

Delayed Office Opening for Employee Training

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To Parents/Guardians of
Central Group Pupils

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Date 16 November 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian

Central Groups 2023-24

Listed below are details regarding Central Group rehearsal dates and concert commitments.

Central Groups Term 1

Rehearsals start Monday 2 October 2023 then resume after the October holidays week beginning Monday 23 October to Wednesday 6 December 2023 inclusive (term time only).

7 December 2023 – ChildLine Concert, Perth Concert Hall

8 December 2023 – YMPA Concert, North Inch Community Campus, Perth

Further information regarding the above concerts is included in this letter.

Central Groups Term 2

Rehearsals resume Monday 8 January 2024 onwards finishing with Central Group Concerts on the following dates:

26 March 2024 Central Groups Concert 1 Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- Guitar Ensemble – Conducted by Mr Baillie
- Concert Band – Conducted by Mrs Barker
- Piping Ensemble – Conducted by Mr Mulholland
- Wind Orchestra – Conducted by Mrs Purcell

27 March 2024 Central Groups Concert 2 Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- Brass Band – Conducted by Ms Stewart
- String Orchestra – Conducted by Ms Steele
- Choir – Conducted by Ms Perman
- Senior String Orchestra – Conducted by Mrs McGovern
- Percussion Ensemble – Conducted by Ms Paterson

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Executive Director (Education & Children's Services) Sheena Devlin

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Tickets for the above concerts are free of charge, but required for seating allocation, and will be available to request shortly from Perth Concert Hall by contacting 01738 621031 or visiting www.horsecross.co.uk. For your information, our parent support body, Young Musicians' Parents' Association (YMPA), will be making a collection to allow them to continue their support for our young instrumentalists. Donations will be kindly received!

Further information, including when tickets are available, will be issued shortly to participating pupils.

Please note there are no rehearsals week beginning Monday 12 February due to In-Service day and Mid Term break.

Scottish Youth Brass Band Championships, 26 November 2023

Our Percussion Ensemble has been entered to participate in the above Championships taking place in the Perth Concert Hall on 26 November.

Relevant information has been issued to participating pupils.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

ChildLine Concert, 7 December 2023, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- String Orchestra – Conducted by Ms Steele
- Choir – Conducted by Ms Perman
- Senior String Orchestra – Conducted by Mrs McGovern
- Concert Band – Conducted by Mrs Barker
- Wind Orchestra – Conducted by Mrs Purcell
- Perth Youth Orchestra – Conducted by Mr Young

Tickets for the ChildLine Concert are available to purchase at Perth Concert Hall. Adults £17.00 (incl. £2.50 booking fee per ticket); Under 16's £7.00. For further information and tickets, please contact the Perth Concert Hall Box Office on 01738 621031 or visit their website www.horsecross.co.uk or [NSPCC Childline Christmas Concert \(perththeatreandconcerthall.com\)](http://NSPCC Childline Christmas Concert (perththeatreandconcerthall.com)). Advance booking recommended.

Further information will be issued shortly to participating pupils.

YMPA Mulled Wine and Mince Pie Evening, Friday 8 December 2023, North Inch Community Campus, Perth, 7.30pm

Groups involved:

- Guitar Ensemble – Conducted by Mr Baillie
- Percussion Ensemble – Conducted by Ms Paterson
- Piping Ensemble – Conducted by Mr Mulholland
- Brass Band – Conducted by Ms Stewart

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There is no charge to attend this concert however, there will be an opportunity to purchase refreshments such as mulled wine and mince pies after the event to help with fundraising. Donations also welcome.

Further information will be issued shortly to participating pupils.

MUSIC CAMPS 2024

Senior Music Camp, Monday 1 – Thursday 4 April 2024, Dounan's Centre, Aberfoyle

Senior Music Camp Concert, Saturday 6 April 2024, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

PYO Music Camp Concert, Sunday 7 April 2024, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm

Groups invited:

- Senior Choir
- Perth Youth Orchestra
- Wind Orchestra
- Perth & Kinross Big Band
- Percussion Ensemble

Tickets for both concerts are free of charge, but required for seating allocation, and will be available to request shortly from Perth Concert Hall by contacting 01738 621031 or visiting www.horsecross.co.uk. We recommend you request your tickets in advance to avoid long queues on the night. For your information, our parent support body, Young Musicians' Parents' Association (YMPA), will be in attendance on the Saturday night collecting donations to allow them to continue their support for our young instrumentalists.

Similarly on Sunday night, Perth Youth Orchestra committee members will be collecting for proceeds for the Orchestra.

Further information will be issued shortly to participating pupils.

For easy reference, we have combined all the rehearsal and concert dates in a summary table enclosed for your information.

Many thanks for your continued support with these events.

Yours faithfully



Allan R Young
Music Co-ordinator

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Instrumental Music Service - Diary of Events

October 2023

Date	Event	Bands Involved
2 October – 6 October 2023	Start of Central Groups (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	Perth Youth Orchestra Brass Band Concert Band Guitar Ensemble Wind Orchestra Choir Percussion Ensemble Piping Ensemble String Orchestra Senior String Orchestra
w/b 9 October	No Central Groups taking place - October school holidays	n/a
w/b 16 October	No Central Groups taking place - October school holidays	n/a
w/b 23 October	Central Groups resume ((Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 30 October	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

November 2023

November	Event	Bands Involved
w/b 6 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 13 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 20 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

Sunday 26 November	Scottish Youth Brass Band Association Championships – Perth Concert Hall. Information has been issued to participating pupils.	Perth & Kinross Percussion Ensemble
w/b 27 November	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

December 2023

Date	Event	Bands Involved
Monday 4 December	Perth Youth Orchestra rehearsal	Perth Youth Orchestra only
Wednesday 6 December	Central Groups rehearsal (Wednesday evening bands only)	Brass Band Concert Band Guitar Ensemble Wind Orchestra
Thursday 7 December	ChildLine Concert, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm No Central Groups rehearsals in the North Inch Campus due to ChildLine Concert	String Orchestra Choir Senior String Orchestra Concert Band Wind Orchestra Perth Youth Orchestra
Friday 8 December	YMPA Mulled Wine & Mince Pie Evening, North Inch Community Campus, Perth, 7.30pm	Guitar Ensemble Percussion Ensemble Piping Ensemble Brass Band
w/b 11 December	No Central Groups taking place	n/a
w/b 18 December	No Central Groups taking place	n/a
w/b 25 December	No Central Groups taking place	n/a

January 2024

Date	Event	Bands Involved
w/b 1 January	No Central Groups taking place	n/a
w/b 8 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

w/b 15 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 22 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 29 January	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

February 2024

Date	Event	Bands Involved
w/b 5 February	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 12 February	No Central Groups taking place - February mid-term break	n/a
w/b 19 February	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 26 February	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands

March 2024

Date	Event	Bands Involved
w/b 4 March	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 11 March	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
w/b 18 March	Central Groups rehearsals (Monday, Wednesday & Thursday bands)	All bands
Monday 25 March	Perth Youth Orchestra rehearsal	Perth Youth Orchestra only
Tuesday 26 March	Central Groups Concert 1, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm	Guitar Ensemble Concert Band Piping Ensemble Wind Orchestra

Wednesday 27 March	Central Groups Concert 2, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm	Brass Band String Orchestra Choir Senior String Orchestra Percussion Ensemble
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The Central Groups concerts on 26 & 27 March mark the end of Central Groups for 2023-24 although there will be additional rehearsals for Perth Youth Orchestra throughout May and June. Dates to be confirmed.

April 2024

Date	Event	Bands Involved
Monday 1 – Thursday 4 April	Senior Music Camp, Dounan’s Centre, Aberfoyle	Senior Choir Perth Youth Orchestra Wind Orchestra Perth & Kinross Big Band Percussion Ensemble
Saturday 6 April	Senior Music Camp Concert, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm	Senior Choir Wind Orchestra Perth & Kinross Big Band Percussion Ensemble
Sunday 7 April	Senior Music Camp PYO Concert, Perth Concert Hall, 7.30pm	Perth Youth Orchestra only

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