



# Senior Saturday Music Centre 2024 - 25

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. If your child is a member of a group or activity, we expect them to attend all rehearsals.

## **Instrumental Performance**

### **Intro to group music-making (11.15am – 12.30pm)**

Details: Are you aged 10 to 12? This group is for any instrument or singer from beginner to Grade 2 level who wants to play in a group. Members will learn to read music and create music through practical musicianship. There is a concert at the end of every term.

Next steps: Training Orchestra, Intermediate Jazz

### **Training Orchestra (11.15am – 12.30pm)**

Details: Are you aged 10 to 14? This orchestra is for players of Grade 2 – 4 level who want to play 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.

Next steps: Sinfonia, Camden Youth Orchestra

### **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 Gershwin and Haydn. There is a concert at the end of every term.

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

**String Quartets (10 – 11am)**

Are you Grade 4 + and learning to read music fluently? Improve your sight-reading and listening skills with other string players of a similar level playing in a small string group. Violin and viola players and cellists welcome. There is a concert at the end of every term.

Next steps: Concertante, 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 understand printed music. There is a concert at the end of every term.

Next steps: Intermediate Jazz

**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, Senior Jazz

**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 steps: Camden Youth Jazz Band

### **Brass Exchange (11.15am – 12. 15pm)**

Details: For all brass players in Years 6 to 8 who have learnt for at least a term and want to play in a group. Brass Exchange would suit pupils who have learnt a brass instrument as part of a whole class programme or individual lessons. Players will learn to play a range of well-known tunes. There is a concert every term.

Next steps: Camden Brass Band, Camden Philharmonic Band, Junior Camden Youth Jazz Band, Training Orchestra, Intermediate Jazz

### **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 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)**

These choirs are for singers wanting an extra challenge and up for an early start. Membership is by application usually at the beginning of the year and involves an informal audition. Members continue their Camden Youth Choir membership making 2 hours of singing for the morning.

## Composition/Creative Groups

### **Soundsmiths (10 – 11am)**

Details: For any young musician who enjoys playing in groups to create their own music. Directed by a composer, this group offers pianists and instrumentalists the chance to work together to write their own pieces through improvisation. There is a concert at the end of every term.

### **Rock Band (11.15am – 12.30pm)**

Details: For young musicians in Years 6 - 10 who like playing and singing rock and pop music. Members write their own music as well as rehearsing and playing well-known songs. There is a concert at the end of every term.

### **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**

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. This group runs from 10 – 11am.

### One to one lessons:

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

- Recorder, flute, oboe, clarinet
- 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

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

### Talk to us!

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