



**PERTH & KINROSS COUNCIL
EDUCATION & CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

PERTH & KINROSS CENTRAL MUSIC GROUPS

Perth & Kinross run a series of authority music ensembles (Perth & Kinross Central Music Groups). The authority prides itself that there is a Central Group for all instrumental pupils to participate in, from beginner level right up to advanced.

The provision of ensembles is as follows:

Perth Youth Orchestra)	Monday	6-00 - 8.15pm
Elementary & Junior String Orchestras)	Wednesday	6.00 - 7.00pm
Junior Brass Band & Guitar Ensemble)		
Senior Strings, Percussion Ensemble)	Thursday	6.00 - 7.30pm
Choir and Piping Ensemble)		
Wind Ensemble, Concert Band,)	Friday	6.00 - 7.30pm
Wind Orchestra & Brass Band)		

All rehearsals take place from September/October 2019 - March 2020 throughout the winter at the Music Centre, North Inch Community Campus, Perth.

The groups are coached weekly throughout the winter by highly experienced tutors and conductors and perform at many local concerts, highlighted at the end of the year by the Annual Central Groups Concerts in Perth Concert Hall at the end of March.

Members of Perth Youth Orchestra, one of the oldest established youth orchestras in Scotland, enjoy touring parts of Europe, usually every three years. Pupils receiving instruction within the schools system also get a chance to attend the annual Junior, Intermediate and senior music camps. These residential courses are a unique mixture of hard work, musical creativity and fun and for many who attend it is the highlight of their academic year.

Registration

Any pupil wishing to participate in any of the above Central Group should register by completing the online application which will be available from August 2019. Instrumental Staff will always discuss the Central Group Provision with their pupils at the start of each new session.

Parents will receive notification of confirmation of application and rehearsal/concert dates for the forthcoming session prior to commencement of first rehearsal. Further Central Groups information can be viewed via our Instrumental Music Service Website: www.pkcmusic.com

Charging

In order to maintain the excellent provision already established, there is an annual charge for membership to attend Central Groups in 2019-20 of £97.25 (payable in instalments, direct debit or by invoice). Please note, membership allows pupils to attend more than one group at no extra charge.

Transport

Although there is no transport provided by the council to and from these groups, in the last few years an independent association, the Perth & Kinross Central Groups Transport Association, has provided transport from many areas. This provision is entirely dependent on the substantial funding the association receives from various fund-raising organisations and buses can only be provided by asking for a small subsidy from travelling pupils and only if there is sufficient numbers to run a bus. It would be helpful for all pupils who may be interested in using this means of transport to mark on the online Central Groups application that they are interested in doing so.