

Education, Skills and Early Years

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Dear Parent / Carer

An opportunity for your child to join one of the Oldham Music Centre Choirs

A warm welcome to you and your child as they begin their musical journey with the Music Service. I hope that your child has enjoyed the first few weeks of instrumental lessons with one of our teaching team.

I am delighted to inform you that we would like to give your child the opportunity to sing and further their musical aspirations alongside other talented young musicians at the Oldham Music Centre. Singing in a choir will develop your child's musical ability and this will, in turn, have benefits for their instrumental music-making. The first term of music centre membership will be **FREE**. See below for details. The Choral Recruitment Evening is on **Wednesday 2nd November**. It would be great to see your child there. Your child may join the choir at any time they receive this letter as recruitment is on-going throughout the term.

It has long been proven that children who persevere and succeed in music develop better social skills, concentration and coordination. Indeed, recent research has shown that children achieve better levels in 'core' subjects, Maths, English and Science.

The Music Centre has a long and illustrious history of nurturing the musical talent of the young people of Oldham and engaging people of all ages in a variety of exciting musical activities.

Invitation

We would like to invite your child to register to join the choir relevant to their age-group:

Junior Choir	Vocal Recall*	Intermediate Choir	The Candymen	Oldham Youth Choir
Y3-Y5 Boys & Girls	KS2 & KS3 Boys	Y6-Y9 Boys & Girls	KS4/5 Male voices	KS4/5 Mixed Voices
Wednesday 4.15pm-5.15pm	Wednesday 5.15pm-5.45pm	Wednesday 5.45pm-6.45pm	Wednesday 5.45pm-6.15pm	Wednesday 6.15pm-7.45pm

**Vocal Recall members must also be a member of Junior Choir or Intermediate Choir*

Many musicians... one harmony

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All rehearsals are term time only.

YOU MUST REGISTER ONLINE BEFORE ATTENDING THE REHEARSAL.

Rehearsals take place at the Music Centre.

The period from their first attendance until the end of that same term is a **free trial period**. If you decide to cancel before the start of the next academic term, no fees will be payable.

Cancellation must be in writing, via letter to the address at the top of this document or by email musicservice@oldham.gov.uk

Music Centre Membership Fees

Music Centre student membership is £50.50 per term and £41.70 for subsequent siblings.

There is no extra charge per student for being involved in more than one group. For example, your child may be a member of the brass band and a member of the choir all for just £50.50 per term.

Families assessed as being eligible to receive free school meals will be entitled to a further reduction of 50% per child (pro rata for students who commence part way through the term).

To take advantage of this opportunity, please visit

www.oldham.gov.uk/music_centre_application to register for your child's free trial sessions or scan this QR code



I hope to see your child enjoying their music making as a member of the Oldham Music Centre. If you would like any further information please do not hesitate to contact the Music Centre directly on the telephone number shown above, by e-mail or visit our website.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Booth".

Gerard Booth
Director of Music

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