



Senior Saturday Music Centre 2025 - 26

Year 6+



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The following groups meet at Camden School for Girls, Sandall Road, NW5 2DB on Saturday mornings, 9am – 1pm (term-time only).

There are ten sessions every term. As well as attending all rehearsals, we also expect children and their parents/carers to attend and support the end-of-term concerts.

Instrumental Performance

Training Orchestra (11.15am – 12.30pm)

Details: Are you aged 10 to 14? This orchestra is for players of Grade 2 – 4 standard who want to play a wide variety of Western classical music. It would also suit those young musicians who have taken part in school-based whole class tuition (Whole Class Ensemble Teaching). There is a concert at the end of every term, as well as a mid-term workshop with the Ernest Read Symphony Orchestra (ERSO).

Next steps: Sinfonia, Camden Youth Orchestra, Holiday Course Groups.

Sinfonia (11.15am – 12.30pm)

Details: Are you aged 14+? This orchestra is for players of Grade 5+ level who want to play Western classical music. Recent music includes Mambo from West Side Story and Stravinsky's Firebird. There is a concert at the end of every term as well as a spring term workshop with the Ernest Read Symphony Orchestra (ERSO).

Next steps: Camden Youth Orchestra

Camden Youth Recorder Group (11.15am – 12.30pm)

Are you in Year 6 and above and have played the recorder for at least a year and can read music? Would you like to learn to play different sizes of recorder alongside others and create a beautiful sound? Do you like a wide range of music – from pop to classical? There is a concert at the end of every term.

Next steps: National Youth Recorder Orchestra





Chamber Music (9 – 10am)

Are you Grade 4+ and can read music fluently? Improve your sight-reading and listening skills with other orchestral players of a similar level playing in small groups. String, woodwind and brass players welcome. There is a concert at the end of every term.

Next steps: String Collective, Camden Concert Band, Camden Youth Orchestra

Guitar Group (11.15am – 12.30pm)

Details: For guitarists aged 11+ who would like to play music with others. The group would suit guitarists having lessons who can play chords and can read printed music. There is a concert at the end of every term.

Next steps: Intermediate Jazz, Holiday Course Guitar Group

Intermediate Jazz (11.15am – 12.30pm)

Details: For players aged 11-14 of Grade 2+ level who want to play with other young jazz musicians. Members improvise and play the many musical styles and traditions that influence contemporary jazz. There is a concert at the end of every term and chances to perform at famous music venues.

Next steps: Junior Camden Youth Jazz Band, Advanced Jazz, Camden Youth Jazz Band

Advanced Jazz (9 – 11am)

Details: This group is for players aged 14+ at Grade 5+ level with jazz experience who want to play with other young jazz musicians. Members improvise and play the many musical styles and traditions that influence contemporary jazz. There is a concert at the end of every term and chances to perform at famous music venues.

Next step: Camden Youth Jazz Band





Vocal Performance

Formed in 2003, the Camden Youth Choirs offer young people the chance to perform lots of different styles of songs to a very high standard. Over 100 children and young people sing in the choirs, which meet on Saturday mornings during term time. They record and perform regularly. Camden Music has commissioned a new piece of music for the choirs this year, which will be premiered in December.

Camden Youth Choir (10 – 11am)

Details: For pupils in Year 6 and up, and anyone can join! There is no audition. The choir is suitable for upper (higher) and changed (broken and lower) voices.

Next steps: Camden Chamber Choir, Camden Holiday Voices

Camden Youth Chamber Choir (9 – 10am)

This group is for singers wanting an extra challenge. Membership is by application at the beginning of the year and involves an informal audition. Members must also sing in Camden Youth Choir.

Composition/Creative Groups

Rock Band (10 – 11am)

Details: For young musicians aged 10 to 12 who like playing and singing rock and pop music. Members create their own music as well as rehearsing and playing well-known songs. There is a concert at the end of every term and a chance to perform in external venues.

Next Steps: Rock/Indie Band, Intermediate Jazz





Junior Music-Making Collective (11.15am – 12.30pm)

This group is for young musicians aged 10 to 13 who are just beginning their musical education. Open to all instrumentalists, singers and music makers, this group aims to build strong music foundations through improvisation, teamwork and composition. This group is intended to inspire an open-minded approach to music making, which also greatly benefits the building of self-confidence and social awareness.

Next steps: Training Orchestra, Intermediate Jazz, Rock Band

Rock/Indie Band (11.15am – 12.30pm)

Details: For young musicians aged 13+ who like playing and singing contemporary popular music. Under the guidance of composer Jared Bennett, players write and perform their own music or arrange covers from an eclectic range of influences. There is a concert at the end of every term and a chance to perform in external venues.

Music Technology (10 – 11am and 11.15am – 12.30pm)

Details: We run music technology classes twice every Saturday morning for musicians of any age who want to arrange and compose music using Logic Pro. This is also an excellent choice for GCSE and A Level music students who would like support with composition and sequencing.

Music Theory (10 – 11am)

Details: This group is for young musicians who have completed Grade 3 theory ABRSM (or equivalent) through the *Discovering Music Theory* series. Students learn the written language of music with the goal of sitting an online ABRSM Grade 5 music theory exam.



One to one lessons:

We offer one to one 30-minute lessons on the following instruments, subject to availability:

- Recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet, bassoon
- Alto saxophone
- French horn, trumpet, trombone, tenor horn, euphonium, baritone horn, tuba
- Violin, viola, cello, double bass
- Piano/keyboard (limited availability)
- Guitar (electric and acoustic), bass guitar
- Ukulele
- Singing
- Music theory
- Conducting
- Composition

We can also offer **small group lessons** on recorder and guitar, lowering the cost for you.

We have an extensive instrumental hire selection at very reasonable prices. If you are able to buy your own instrument we offer a VAT free Instrument Assisted Purchase Scheme [Buying a new musical instrument - Camden Council](#)

Talk to us!

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