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Dear Parent/Carer

Aberdeenshire Youth Music Sessions (AYMS)

We are delighted to announce the upcoming dates for the next AYMS projects. We would love your child to come and join other musicians for these music making events. The sessions are for children who are *currently learning to play an instrument* and to offer the opportunity to participate in an ensemble setting at the appropriate level in the following groups:

Concert Band – up to Grade 4 Junior Strings Orchestra – up to Grade 3

Venue	Date	Time	
Mackie Academy	Sunday 12 th November 2023 Sunday 26 th November 2023 Sunday 3 rd December 2023	1.00 to 3.00 pm 1.00 to 3.00 pm 1.00 to 3.00 pm <i>culminating in a Concert at the</i> <i>end of the session</i>	
Parents are welcome to attend the Concert.			

Cost - £18.00

Strings, Brass and Woodwind - Grades 1 to 3

Venue	Date	Time	
Inverurie Academy	Saturday 11 th November 2023 Saturday 25 th November 2023 Saturday 2 nd December 2023	10.00 am to 12.00 noon 10.00 am to 12.00 noon 10.00 am to 12.00 noon <i>culminating in an informal</i> <i>mini Concert at the end of the session</i>	
Parents are welcome to attend the Concert.			

Cost - £18.00

The Aberdeenshire Youth Music Sessions (AYMS) are now available on our website and you can register your child and make payment using this link: <u>Aberdeenshire Youth Music Sessions - Aberdeenshire Council</u> Payment is required in advance and the fee is non-refundable.

Please ensure to complete the section with your emergency contact number.

Free School Meals

Pupils registered for free school meals will be exempt from the AYMS fee (this does not include primary pupils entitled to Universal Free School meals). If your child is in receipt of free school meals, please contact the Instrumental Music Service for a code <u>before enrolling</u>.

Please note there is no transport available for these sessions.

If you have any queries about suitability regarding levels, please contact your child's music instructor.

We hope your child will be able to join us at the sessions which will offer them the opportunity for musical and social development.

Yours sincerely

Justin Brook

Music Development Manager