 academic year. The first of which included a performance alongside the world-famous Tredegar Band on 12<sup>th</sup> November. A return visit to Uni Brass is planned in February.

The group is open to all brass players of grade 4 standard and above.

#### Spring Course 2024

**Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> January**, Kings High Music School, Banbury Road Warwick

More information and to join the band do visit their Facebook page [here](#)

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## Warwickshire & Coventry Youth Brass

The new community led partnership Warwickshire & Coventry Youth Brass ([WAYC Brass](#)) has ignited a new free to access Youth Brass band opportunity in Warwickshire. This partnership has been formed between Warwickshire Music, Brass Bands England and several community brass bands and their members.

Through collaboration with Birmingham Conservatoire, the Orchestra of the Swan and Uni Brass, young people have been able to hear and learn alongside undergraduates and professional artists and perform both locally and on a national platform.



Music Hub partners Warwick – [A Singing Town](#) work in partnership with schools in the CV34 area of Warwick with the majority of schools receiving weekly visits from their team of Choral Entrepreneurs.

The Choral Entrepreneurs work with as many children as possible in each school to enthuse them with a love of singing.

Read the Singing Town January Newsletter [here](#) to find out about all of the opportunities they provide for children and adults in Warwick.



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# Warwickshire Music Free Music Groups & Ensembles – Join Today!

Playing in a Music Groups is an amazing way to develop musical skills and make life-long friendships.



Warwickshire Music provide a wide range of free to access Bands, Orchestras, Rock & Pop and Steel Pan Groups to meet the ability levels of all students across Warwickshire, led by our world class team of Warwickshire Music teachers. So, whether your child is just beginning their musical journey or have reached an advance stage in their playing, we have a group they can join.

Many groups take place in our Area Music Centres across Warwickshire each week. A full list of all the music groups and ensembles available in the Warwickshire Music Hub can be found [here](#).

## Area Music Centres Locations

### North Warwickshire Music Centre

#### Weddington Primary School

Winchester Ave  
Nuneaton  
CV10 0DR

### East Warwickshire Centre

#### Rugby Free Secondary School

Anderson Avenue  
Rugby  
CV22 5PE

### Central Warwickshire Centre

#### Kenilworth School & Sixth Form

Glasshouse Lane  
Kenilworth  
CV8 2AL

### South Warwickshire Centre

#### Stratford-upon-Avon Primary School

Broad St  
Stratford-upon-Avon  
CV37 6HN

Take a look at some of our County Youth Groups in action:

Warwickshire county Youth Wind Band – [Glen Miller selection](#)

Warwickshire County Youth String Orchestra – [Time to Say Goodbye](#)

Panissimo! - [In The Mood](#)

[Click here to join a  
Warwickshire  
Music Group](#)

# Warwickshire Music Spring Term 2024 Concerts

Please do join us to celebrate the musical achievements of our students through the Spring Term 2024 at our Spring Festival Concerts in March.

## [South Warwickshire Music Centre Spring Concert](#)

Tuesday 19th March 2024 at 4:30pm  
South Warwickshire Music Centre Groups  
*Venue TBC*

## [Central Warwickshire Music Centre Spring Concert](#)

Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 4:30pm  
Central Warwickshire Music Centre Groups  
*Venue TBC*

## [North Warwickshire Music Centre Spring Concert](#)

Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 6:00pm  
North Warwickshire Music Centre Groups  
*Nicholas Chamberlaine Technology College,  
Bulkington Road, Bedworth, CV12 9EA*

## [East Warwickshire Music Centre Spring Concert](#)

Thursday 21st March 2024 at 4:30pm  
East Warwickshire Music Centre Groups  
*St Andrew's Church, Church St, Rugby, CV21 3PT*

## [Warwickshire County Groups Concert](#)

Friday 22nd March 2024 at 7:00pm  
Warwickshire Youth String Orchestra, Warwickshire Youth Wind Band,  
Panissimo and Pandemonium Steel Pans  
*Kings High School, Banbury Road,  
Warwick CV34 6YE*



# Music Hub Spring Term Teacher Professional Development Events

Warwickshire Music provides a range of Professional Development Opportunities for school Music Teachers and Music Leads throughout each academic year. Training and Professional Development Opportunities for Teachers in the Spring term Include:

Spring Term 2024						
Day/Time:	Event:	Audience	Focus	Outcome	Provider:	Venue:
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>  3:45pm – 4:30pm	<b>Music Technology in the Primary Classroom</b>	Primary School Colleagues	Special guest Billy Moss from King Edward VI College Nuneaton on how to use music technology successfully in the <b>primary</b> classroom	Colleagues will be made aware of programmes, software and technology they can use to support their pupils in broadening their offer	Warwickshire Music in association with King Edward VI College	Online Sign up <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>  3:45pm – 4:30pm	<b>Networking Meeting for ALL Music Teachers &amp; Subject Leaders</b>	ALL School Colleagues	Networking meeting for <b>Primary</b> and <b>Secondary</b> Colleagues to discuss TRANSITION How can school colleagues support the transition of pupils from year 6 to year 7. What links can the primaries and secondaries make to support this in terms of musical continuity	Colleagues can network with their local primaries and secondaries to form plans to improve transition	Warwickshire Music	Online Sign up <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>  1:00pm – 2:00pm	<b>Networking meeting for SEND Colleagues</b>	SEND Colleagues	Networking meeting for <b>SEND</b> colleagues to discuss accessible instruments for pupils with physical impairments	Colleagues will be able to share good practice, discuss challenges and network with other likeminded colleague	Warwickshire Music	Oakwood Secondary School, Nuneaton, CV11 4QH  Sign up <a href="#">here</a>
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March</b>  3:45pm – 4:30pm	<b>Improving links in the local community</b>	All School Colleagues	How to improve links in the local community to bring live music into your school	Colleagues will have the tools and understanding to reach out to local ensembles and bands for live music opportunities	Warwickshire Music	Online Sign up <a href="#">here</a>



# Warwickshire Music Contact Details

If you would like to find out more about the musical activities and opportunities provided by Warwickshire Music, please do contact us.

**Website:** [www.warwickshiremusicclub.org](http://www.warwickshiremusicclub.org)

**Email:** [music@warwickshire.gov.uk](mailto:music@warwickshire.gov.uk)

**Telephone:** **01926 742 630** (Office Hours (9:00 to 4:30, Mondays to Friday))

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/warwickshiremusicclub](http://www.facebook.com/warwickshiremusicclub)

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